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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1040</a>	5145	LEUNG Kwok-hung	170	(3) Services for Elders
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1146</a>	4162	TANG Ka-piu	170	(2) Social Security
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1152</a>	4177	TANG Ka-piu	170	(3) Services for Elders
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1153</a>	7057	TANG Ka-piu	170	(2) Social Security
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1154</a>	3753	TIEN Pei-chun, James	170	(2) Social Security
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1157</a>	3744	TIEN Puk-sun, Michael	170	(3) Services for Elders
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1159</a>	3454	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1160</a>	3455	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1161</a>	3456	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1162</a>	3457	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1163</a>	3458	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(2) Social Security
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1164</a>	3459	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(2) Social Security
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1165</a>	3468	TONG Ka-wah, Ronny	170	(3) Services for Elders
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1169</a>	4513	WONG Yuk-man	170	(3) Services for Elders
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1171</a>	4774	WONG Yuk-man	170	(3) Services for Elders
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1172</a>	4775	WONG Yuk-man	170	(3) Services for Elders
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1182</a>	3558	CHEUNG Kwok-che	186	(5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1183</a>	3559	CHEUNG Kwok-che	186	(5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities
<a href="#">LWB(WW)1184</a>	3560	CHEUNG Kwok-che	186	(5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare

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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1187</a>	3563	CHEUNG Kwok-che	186	(5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities
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<a href="#">LWB(WW)1193</a>	4161	TANG Ka-piu	186	(5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0001****(Question Serial No. 2365)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In this regard, would the Bureau provide in the table below details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare in the past 3 years (2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), including the date of visit, place of visit, size of entourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? Please provide the amounts and the names of the sponsors of the sponsorships received (if any) of each visit.

Date of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

Information on the duty visits made by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is provided below.

Date of visit (number of visits)	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation (HK\$)	Flight ticket/ travelling expenses (HK\$)	Sundry expenses (HK\$) Note 1	Grand total (HK\$)
2012-13 (1)	Mainland	2	To attend meetings.	0	around 1,000	0	around 1,000

Date of visit (number of visits)	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation (HK\$)	Flight ticket/ travelling expenses (HK\$)	Sundry expenses (HK\$) <small>Note 1</small>	Grand total (HK\$)
2013-14 (3)	Mainland	4 to 8	To participate in exchange activities, attend meetings and/or make study trips.	around 6,000	around 54,000	around 4,000	around 64,000
2014-15 (2) <small>Note 2</small>	Mainland and Vietnam	1 to 2	To attend meetings.	around 7,000	around 24,000	around 9,000	around 40,000

Note 1: Sundry expenses include subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and other related expenses (if applicable).

Note 2: No actual value of sponsorships (on hotel accommodation and/or local transportation for example) provided by the government organisations or hosting parties concerned is available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3164)**

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

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

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau is the co-ordinator for the HKSAR delegation attending the hearing of the United Nations' monitor of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). In this regard, will the Government please:

- (1) tabulate the number and post of staff and amount of expenditure involved in the HKSAR delegation attending the hearing on CEDAW in 2014; and
- (2) advise of the number and post of staff and amount of expenditure involved in preparing the third report on CEDAW?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The United Nations (UN) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the Committee) considered the HKSAR's third report which was part of the combined seventh and eighth periodic reports of the People's Republic of China (PRC) under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) at its meeting held in Geneva on 23 October 2014 (the Consideration Meeting). The HKSAR and Macao SAR Government teams joined the delegation of the PRC <sup>[Note 1]</sup> in attending the Consideration Meeting to provide further information to the Committee.

[Note 1] The delegation of the PRC led by Madam Song Xiuyan (Vice-chairperson of the National Working Committee on Children and Women under the State Council) comprised 30 officials from various offices and departments. The Macao SAR Government team comprised seven members.

The number and post of members of the HKSAR team and the expenditure involved are set out below:

<b>The HKSAR Team (9 members in total)</b>	<b>Flight Ticket Expenditure</b>	<b>Hotel Accommodation Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b> <sup>Note</sup>
Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare Principal Information Officer (Labour and Welfare) Principal Assistant Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Assistant Commissioner for Labour Assistant Director of Social Welfare Senior Government Counsel Chairperson of the Women's Commission	\$733,944	\$55,166	\$789,110

Note: Excluding overseas subsistence allowance provided for civil servants and other expenses.

- (2) The manpower and resources required for preparing the HKSAR's third report on the implementation of CEDAW were absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0003****(Question Serial No. 2984)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- a. Please provide details of the public policy studies and strategic public policy studies commissioned with funds allocated from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
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- b. Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, are there any such projects for which funds have been reserved in 2015-16? If yes, what are the details?

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
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Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided below:

- a. The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the departments under its purview on public policy and strategic public policy with funds allocated in 2011-12 and thereafter were as follows:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
LWB							
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund (CDF) Pioneer Projects	3,500	2008	Completed (12/2012)	The findings and recommendations have been used as reference in formulating enhancement measures for CDF projects.	The consultancy report has been uploaded onto the LWB's website for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Elderly Commission (EC)'s consultancy study on community care services for the elderly	1,398	2010	Completed (6/2011)	The findings were used as reference in formulating relevant policies. The Government accepted the study's major recommendation on community care service voucher for the elderly, and launched a pilot scheme in September 2013.	The study report and its findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 July 2011. The study report was uploaded onto the website of EC for public information.
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	1,209	2010	Completed (9/2012)	The findings have been taken into account for enhancing the administration of CIIF.	The final reports have been uploaded onto the CIIF website for public information.



Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Household Survey for the Manpower Projection to 2022 (MP2022)	1,200	2013	Completed (3/2014)	The Government compiled MP2022 taking into account the survey results.	The major findings of MP2022 have been set out in the paper of the Legislative Council Panel on Manpower for the meeting held on 20 May 2014.
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	1,890	2013	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	1,100	2013	In progress	The consultant is finalising its report. The Government will examine the findings before reviewing the disability allowance.	N/A
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	130	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly	1,400	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan	1,200	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
Social Welfare Department (SWD)							
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative Study of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) to review the effectiveness of the PFD and to suggest the future	735	2010	Completed (2/2012)	The recommendations of the consultancy study were taken forward in the subsequent rounds of PFD application from 2012-13	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of PFD for public

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
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The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study of Three Pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Projects (PCYOPs) to assess the feasibility, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the PCYOPs and to recommend the way forward	951	2011	In progress	N/A	N/A
Sau Po Centre on Ageing, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Case Mix Study on the Community Care Services for the Elderly	1,430	2013	In progress	The results of the study will assist the Government in determining the suitable level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.	N/A
Labour Department							
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the knock-on effect of Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant sectors	510	2011	Completed (12/2012)	Based on the study findings, the Minimum Wage Commission assessed the possible knock-on effect of SMW on the pay hierarchies in the concerned sectors.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the Labour Department for public information.
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the impact of the revised SMW rate on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant sectors	610	2013	Completed (1/2015)	Based on the study findings, the Minimum Wage Commission assessed the possible effect of revised SMW rate on the pay hierarchies in the concerned sectors.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the Labour Department for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
SEE Network Limited	Tender	Public engagement sessions conducted by the Standard Working Hours Committee on working hours issues	2,988	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Study conducted by the Standard Working Hours Committee on the working hours situation of Hong Kong	5,680	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A

- b. In 2015-16, funds have been reserved for those projects “in progress” in the table above. In addition, the following projects are planned to be conducted:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	For studies expected to be completed this year, will they be made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
<b>LWB</b>						
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on the Longer Term Development of Child Development Fund Project Participants	N/A	2015-16	Under planning	N/A
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on manpower development	N/A	2015-16	Under planning	N/A
<b>SWD</b>						
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on long term development of day child care services	N/A	2015	Under planning	N/A

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0004**

**(Question Serial No. 0640)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this programme that “during 2015–16, the Shine Skills Centres will continue to develop new courses and modify existing ones to meet the changing needs of the open employment market so as to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities.” Please provide the following information:

- a. the situation of the newly developed courses and the existing ones under modification; and
- b. the measures taken by the Bureau to raise the employment rate of the graduates and support their lifelong learning.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. To meet the huge demand for cleaning workers in the manpower market, the Shine Skills Centres (the Centres) of the Vocational Training Council will add new modules of “office cleaning”, “household cleaning”, “kitchen equipment cleaning” and “commercial building cleaning”, etc. to the existing course on “Integrated Service” in the 2015-16 academic year. A new module of “popular photography” will be introduced under the course on “Design and Desktop Publishing” to give trainees a better idea of the latest trend and creative techniques of photo shooting, thus enhancing their skill levels and employability in this area. Moreover, the Centres are exploring the feasibility of introducing a new course on “Recreation and Sports Services” which will cover modules related to “venue management”, “camp site operation” and “general study on sports” so that the trainees may work as venue management assistant, sports event assistant or activities assistant after graduation.

- b. The courses offered by the Centres place emphasis not only on technical knowledge but also lifelong learning skills to foster a holistic and balanced development, thus upkeeping the employability and competitiveness of the trainees. The full-time “Whole person development programme”, for example, offers a range of training related to “confidence building”, “emotion management”, “stress management”, “interpersonal communication”, “career development” and “life planning” to facilitate lifelong learning and personal development so that the trainees will be able to make contribution to society in the future.

In order to enhance the placement rate of trainees after graduation, career guidance services are provided by vocational counsellors and social workers in the Centres. The services include sourcing of career opportunities for trainees, provision of career support in the first 6 months of employment to help graduates settle in their workplace, and ongoing support thereafter for individuals on a need basis. The Centres also provide and tailor-made technical aids and workplace equipment for trainees in need with a view to helping them overcome obstacles in the work environment.

Large-scale activities, such as the Inclusive Fun Day (an event jointly held with the Youth Committee of the Chinese Manufacturers’ Association), “Youreable” Fashion Design 2015 and the Guangzhou/Hong Kong/Macao/Chengdu Youth Skills Competition cum Carnival, are organised or co-organised by the Centres from time to time to showcase the work abilities of persons with disabilities as well as their integration abilities, with a view to promoting public respect, acceptance and care, thus enhancing the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. To give due recognition and encouragement to employers for hiring more persons with disabilities, the Enlightened Employers Award presentation ceremony is organised every year to commend employers who offer job opportunities to graduates with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0005****(Question Serial No. 0652)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Women's InterestsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16" under Programme (3): Women's Interests that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. the statistics on women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies in the past 3 years and the indicator for 2015-16;
2. the specific measures and policies of the Administration to enhance this area of work; and
3. the actual expenditure on this area of work in the past 3 years and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. 39)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The numbers and proportions of female non-official members of all Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past three years are set out below:

	Appointed Female Non-official Members (as at 31 December)	
	Number	Proportion
2012	1 866	32.5%
2013	1 936	32.4%
2014	1 951	32.0%



The Chief Executive announced in the 2015 Policy Address that the recommendation of the Women's Commission has been accepted such that starting from 2015-16, the gender benchmark for appointing women to Government ASBs will be raised from 30% to 35%.

2. While upholding the prevailing principle of making appointments to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned, Bureaux and Departments will implement the 35% gender benchmark as their working target pragmatically having regard to the situation of individual ASBs. The Government will increase the number of curricula vitae provided by female data subjects in the Central Personality Index.
3. The expenditure involved was absorbed by Bureaux and Departments and was not separately accounted for.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0654)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 under Programme (3) Women's Interests that the Bureau will continue to monitor and steer the progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) to encourage and facilitate women to pursue continuous learning. In this regard, please provide the following information:

1. The total enrolment on CBMP with a breakdown by course for the past 3 years;
2. The number of students awarded various levels of CBMP certificates for the past 3 years; and
3. The number of successful applicants for Tier-1 Subsidy and Tier-2 Subsidy under the CBMP bursary scheme for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of enrolments on CBMP per year in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are 7 589, 6 354 and 7 647 respectively.
2. CBMP students are awarded 5 points for each course completed. Upon attaining the cumulative score specified in the table below, they will be awarded a CBMP certificate at the relevant level, and presented with the certificate at the annual graduation ceremony as an incentive to life-long learning. The number of students awarded various levels of CBMP certificates each year in the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Number of Students Awarded Certificates						
	Level 1 (25 Points)	Level 2 (50 Points)	Level 3 (75 Points)	level 4 (100 Points)	Level 5 (150 Points)	Level 6 (200 Points)	Total
2012	393	185	78	72	36	15	779
2013	307	142	94	67	45	20	675
2014	292	122	97	64	34	19	628

3. To encourage the needy to enrol on courses, CBMP has set up a bursary scheme to subsidise eligible applicants. The number of free course quotas disbursed under the bursary scheme each year in the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Free Course Quotas Disbursed under CBMP Bursary Scheme		
	Tier-1 <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	Tier-2 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Total
2012	758	179	937
2013	641	142	783
2014	687	129	816

(Note 1) Eligible applicants for Tier-1 Subsidy are students who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or whose adjusted family income is below HK\$20,822 per annum. Eligible students may apply for fee exemption for a maximum of 9 courses in their life time and 3 courses in each intake.

(Note 2) Eligible applicants for Tier-2 Subsidy are students whose adjusted family income is in-between HK\$20,883 - HK\$55,767. Eligible students may apply for fee exemption for a maximum of 4 courses in their life time and 3 courses in each intake.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0784)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the estimates for the emoluments of the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The provisions for the salary in respect of the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2015-16 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0815)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to paragraph 146 of the Budget Speech, “the community’s consensus is to provide better retirement protection for the elderly in need. ... shall set aside \$50 billion for this purpose.” Please advise this Committee of the expenditure involved in conducting studies on retirement protection in the past five years, and details on how the Government will spend the \$50 billion.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

A Thematic Household Survey on “Retirement Planning and Financial Situation in Old Age” was conducted by the Census and Statistics Department at the request of the Central Policy Unit in 2011. The total expenditure involved was \$1.17 million. The report was provided to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services in June 2013.

In 2013, the Commission on Poverty (CoP) commissioned a consultancy team, with Professor Nelson Chow as the chief consultant, to conduct a study on the future development of retirement protection in Hong Kong. The total expenditure involved was \$1.43 million. The report was released in full in August 2014.

Retirement protection is a very important social issue. The CoP is devising a framework and setting out the details for the public consultation. The public consultation is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of this year. The Government looks forward to rational and pragmatic discussions with a view to arriving at a community consensus. The Government agrees that protection for needy citizens after retirement should be improved. To demonstrate its determination and commitment, the Government has earmarked \$50 billion to provide for future needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1595)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16" in the Estimates, there is an item which reads "conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies". Regarding this item, would the Bureau advise of the following:

- (1) the total expenditure and average expenditure for the said item in the revised estimate for 2014-15, and the outcome of those meetings;
- (2) the estimated total expenditure and average expenditure for the said item in 2015-16; and
- (3) the reasons for any increase or decrease in the total expenditure and average expenditure?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) In 2014-15, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) conducted meetings and exchanges with various local women's groups and service agencies to exchange views on issues of concern to women with a view to enhancing mutual understanding and establishing closer partnership. Women issues including women in poverty, child care services, women's employment, and needs of women with disabilities were discussed. The expenditure involved for the above item in 2014-15 was absorbed by LWB.
- (2) and (3) The expenditure involved for the above item in 2015-16 will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2224)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

In the financial year 2014-15, the expenditure on the salary of the Political Assistant to the Secretary is \$1.2 million. The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2015-16 is \$1.25 million.

We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Political Assistant to the Secretary in 2014-15 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2229)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

In the financial year 2014-15, the expenditure on the salary of the Under Secretary is \$1.4 million (the position was filled on 15 August 2014). The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2015-16 is \$2.33 million.

We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Under Secretary in 2014-15 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2230)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

In the financial year 2014-15, the expenditure on the salary of the Secretary is \$3.42 million. The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2015-16 is \$3.58 million.

We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Secretary in 2014-15 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2151)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, the rehabilitation sector and the community at large. Please advise on the details of and expenditure for the promotion of the Convention in 2014-15; whether any review has been conducted on its implementation in Hong Kong; and the estimated expenditure and details of the promotional efforts in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

In 2014-15, the Government continued to promote our policy to help persons with disabilities develop their abilities and to create a barrier-free environment with a view to ensuring that persons with disabilities could participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in terms of their social life and personal growth. This was in line with the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention).

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) earmarked about \$13.5 million in 2014-15 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities, in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society and the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention. The territory-wide public education activities launched in 2014-15 included a TV variety show under the theme of promoting employment of persons with disabilities, TV documentary and programme, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. Apart from provision of subsidies to 18 Districts Councils (DCs) for holding relevant public education activities in local communities, LWB subsidised various non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising 37 publicity programmes under the theme "All-round promotion of the spirit of the Convention and cross-sectoral collaboration towards building

an equal and inclusive society”, so as to spread the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large. Other government bureaux, departments and public organisations, including the Equal Opportunities Commission, also organised public education programmes for building an equal and inclusive society. The expenditure involved was absorbed under the respective expenditure heads.

LWB has reminded government bureaux and departments from time to time to critically review the policies and measures under their purview and take appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the Convention where necessary. LWB attaches great importance to the role played by RAC as the principal advisory body of the Government on the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. In fact, RAC has been conscientiously monitoring the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong.

Subsequent to the hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Committee) on the initial report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China under the Convention in September 2012, relevant bureaux and departments have been following up on the Committee’s recommendations set out in the concluding observations. The findings will be presented in the second periodic report.

As an ongoing initiative, LWB will continue to earmark about \$13.5 million in 2015-16 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities, in collaboration with RAC. The activities to be held include a TV programme, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions, etc. In tandem, LWB will continue to subsidise the 18 DCs, NGOs, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising relevant public education activities in local communities. The Government will continue to spread the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large and promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2152)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Administration would monitor measures designed to promote barrier-free facilities and services and continue to oversee the implementation of the retrofitting programme to upgrade barrier-free facilities in government and Housing Authority premises. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the expenditure involved in upgrading barrier-free facilities and services in the past 3 years?
- (b) What were the details and contents of the efforts to promote barrier-free facilities in 2014-15?
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure for this initiative in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

To speed up the process of improving the accessibility of government and Housing Authority (HA) premises and public connecting road facilities, the Government had, since 2011, taken forward a comprehensive retrofitting programme at full steam to upgrade the barrier-free facilities for about 3 500 existing government premises and facilities, as well as about 240 HA premises, involving a total expenditure of \$1.3 billion. The programme covered government venues with frequent public interface. Except for a small proportion of works under the lift modernisation programme for HA public housing estates scheduled for completion by 2016-17, the remaining works were completed before 30 June 2014. The progress report on these works was submitted to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council and uploaded to the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB)'s website for public reference.

Moreover, it has been the established practice of the Government for years to provide barrier-free access facilities at public walkways (i.e. footbridges, elevated walkways and



pedestrian subways maintained by the Highways Department) where technically feasible (“the Original Programme”). There are a total of 158 technically feasible items under the Original Programme. Of them, arrangements have been made for 4 items to be followed up by other relevant projects while the remaining 154 items are now being implemented by the Government. As at end-February 2015, the Government has completed the works of 10 items, with 74 under construction and 70 under design. Most of the items are anticipated to be completed in 2018 as scheduled.

The Government also launched in August 2012 the new policy on Universal Accessibility which aims at further enhancing the barrier-free facilities for existing public walkways. Response from the public was overwhelming and lift installations at about 250 public walkways were suggested. The Government consulted the 18 district councils (DCs) in the first half of 2013 on the priority for implementing these public suggestions for retrofitting of lifts. Three projects were selected by each DC for priority implementation (“the Expanded Programme”). The Government has basically completed the technical feasibility studies and investigation works for the priority projects selected by each DC and reported to each DC the study findings and preliminary proposals in the first quarter of 2014. The detailed design work for projects confirmed to be technically feasible has also commenced. It is anticipated that most of the projects will be completed by phases in 2017 and 2018.

The Government will continue to enhance the barrier-free facilities in Government and HA premises and facilities having regard to the views and suggestions of stakeholders. The public may also continue to seek assistance or give comments on the barrier-free facilities of Government and HA venues through the Access Co-ordinator and the Access Officer Scheme.

In addition, LWB has allocated about \$13 million in each of the past three years for organising territory-wide and local public education activities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, 18 DCs, non-governmental organisations, public organisations, groups of persons with disabilities and other sectors in the community. In 2015-16, LWB has earmarked about \$13.5 million for organising territory-wide and local public education activities to promote these messages.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3088)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration states that it will facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. Please advise on the details of the programmes and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The Government proposes to allocate an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$160 million for enhancement of rehabilitation services to facilitate persons with disabilities to develop their potential and fully integrate into the community. This covers –

- (a) additional funding of about \$118 million for the additional provision of 285 places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 550 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services and 436 places for residential care services so as to enhance the care for persons with disabilities and provide the necessary training;
- (b) additional funding of about \$25.9 million for increasing the manpower of long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons and enhancing the allied health services of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons to provide care and support for ageing service users;
- (c) additional funding of about \$12.7 million for increasing the social work manpower in Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness to provide more intensive counselling and support for families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons, with the aim of alleviating their caregiver stress and consolidating their mutual help network; and
- (d) additional recurrent funding of about \$3.2 million for increasing the social work manpower in the existing subvented Parents/Relatives Resource Centres to enhance

the support for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons, including children or young people with special needs.

Moreover, to further enhance the Rehabus service, the Government will allocate an additional funding of \$14.1 million in 2015-16 for procuring 6 new buses, replacing 6 existing ones with high vehicle age, and employing additional drivers.

In the coming year, the Government will explore the implementation of a pilot project for trained ex-mentally ill persons to serve as peer supporters in community psychiatric service units to provide support and encouragement for ex-mentally ill patients in rehabilitation through sharing their recovery experience.

On the other hand, the Government plans to launch 2 pilot schemes under the Lotteries Fund. Under the first scheme, non-governmental organisations operating subvented pre-school rehabilitation services will be invited to provide on-site rehabilitation services for children with special needs who are studying in ordinary kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres. The second scheme will render better support to persons with autism (including provision of training to pre-school children with diagnosed autism or autistic tendency) to help strengthen their capabilities and adaptation ability, and provide training for high-functioning autistic youth to help enhance their living and social skills as well as employability, thus enabling them to rise to the challenges they may encounter in adulthood. The scheme will also render support to parents or carers of the service users, and offer professional training to autistic service providers. Details of these 2 pilot schemes are yet to be finalised.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0480)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the estimated expenditure for Item 876 "Child Development Fund" under the Subhead in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

For Item 876 "Child Development Fund" under the Subhead, the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is \$52.60 million, which mainly includes the cost for organising training programmes for participating children, their mentors and parents, the special financial incentive provided to each participating child upon completion of the targeted savings programme and administrative cost for project operators.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1206)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

“Overseeing the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services” is one of the matters requiring special attention in 2015-16” under Programme (2). In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the details of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Scheme)? What are the details of the provision for the Scheme? How many young persons have participated so far? How many of them have joined the care services upon completion of the Scheme?
- (b) Apart from the above scheme, has the Administration put in place any other training programmes to alleviate the shortage of manpower in the care services? If yes, please provide the following details: (i) programme title(s); (ii) total number of participants so far; (iii) number of participants who have joined the care services upon completion of the programme(s); and (iv) provision allocated for this purpose.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) To encourage young persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, we launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The Pilot Project was implemented in two phases, providing a total of 200 training places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project. Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services to be launched and extended to rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few

years. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is inviting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to submit proposals on the implementation of the Scheme. Enrolment of trainees is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015.

- (b) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority (HA) since 2006 to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse (General) /Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming few years. This Training Programme is fully subsidised by the SWD. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% have joined the social welfare sector upon graduation.

Training courses for health workers are offered by different training bodies including NGOs, self-financing institutes and tertiary institutions. As at end-January 2015, there were 36 training bodies organising approved training courses for health workers for RCHes. In the past few years, about 1 500 persons registered as health workers each year after taking these approved training courses. Since the training bodies organise the courses themselves, they are not required to report to the Government on the level of enrolment and number of trainees who work as health workers after graduation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2193)**

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the estimated number of staff, annual emoluments, housing allowance and allowances for the expenses on visits and entertainment pertaining to the following posts in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2015-16.

Secretary  
Under Secretary  
Administrative Assistant  
Press Secretary  
Political Assistant  
Senior Executive Officer (POO)  
Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretaries  
Permanent Secretary  
Deputy Secretaries  
Commissioner for Rehabilitation  
Principal Assistant Secretaries  
Executive Officers  
Chief Executive Officers  
Senior Executive Officers  
Research and Project Officers  
Publicity and Project Officers  
Executive Assistants  
Clerical Officers  
Chief Executive Officer (Adm)  
Chief Management Services Officer  
Principal Executive Officer  
Principal Information Officer  
Senior Information Officer  
Information Officer  
Assistant Information Officer

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 606)

Reply:

There is a total of 119 posts (excluding the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary) in the projected establishment under Head 141 Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in 2015-16, as tabulated below:

<b><u>Post</u></b>	<b><u>Strength</u></b>
Permanent Secretary	1
Deputy Secretary	2
Commissioner for Rehabilitation	1
Administrative Assistant/Principal Assistant Secretary	8
Senior Administrative Officer	9
Administrative Officer	5
Senior Principal Executive Officer	1
Principal Executive Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	5
Senior Executive Officer	4
Executive Officer I	7
Executive Officer II	3
Senior Official Languages Officer	1
Chief Management Services Officer	1
Senior Management Services Officer	2
Management Services Officer I	1
Senior Statistician	1
Statistician	1
Senior Statistical Officer	1
Statistical Officer I	1
Systems Manager	1
Analyst/Programmer I	1
Analyst/Programmer II	1
Information Officer	1
Assistant Information Officer	1
Personal Assistant	2
Senior Personal Secretary	2
Personal Secretary I	11
Personal Secretary II	6
Confidential Assistant	2
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	4
Assistant Clerical Officer	18
Clerical Assistant	3
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Office Assistant	3
Calligraphist	1
Workman II	1



Personal Chauffeur	1
Chauffeur	1
Motor Driver	1

The emolument provisions earmarked by the LWB for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary in 2015-16 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively. The emolument provision earmarked for the posts in the establishment is \$86.74 million.

The LWB has not reserved any provision for housing allowance for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary in 2015-16. As the expenditure on civil service housing allowances is not included in the estimated expenditures under Head 141 LWB, information on the estimated expenditure on housing allowances for civil servants working in the LWB in 2015-16 is not available.

The amounts of funding set aside by the LWB for overseas duty visits and official entertainment in 2015-16 are \$1.3 million and \$0.2 million respectively, and no breakdown of estimates is made for individual posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2194)**

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau  
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses  
Programme: Not Specified  
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the estimated number of staff, annual emoluments, housing allowance and allowances for the expenses on visits and entertainment pertaining to the following positions in the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Secretariat in 2015-16.

Secretary General  
Assistant Secretary General (Project Management)  
Assistant Secretary General (Strategic Development)  
Senior Project Officer  
Project Officers  
Senior Public Relations and Publicity Officer  
Publicity Officer  
Accounting Officer  
Research and Development Officer  
Programme Coordinating Officer

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 607)

Reply:

In 2015-16, it is anticipated that the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Secretariat of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will have 12 staff members, including 1 Secretary General, 1 Assistant Secretary General (Project Management), 1 Assistant Secretary General (Strategic Development), 1 Senior Project Officer, 3 Project Officers, 1 Senior Public Relations and Publicity Officer, 1 Publicity Officer, 1 Accounting Officer, 1 Research and Development Officer and 1 Programme Coordinating Officer. The estimated emolument expenditure for the above positions is \$7.89 million. The LWB has not reserved any provision for housing allowance for the above staff members. The amounts of funding set aside by the LWB for overseas duty visits and official entertainment are \$1.3 million and \$0.2 million respectively, and no separate breakdown is made for the above staff members.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0535)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the preparatory work for the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme, please advise on the following:

- a) the estimated expenditure on the scheme in the next two years;
- b) the basis on which the income and asset limits for the allowance is determined, the calculation methods adopted and the reasons for adopting such methods.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a) In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency to prepare for the implementation of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) scheme is \$184.8 million, consisting mainly of staffing and other operating expenses (including offices). Funding proposals for the LIFA scheme were approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee on 16 January this year. We are earnestly taking forward the preparatory work, with a view to launching the scheme within 15 to 18 months from the date of the funding approval.
- b) Effective use of resources is one of the principles underlying the design of the LIFA Scheme. An income test and an asset test with relatively low thresholds will be introduced. The LIFA income test will adopt a two-tiered income threshold. The first tier will be set at 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) (not including the income of foreign domestic helpers). The second tier will be set at the level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the MMDHI (not including the income of foreign domestic helpers).

The LIFA asset test will generally be set at the same level as that of public rental housing. LIFA will allow its beneficiary families to have properties but their value (except for self-occupied properties) will be counted towards the asset of the families.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0877)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this programme that the department will "enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs)". Will the Administration please provide the following information:

1. the respective totals and proportions of male and female non-official members of all government ASBs in the past 3 years;
2. among the non-official members appointed by the Government to serve on 3 ASBs or more, the respective numbers and proportions of male and female members in the past 3 years;
3. a list of ASBs which currently have no female non-official members and of ASBs which have less than 30% of female members, and the number of ASBs which have failed to meet the 30% gender benchmark for more than 2 terms;
4. the number and increase of curricula vitae of females in the Central Personality Index in the past 5 years; and
5. ways for the department and other bureaux to enhance women's participation in ASBs in the coming year, any targets to be set and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members of all Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past three years are set out below:

	Number of non-official members (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2012	3 871 (67.5%)	1 866 (32.5%)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)
2014	4 154 (68.0%)	1 951 (32.0%)

2. The numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members appointed by the Government to serve on 3 ASBs or more in the past 3 years are set out below:

	Number of non-official members serving 3 ASBs or more (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2012	308 (61.7%)	191 (38.3%)
2013	323 (61.1%)	206 (38.9%)
2014	338 (61.8%)	209 (38.2%)

3. Regarding ASBs with no female non-official member and those whose numbers of female non-official members appointed by the Government are less than 30% of the total number of non-official members are set out at Annex A and Annex B respectively. These ASBs account for 37.9% of all 422 Government ASBs with Government appointed non-official members. As at December 2014, the overall ratio of female non-official members appointed by the Government was 32%, higher than the working target of 30%.

The Government does not keep statistics on those ASBs which cannot meet the 30% gender benchmark target in two consecutive terms of appointment.

4. The numbers and growth rates of curriculum vitae (CV) provided by female data subjects in the Central Personality Index (CPI) of the Government for the past five years are set out below:

	Number of CV of Female Data Subject	Growth Rate
2010	7 191	-
2011	7 593	5.6%
2012	8 117	6.9%
2013	8 382	3.3%
2014	8 704	3.8%

5. The Chief Executive announced in the 2015 Policy Address that the recommendation of the Women's Commission has been accepted such that starting from 2015-16, the gender benchmark, as the working target for Bureaux and Departments for appointing women to Government ASBs, will be raised from 30% to 35%. The Government will continue to invite women's associations and professional organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the CPI administered by the Home Affairs Bureau. The expenditure involved will be absorbed by Bureaux and Departments and is not separately accounted for.

**ASBs with no Female Non-official Members Appointed by the Government**

(As at 28 February 2015)

Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognised Certification Authorities
Asbestos Administration Committee
Board of Directors of Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre
Committee on Slot Complaints
Council on Professional Conduct in Education
District Council, Central & Western
District Council, Islands
District Council, Kwun Tong
District Council, Sai Kung
District Council, Sham Shui Po
District Council, Southern
District Council, Tai Po
District Council, Tuen Mun
District Council, Wan Chai
District Council, Wong Tai Sin
District Council, Yuen Long
Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee
Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee, Hong Kong
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Risk Management Committee of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Road Safety Council
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee for Research Themes under the Research Endowment Fund
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board

**ASBs with Female Non-official Members  
less than 30% of Their Total Number of Non-official Members  
(As at 28 February 2015)**

Action Committee Against Narcotics
Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance
Advisory Committee on Barrier Free Access
Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities
Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants
Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures, The
Advisory Committee on Water Resources and Quality of Water Supplies
Advisory Committee under Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance Cap 572
Advisory Council on the Environment
Air Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel
Airport Authority
Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions
Appeal Board Panel (Electricity)
Appeal Board Panel (Entertainment Special Effects)
Appeal Board Panel (Gas Safety)
Appeal Board Panel (under Construction Workers Registration Ordinance)
Appeal Board Panel under Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
Appeal Board Panel under the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance
Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings)
Asbestos Administration Committee
Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel
Aviation Development Advisory Committee
Banking Review Tribunal
Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee
Betting and Lotteries Commission
Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
Board of Directors of Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre
Board of Scientific Advisers
Board of Trustees of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
Buildings Energy Efficiency Appeal Board Panel
Buildings Energy Efficiency Disciplinary Board Panel
Child Fatality Review Panel
Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
Chinese Medicine Development Committee
Chinese Temples Committee

Clearing and Settlement Systems Appeals Tribunal
Commission on Poverty
Commission on Strategic Development
Commission on Youth
Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education
Committee on Slot Complaints
Communications Authority
Competition Commission
Construction Industry Council
Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland
Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee
Council for the AIDS Trust Fund
Council of City University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Council of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
Council on Professional Conduct in Education
CreateSmart Initiative Vetting Committee
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Board
Design-Business Collaboration Scheme Assessment Panel
Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey)
Disciplinary Board Panel under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (Electricity)
District Council, Central & Western
District Council, Islands
District Council, Kwun Tong
District Council, Sai Kung
District Council, Sha Tin
District Council, Sham Shui Po
District Council, Southern
District Council, Tai Po
District Council, Tuen Mun
District Council, Wan Chai
District Council, Wong Tai Sin
District Council, Yuen Long
Economic Development Commission
Electrical Safety Advisory Committee
Energy Advisory Committee
Environment and Conservation Fund Investment Committee
Environmental Campaign Committee
Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
Expanded Building Committee
Fight Crime Committee
Film Development Council



Financial Reporting Council
Financial Services Development Council
Fire Safety Committee
Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Expert Group
Harbourfront Commission
Health and Medical Development Advisory Committee
Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications
Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification
Hong Kong Logistics Development Council
Hong Kong Port Development Council
Hong Kong Productivity Council
Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee
Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Hospital Authority
Independent Police Complaints Council
Innovation & Technology Support Programme Assessment Panel under the Innovation & Technology Fund
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector
Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission
Land and Development Advisory Committee
Lantau Development Advisory Committee
Leveraged Foreign Exchange Trading Arbitration Panel
Lift and Escalator Safety Advisory Committee
Liquor Licensing Board
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Management Committee of the Consumer Legal Action Fund
Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
Market Misconduct Tribunal
Minimum Wage Commission
Minor Works Contractors Registration Committee Panel
National Verification Committee for Measles Elimination in Hong Kong
Noise Control Appeal Board Panel
Operations Review Committee of the ICAC
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee, Hong Kong
Process Review Panel in relation to the Regulation of Mandatory Provident Fund Intermediaries
Programme and Development Committee
Programme Management Committee, Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading

and Domestic Sales - Enterprise Support Programme
Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Research Council
Research Grants Council
Review Panel under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
Risk Management Committee of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Road Safety Council
Securities and Futures Commission
Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
Stamp Advisory Committee
Standard Working Hours Committee
Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Company Law Reform
Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Language Education and Research
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee for Research Themes under the Research Endowment Fund
Steering Committee of Pilot Green Transport Fund
Steering Committee on eHealth Record Sharing
Steering Committee on Innovation and Technology
Steering Committee on Qualifications Framework Fund
Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology in Education
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund Advisory Committee
Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee
Technical Committee on the Minor Works Control System
Textiles Advisory Board
The Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Torture Claims Appeal Board
Tourism Strategy Group
Town Planning Board
Transport Advisory Committee
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board
University Grants Committee
Urban Renewal Authority
Vocational Training Council
Water Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 0561)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Social WelfareControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The estimate for this Programme in 2015-16 is 11.0% higher than the revised estimate in 2014-15. According to the analysis, apart from the increase in cash flow requirement for non-recurrent items, there is also increased provision for other charges and departmental expenses. What are the operational expenses under this Programme in 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 26)Reply:

The operational expenses under Programme (2) Social Welfare are given as follows:

Description	2014-15 Revised Estimate (\$ million)	2015-16 Estimate (\$ million)
Personal emoluments	63.3	64.1
Departmental expenses for various projects/ programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	62.5	68.5
Other charges including the provision allocated for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, public education on rehabilitation and the "financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others"	188.4	198.9
Cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	57.5	81.1
Total:	371.7	412.6

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0944)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients under the above Programme, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the number of elderly patients receiving comprehensive needs assessment by the Discharge Planning Team and the number of patients participating in the programme with a breakdown by public hospitals for the past 3 years;
2. the respective numbers of participating elderly patients who received home support and those who received transitional residential care, and the average service duration for them for the past 3 years;
3. the number of elderly persons immediately provided with other community or residential care services upon the completion of the relevant services for the past 3 years;
4. the respective numbers of elderly participants and non-participants re-admitted to hospitals within a year after discharge for the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at December 2014), the number of patients participating in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients is as follows:

Participating hospital	Number of participants
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and Ruttonjee Hospital	11 204
Queen Mary Hospital	7 530
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	10 546
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	3 592
United Christian Hospital	9 930
Caritas Medical Centre	5 445
Kwong Wah Hospital	5 978
Princess Margaret Hospital	6 768
Yan Chai Hospital	6 240
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and North District Hospital	7 719
Prince of Wales Hospital	6 396
Tuen Mun Hospital and Pok Oi Hospital	11 726

2. The respective number of elderly persons who received home support services and transitional residential care services, and the average service duration in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of elderly persons who received home support services	Average service duration (days)	Number of elderly persons who received transitional residential care services	Average service duration (days)
2012-13	8 374	61	323	33
2013-14	9 566	58	355	32
2014-15 (as at December 2014)	7 443	57	323	33

3. and 4. The Hospital Authority does not keep the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 2578)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social WelfareControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 that the Administration will continue to oversee the implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients. Please advise on the following details for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (estimate):

1. What is the number of people benefited/to be benefited from the programme? What is the age distribution of the elders?
2. What is the cost/estimated cost per case plan?
3. Will the programme be regularised? Is there any mechanism for reviewing its effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (estimate), about 33 000 elderly persons benefited/will benefit from the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) each year. The Hospital Authority does not keep statistics on age distribution of the elderly persons participated in the programme.
2. In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the cost per case is as follows:

Year	Cost per case (\$)
2013-14 (actual expenditure)	4,818
2014-15 (revised estimate)	5,052
2015-16 (estimate)	5,270

3. The Government launched IDSP on a trial basis in 2008 to provide one-stop support services for elderly patients discharged from hospitals and their carers (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support services and carer training), with a view to reducing unplanned hospital re-admissions of the discharged elderly and relieving the stress of their carers. In view of the positive response, IDSP was regularised and extended to the whole territory in the first quarter of 2012.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2580)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. An additional \$3.4 million will be allocated in 2015-16 mainly for the use of the Women's Commission. Please specify in detail uses of the provision.
2. In the coming year, what specifically will the Commission do to meet the objective of promoting women's participation in the social, political and economic arenas?
3. Will the Bureau consider launching a review to ascertain whether it would be more effective to promote at the community level women's participation in society by the Commission alone or by various groups working for women's rights?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1-2. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been closely collaborating with the Women's Commission (WoC) to promote the interests and well-being of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has accepted two recommendations of WoC. First, starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the gender mainstreaming Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. Second, the gender benchmark for appointing female non-official members to government advisory and statutory bodies should be raised from 30% to 35%. In 2015-16, LWB will strive to assist and support all bureaux and departments to apply gender mainstreaming in their work in the light of the first new initiative. As for the second one, LWB and WoC will further foster women's social participation and encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to promote the participation of women in the decision-making process. LWB and



WoC will also continue its work on empowering women. LWB will continue to support WoC to implement the Capacity Building Mileage Programme. On the other hand, LWB and WoC will focus on women's employment. LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of women, women's employment, and the circumstances surrounding women's decision to join/leave or re-join the workforce, etc. The survey is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2015. LWB will also make provision for the WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme) under the theme of "Women's Employment" which can be participated by the 18 District Councils and women from different sectors. LWB and WoC will also continue to carry out public education and publicity activities to raise social awareness of gender issues, including producing a television series on women issues, compiling a report to publicise the work of the WoC, and publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2015" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. In addition, LWB and WoC will strengthen communication with women's groups in Hong Kong, the Mainland and other regions, including participating and organising activities, sharing research results, etc. The resources involved in undertaking such work will be absorbed by LWB. The general provisions for subheads are as follows:

<b>Subheads</b>	<b>Provision (\$ '0,000)</b>
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	800
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and other tasks on encouraging women's employment	230
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	390
Enhancing the liaison and exchange with women's groups in Hong Kong, the Mainland and other regions	70
Salaries, allowances and other personnel-related expenses	1,430
Other activities/work	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,220</b>

3. WoC was set up in January 2001 as a central mechanism to promote the well-being and interests of women. WoC has been concerned about various women issues and active in advising the Government on the development of appropriate policies and initiatives. One of the major tasks of WoC is to maintain close ties with local and international women's groups and service agencies, collect their views and co-operate with them in carrying out activities. For instance, WoC has been provided with funding to implement the aforesaid Funding Scheme, with the collaboration of the 18 District Councils and women's groups concerned about women's employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0431)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 that the Government will “oversee the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons and extension of the Scheme (the Scheme) to green minibuses (GMBs)”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The GMB routes, categorised by 18 districts, which will participate in the first phase of the extension of the Scheme for reference;
- (2) The estimated number of passenger trips made on GMBs under the Scheme and the estimated expenditure to be involved;
- (3) Whether it is envisaged that the Scheme can be extended to all GMBs in 2015-16; and
- (4) Whether the Government will study the proposal of extending the Scheme to red minibuses in 2015-16? If yes, what is the time frame?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The Scheme has been extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March this year. Currently, there are 159 GMB operators running 503 routes with 3 152 GMBs in Hong Kong. The first phase of the extension includes 127 GMB operators providing 407 routes with 2 587 GMBs. The 407 routes cover all 97 routes serving Hong Kong Island, 99 routes serving Kowloon, 176 routes serving the New Territories and 35 inter-district routes. On 16 March 2015, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) submitted an information paper to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services,

and provided in detail the GMB routes involved in the first phase of the extension. The same information has also been uploaded to the websites of LWB and Transport Department (TD).

- (2) To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around 1.2 million, with about 1.07 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 140 000 eligible persons with disabilities<sup>1</sup>. The Government estimates that the expenditure for reimbursing the GMB operators for their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme in 2015-16 is about \$204 million.
- (3) TD has been closely liaising with the remaining 32 GMB operators, encouraging them to join the Scheme and providing assistance to them to overcome the operational and technical issues as far as possible. Some operators have already indicated interest in joining the Scheme and are carrying out the necessary preparatory work. Depending on the readiness of these operators, the Government plans to roll out the second batch of GMB routes under the Scheme around mid-2015.
- (4) Under the Scheme, the Government will reimburse the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme on an accountable basis. The mode of operation of red minibuses (RMBs) is different from that of GMBs. The routings and fare levels of RMBs are decided by the operators and not regulated by the Government. The Government has no plan to extend the Scheme to RMBs.

<sup>1</sup> Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0673)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau contributes to the work of the Commission on Poverty in considering poverty alleviation policies and measures in the area of social welfare. In this regard, would the Government inform this Committee:

1. What is the staff establishment and provision for the work of the Commission on Poverty? What are the areas of responsibilities of the Bureau?
2. Is the consultation on retirement protection to be conducted by the Commission on Poverty one of the joint tasks of the Bureau and the Commission? If so, what is the scope of work of the Bureau? Does it include drafting consultation papers and consolidating findings of the consultation? When is the consultation expected to be completed? When will the findings be published?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Poverty Team is set up under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) to provide support for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare on matters relating to the work of the Commission on Poverty (CoP) and its Task Forces, including providing policy input on the welfare-related issues which are being considered and discussed by the CoP. During the process, the Poverty Team will co-ordinate the poverty alleviation work among the various teams within the LWB and with the Labour Department as appropriate.

The Poverty Team comprises 2 Administrative Officers, 1 Executive Officer and 2 secretarial and clerical support staff. The estimated provision for the Team in 2015-16 is \$4.57 million.

2. Retirement protection is a very important social issue. The CoP, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, is devising a framework and setting out the details for the public consultation. The public consultation is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of this year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3038)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration indicates that it will conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues. Please advise this Committee on the relevant programmes conducted in the past 3 years, the effectiveness of the programmes, the expenditure involved last year, the estimated expenditure and the activities to be conducted this year, and the details of these activities.

Given that gender prejudice and stereotype still exist in the society, has the Administration promoted gender education to the public to eliminate gender stereotype? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

Over the years, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in organising various publicity and public education programmes to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society, as well as to raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These include organising forums and seminars, publishing press articles on newspapers and on WoC's website, producing television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs), as well as organising various types of competitions and the celebration event for the International Women's Day on 8 March every year.

In 2012-13, LWB assisted WoC in producing television and radio APIs to promote gender mainstreaming and the Capacity Building Mileage Programme. Besides, LWB helped WoC enhance the accessibility of its website and produce a new leaflet to publicise the work of WoC in promoting the interests and well-being of women. A year-long roving exhibition on services for women provided by different women's groups and NGOs was arranged at 12 public housing estates. Efforts were also made to encourage women to register as voters for the District Council and Legislative Council elections.

In 2013-14, LWB assisted WoC in publishing a booklet on “Hong Kong Women in Figures 2013” to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong, and producing a new corporate video to publicise the work of WoC. In addition, LWB and WoC arranged a roving exhibition on gender mainstreaming to enhance public awareness of the concept and its application. Seminars on anti-sexual harassment were also organised by LWB and WoC in secondary schools to enhance students’ awareness of this issue.

In 2014-15, LWB continued to promote gender mainstreaming and helped WoC publish the Gender Mainstreaming Guidebook to enable officers concerned to apply the gender mainstreaming concept in their daily work. LWB and WoC also continued to arrange seminars on anti-sexual harassment in secondary schools. Moreover, WoC launched the mobile version of its website to facilitate public browsing and enhance public understanding of women issues.

In 2015-16, LWB and WoC will focus on women’s employment. LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of women, the circumstances surrounding women’s decision to join/leave or re-join the workforce, etc. The survey is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2015. LWB will make provision for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women’s Development under the theme of “Women’s Employment”, which can be participated by the 18 District Councils and women from different sectors. LWB and WoC will continue to carry out public education and publicity activities to raise social awareness of gender issues, including producing a television series on women issues and compiling a report to publicise the work of WoC. As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has accepted the recommendation of WoC that all bureaux and departments should refer to the gender mainstreaming Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. In the light of this new initiative, LWB will strive to assist and support all bureaux and departments to apply gender mainstreaming in their work. LWB will also assist WoC in publishing a booklet on “Hong Kong Women in Figures 2015” to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong.

The resources required for the implementation of the above measures were and will continue to be absorbed by LWB.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3039)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Chief Executive has mentioned in the Policy Address that starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments (B/Ds) should be required to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) in formulating major government policies and initiatives. Will the Administration advise on the departments that will implement the Checklist in 2015-16, the implementation details, the names of the responsible officers, the implementation timetable and the expected outcome? Will the Administration provide information on the application of the Checklist in all B/Ds and the relevant analysis results in the past 3 years?

The Administration states that it will keep under review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new services or improve existing services. What are the contents of the review? How will the Administration enhance the collection and analysis, reporting and promotion of application of gender statistics? Has the Census and Statistics Department engaged gender experts to co-ordinate and enhance the work on gender statistics, including collection, compilation, promotion and application of gender statistics? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has accepted the recommendations of the Women's Commission (WoC) that, starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the gender mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) revised by the WoC in 2009 and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. In 2015-16, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will strengthen the promotion of gender mainstreaming, and ensure women's needs and perspectives are taken into consideration when formulating policies where appropriate. In March 2015, in the light of the new initiative in the Policy Address, the Permanent



Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued to all directors of bureaux and heads of departments a circular memorandum on the application of gender mainstreaming to major policies and initiatives. The Secretary for Labour and Welfare elaborated on the concepts and application of gender mainstreaming at a meeting attended by the secretaries/directors of bureaux, permanent secretaries and heads of departments in March 2015. Separately LWB, in March 2015, held a briefing session on gender mainstreaming for Gender Focal Points (GFPs) and other officers in various bureaux and departments to enhance their understanding of the application of gender mainstreaming. Over 80 GFPs and other officers from different bureaux and departments attended the briefing session. Relevant officers from LWB will assist bureaux and departments when applying gender mainstreaming to and assessing individual policies and initiatives. In this connection, WoC has published the Gender Mainstreaming Guidebook to assist staff concerned in applying the gender mainstreaming concept to their daily work.

The Government has so far applied the Checklist to over 50 specific policy or programme areas. In the past 3 years, the Checklist was applied to the followings: review of the Control of the Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, batterer intervention programmes, paternity leave, an education programme on stopping domestic violence, investor education, promotion of breastfeeding, disease prevention, a Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families, etc. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of gender mainstreaming to their daily work, including the provision of first aid services to the public, the provision of family changing rooms in public swimming pools, the procurement of uniforms for disciplinary forces, etc.

One of the major tasks of WoC is to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, Government policies and services, and offer advice from gender perspectives as appropriate. Over the years, WoC has initiated discussions with different bureaux and departments to review key policies and services for women, covering areas such as review of legislation (e.g. amendments to the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, review of the Control of the Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance, etc.), population policy, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, services for new arrival women, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breastfeeding, handling of domestic violence and sexual violence cases, child care and after-school care services, primary care development strategy, stalking, tackling of municipal solid waste, review of the Family Procedure Rules, the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families, social welfare sector's proposals on welfare service (family, children and young people), public consultation on the Discrimination Law Review conducted by the Equal Opportunities Commission, etc.

The collection and analysis of sex-disaggregated data are paramount in implementing gender mainstreaming. The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) has since 2001 compiled an annual statistical publication "Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics" to provide data on the situations and needs of both genders in various aspects. In 2015-16, LWB will also assist WoC in publishing a booklet on "Hong Kong Women in Figures 2015" to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. Researches and surveys are also conducted from time to time to gain a better understanding of women's needs and concerns which will shed light on the policies relating to women's

development. LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the C&SD to study the time-use pattern of Hong Kong women, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to take part in or withdraw from the workforce, as well as those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the labour market. The survey is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3040)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Have politically-accountable officials at the level of Secretary of Department/Director of Bureau received any gender awareness training? If yes, what are the details? Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Please give details of the gender awareness and related training provided to civil servants and a breakdown of the actual expenditure involved, the departments received such training and the number of civil servants trained in 2014-15. Who serves as the contact point on gender-related issues in each department and what are their contact details? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the training? What are the follow-ups and estimated expenditure involved in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan Helena (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) issued a memo to all directors of bureaux and heads of departments in February 2010, reporting the then latest progress of the application of gender mainstreaming while encouraging them to further apply the gender mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) that had just been revised by the Women's Commission (WoC) that time to their respective policies and work. Later with the new term of government commencing in July 2012 and the rising public expectation for the Government to be more aware of gender-related issues, SLW issued a memo again in November 2012 to all directors of bureaux and heads of departments, urging them to encourage the staff in their departments to participate in gender-related training programmes and attend the conference organised by the WoC, apart from applying the Checklist to their respective policies and work. As announced in the Policy Address in January 2015, the Chief Executive has accepted the recommendations of WoC that, starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. Prior to the announcement made by the Chief Executive, LWB had already introduced the initiatives to all

secretaries/directors of bureaux and consulted them. In March 2015, in the light of the new initiatives in the Policy Address, the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued to all directors of bureaux and heads of departments a circular memorandum on the application of gender mainstreaming to major policies and initiatives. SLW also elaborated on the concepts and application of gender mainstreaming at a meeting attended by the secretaries/directors of bureaux and heads of departments in March 2015.

In 2014-15, about 900 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended various gender-related training programmes. These included seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute, as well as tailor-made training programmes organised for staff of different bureaux and departments including the Home Affairs Department, Labour Department and Buildings Department. All trainees had to complete a questionnaire on the training contents and trainers' quality to help evaluate the effectiveness of the training programmes. As reflected from the views collected, the programmes could enhance civil servants' gender awareness and gender sensitivity in their daily work. LWB also adopts a flexible approach to provide civil servants with training programmes on gender issues, e.g. an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender issues, and a web-portal on gender mainstreaming. In the light of the new initiatives in the Policy Address, LWB held a briefing session on gender mainstreaming in March 2015 for Gender Focal Points (GFPs) and other officers in various bureaux and departments to enhance their understanding of the application of gender mainstreaming. Over 80 GFPs and other officers from different bureaux and departments attended the briefing session. The expenditure involved in carrying out the above measures was absorbed by LWB and departments concerned, and no separate breakdown is available.

As for GFPs, each bureau and department has designated an officer as GFP, of whom the majority are directorate officers, tasked to help raise gender awareness and understanding of gender issues within his/her respective bureau/department, and serve as a contact point with LWB on work relating to promoting the implementation of gender mainstreaming. The List of Government Gender Focal Points at Annex has been brought to the attention of colleagues in all bureaux and departments and uploaded to the Internet. If any contacts with GFPs are needed, they can be made by phone, email, fax, etc.

In 2015-16, we will follow up on the application of gender mainstreaming as mentioned in the first paragraph above, continue with the efforts as mentioned in the second paragraph above, as well as maintain and suitably strengthen the communication with GFPs as mentioned in the third paragraph above. The expenditure involved in carrying out the measures will continue to be absorbed by LWB and departments concerned.

## List of Gender Focal Points

<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>Post Title</b>
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Assistant Director (Agriculture)
Architectural Services Department	Chief Architect/2
Audit Commission	Principal Auditor (Technical Administration)
Auxiliary Medical Service	Chief Staff Officer
Buildings Department	Chief Officer/Technical Support
Census and Statistics Department	Assistant Commissioner (Social)
Central Policy Unit	Government Town Planner
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office, Administration Wing	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)
Civil Aid Service	Chief Staff Officer
Civil Aviation Department	Assistant Director-General (Airport Standards)
Civil Engineering and Development Department	Departmental Secretary
Civil Service Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Management)
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)/Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch
	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)/Communication and Technology Branch
	Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (1)/Tourism Commission
Companies Registry	Registry Manager
Correctional Services Department	Assistant Commissioner (Rehabilitation)
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (5)
Customs and Excise Department	Assistant Commissioner (Administration and Human Resource Development)
Department of Health	Department Secretary
Development Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Works)/Works Branch
	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)/Planning and Lands Branch
Drainage Services Department	Departmental Secretary
Education Bureau	Principal Education Officer (Education Commission and Planning)
Efficiency Unit	Assistant Director/Efficiency Unit (1)
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Chief Engineer/Gas Standards A

Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Corporate Affairs)
Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (General)/Treasury Branch
	Principal Assistant Secretary (Financial Services)3/Financial Services Branch
Fire Services Department	Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Headquarters)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Assistant Director (Administration)
Food and Health Bureau	Head, Resource Management and Administration
Government Flying Service	Chief Aircraft Engineer
Government Laboratory	Assistant Government Chemist/Forensic Science
Government Property Agency	Deputy Government Property Administrator
Government Logistics Department	Departmental Secretary
Highways Department	Departmental Secretary
Home Affairs Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Civic Affairs)3
Home Affairs Department	Assistant Director (Administration)
Hong Kong Observatory	Assistant Director (Development, Research and Administration)
Hong Kong Police Force	Assistant Commissioner of Police (Support)
Hong Kong Post	Assistant Postmaster General (Corporate Development)
Immigration Department	Assistant Director (Management and Support)
Independent Commission Against Corruption	Assistant Director/Administration
Information Services Department	Deputy Director (2)
Inland Revenue Department	Chief Assessor (Special Duties)
Innovation and Technology Commission	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)
Intellectual Property Department	Assistant Principal Solicitor (Hearings)1
Invest Hong Kong	Associate Director-General 3
Join Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Services	Assistant Secretary General (2)
Labour and Welfare Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Welfare)2
Labour Department	Assistant Commissioner (Policy Support)
Land Registry	Department Secretary
Lands Department	Senior Estate Surveyor/Training
Legal Aid Department	Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel/Legal and Management Support
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)
Martine Department	Department Secretary
Official Receiver's Office	Department Secretary
Office of the Government Chief	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0031****(Question Serial No. 3044)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Women's InterestsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in this Programme that the Administration will enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). What are the respective numbers and proportions of female and male members of these ASBs in the past 3 years? According to paragraph 149 of the Policy Address, the appointment rate of women to government ASBs will be raised from 30% to 35%. Please list the ASBs with less than 35% of female members and the measures to be adopted to improve the situation.

Asked by: Dr Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

The numbers and proportions of male and female non-official members of all Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past three years are set out below:

	Number of appointed non-official members (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2012	3 871 (67.5%)	1 866 (32.5%)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)
2014	4 154 (68.0%)	1 951 (32.0%)

The Chief Executive announced in the 2015 Policy Address that the gender benchmark for appointing women to Government ASBs will be raised from the existing 30% to 35% starting from 2015-16. In other words, the Government currently adopts 30% as the working target for appointing female non-official members to Government ASBs, whereas the 35% working target will be adopted starting from April 2015. While upholding the prevailing principle of making appointments to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned, Bureaux and Departments will take appropriate and effective measures to implement the gender benchmark as their working target pragmatically having regard to the situation of individual ASBs. The Government will also increase the number of curricula vitae provided by female data subjects in the Central Personality Index.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0032****(Question Serial No. 3067)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Women's InterestsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated under this Programme that the Bureau will monitor and steer the progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) to encourage and support women to pursue continuous learning. How many students took part in the Programme in each of the past three years? Has there been any review of its effectiveness? What are the performance indicators?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 17)Reply:

CBMP is designed to encourage women of different backgrounds and education levels to pursue life-long learning and self-development. It also equips them with a positive mindset and perspective so that they can cope with different challenges in life.

CBMP is jointly run by the Women's Commission, the Open University of Hong Kong and a radio station, in collaboration with women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). At present, CBMP has over 70 tailor-made courses for students, covering topics relating to health, financial management, interpersonal relationship and communication, and the daily lives of students. Students can choose to learn through three modes, namely face-to-face classroom lesson, radio broadcast and e-learning on the Internet. More than 80 collaborating NGOs spreading over 18 districts are offering face-to-face courses and supplementary learning activities.

Since its implementation in 2004, the cumulative number of enrolments on CBMP has exceeded 75 000. The number of enrolments per year in the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Enrolment
2012	7 589
2013	6 354
2014	7 647

The Labour and Welfare Bureau as well as the Women's Commission will continue to collect the views of participating CBMP students through various channels, and monitor the enrolment, the work of relevant organisations and the progress of CBMP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0072)**

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimate of the pay and allowances for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The provision for the salary in respect of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16 is \$3.58 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0073)**

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimate of the pay and allowances for the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The provision for the salary in respect of the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16 is \$2.33 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0074)**

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimate of the pay and allowances for the Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The provision for the salary in respect of the Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16 is \$1.25 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0674)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In regard to family and child protection service under this programme, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. of the number of “Domestic Violence (Crime) cases”, “Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous) cases and “Domestic Incidents” reported to the Police in the past 3 years; of the number of such cases that required referral to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for follow-up;
2. of the number of urgent referrals made by the Police through the designated 24-hour hotline for outreaching service provided by the SWD in the past 3 years; of the number of such cases that required immediate welfare support services and the number of cases that required immediate outreaching services by social workers;
3. if currently the “Child Protection Registry” and the “Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases” of the SWD and the “Enhanced Central Domestic Violence Database” used by the Police allow a sharing of data so that SWD and law enforcement officers can have a better grasp of the data on and background to domestic violence;
4. of the number of social workers in the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) and of the average number of cases taken on by each social worker last year and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to information provided by the Police, the number of domestic conflicts cases reported to the Police in the past 3 years is as follows –

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Domestic Violence (Crime)	2 002	1 870	1 669
Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous)	872	676	623
Domestic Incidents	12 181	12 097	11 510

The number of referrals made by the Police to FCPSUs of SWD for follow-up in the past 3 years is as follows –

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Number of referrals	7 600	7 474	7 326

2. SWD has established a 24-hour designated hotline to facilitate the Police in referring emergency domestic violence cases. During the period from 2012-13 to 2014-15, the number of emergency domestic violence cases referred by the Police through the designated hotline and the support services provided are as follows –

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (Apr to Dec 2014)</b>
Number of referral calls from the Police	174	149	100
Immediate welfare support services (including referrals to refuge centres/temporary shelters and counselling)	16	27	24
Required immediate outreaching services by social workers	4	11	2

3. The existing “Child Protection Registry” and “Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases” of SWD do not allow a sharing of data with the “Enhanced Central Domestic Violence Database” used by the Police. However, to have a more comprehensive grasp of the background information about domestic violence, the Police and SWD operate an established reporting mechanism under which the Police reports information and background of the cases of domestic violence, sexual violence and elder abuse to SWD for statistical and analysis purposes.
4. The number of social workers in FCPSUs and the average number of supervision cases per social worker in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows –

	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Number of social workers	168	168
Average number of supervision cases per social worker	29	28

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0037****(Question Serial No. 0675)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Regarding the rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme covered in this Programme, would the Government please provide information about the following for the past 5 years –

	Residing in public housing		Residing in private housing		Residing in institutions & others		Total number of cases receiving rent allowance	Number of cases receiving "Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing" and total amount of subsidy
	Actual rent less than or equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent higher than MRA & its percentage		
2010-11								
2011-12								
2012-13								
2013-14								
2014-15								

2. Regarding the above question, what is the number of CSSA cases in which the rent allowance was not granted over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 23)



Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) The number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA, and their percentage to all households in public housing receiving rent allowance from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)</b>	
2010-11	152 184	( 97.6% )
2011-12	148 942	( 98.0% )
2012-13	143 721	( 97.6% )
2013-14	138 966	( 97.9% )
2014-15 (as at end December 2014)	130 285	( 94.1% )

- (b) The number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA, and their percentage to all households in private housing receiving rent allowance from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)</b>	
2010-11	17 105	( 42.6% )
2011-12	18 101	( 48.6% )
2012-13	17 846	( 50.9% )
2013-14	17 492	( 55.1% )
2014-15 (as at end December 2014)	15 196	( 48.2% )

- (c) The number of CSSA cases in institutions and other types of housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to the MRA, and their percentage to all households in institutions and other types of housing receiving rent allowance from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)</b>	
2010-11	46 538	( 90.1% )
2011-12	48 142	( 93.1% )
2012-13	48 973	( 95.7% )
2013-14	50 981	( 99.3% )
2014-15 (as at end December 2014)	50 757	( 98.9% )

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

- (d) The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases with rent allowance</b>	<b>Expenditure on CSSA rent allowance (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	247 667	2,831
2011-12	240 881	2,978
2012-13	233 424	2,825
2013-14	224 992	2,902
2014-15 (as at end December 2014)	221 305	2,546

- (e) The Community Care Fund (CCF) launched the assistance programme of “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” in October 2011, September 2013 and September 2014 respectively, to provide a one-off subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying a rent which exceeded the maximum rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme, so as to relieve their financial burden resulting from the periodic increase of rent. The number of household recipients and the total amount of allowance for each of the 3 times are as follows –

	<b>First time</b>	<b>Second time</b>	<b>Third time (as at end February 2015)</b>
Number of household recipients	22 605	17 771	14 970
Total amount of allowance	\$32.09 million	\$51.30 million	\$44.52 million

2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the figures of the cases not receiving rent allowance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0038**

**(Question Serial No. 0676)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As it is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16” that the Social Welfare Department will provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes, please inform this Committee of the following -

1. Please provide the total number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong in 2014-15 by the 18 districts;
2. Please provide the number of elderly persons on the waiting list by the districts of their first choice and the average waiting time for each type of places.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by the 18 districts and type (i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places) as at end-January 2015 are set out in Annex.
2. Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly may make a maximum of 3 choices at the same time by indicating their preference for the location (such as cluster and district) of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or even by specifying certain RCHE, etc. And elderly persons may choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). As elderly persons are not required to specify the priority of their choices, SWD does not have the information on the first choice districts of the elderly persons. And SWD does not capture the waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in individual districts.

As at end-January 2015, the average waiting time of the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

<b>Type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)</b>
C&A homes	
- Subvented homes and contract homes	35
- Private RCHEs under EBPS	7
Overall	20
Nursing homes (NHs)	32

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places [Note 3]	C&A places	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	743	188	<b>931</b>	21	2 090	75	<b>2 186</b>
Eastern	-	763	133	<b>896</b>	-	3 761	83	<b>3 844</b>
Wan Chai	-	516	-	<b>516</b>	-	876	21	<b>897</b>
Southern	-	1 881	-	<b>1 881</b>	66	1 795	74	<b>1 935</b>
Islands	67	322	63	<b>452</b>	-	515	42	<b>557</b>
Kwun Tong	-	1 694	434	<b>2 128</b>	285	2 480	288	<b>3 053</b>
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 230	464	<b>1 694</b>	-	1 979	133	<b>2 112</b>
Sai Kung	-	979	292	<b>1 271</b>	60	957	110	<b>1 127</b>
Kowloon City	-	2 067	90	<b>2 157</b>	-	4 020	43	<b>4 063</b>
Sham Shui Po	-	1 043	177	<b>1 220</b>	20	4 086	140	<b>4 246</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	-	846	158	<b>1 004</b>	58	2 551	81	<b>2 690</b>
Sha Tin	-	1 268	54	<b>1 322</b>	50	2 401	36	<b>2 487</b>
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	<b>1 298</b>	-	2 412	-	<b>2 412</b>
North	-	1 204	299	<b>1 503</b>	90	2 279	-	<b>2 369</b>
Yuen Long	-	1 593	66	<b>1 659</b>	60	3 861	30	<b>3 951</b>
Tsuen Wan	-	1 390	388	<b>1 778</b>	-	2 198	41	<b>2 239</b>
Kwai Tsing	-	2 622	345	<b>2 967</b>	-	3 775	177	<b>3 952</b>
Tuen Mun	-	1 399	243	<b>1 642</b>	45	2 863	-	<b>2 908</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>22 858</b>	<b>3 394</b>	<b>26 319</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>44 899</b>	<b>1 374</b>	<b>47 028</b>

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places include the C&A places providing a continuum of care. These places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes as well as private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places are provided in subvented NHs, contract homes as well as self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

[Note 3] Non-subsidised H/A places also include places of self-care hostels.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0677)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

1. in the coming 3 years, how many new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be set up, in which districts will these RCHEs be located, and how many subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly will each RCHE provide;
2. to follow up the above question, with the setting up of the new contract homes, what will be the expected percentage decrease of registered applicants on the waiting list for subsidised RCHEs in Hong Kong and how much waiting time will be shortened in the districts on average.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. It is expected that 6 new contract RCHEs will commence service from 2015-16 to 2017-18, with details set out at Annex.
2. The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicant specifies a particular RCHE, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the RCHEs, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme/the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. It is therefore difficult to estimate the expected decrease in the number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised RCHEs or the waiting time to be shortened.

## Annex

District	Location	No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly		No. of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly
		Nursing homes	Care-and-attention homes	
Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Fai Road	81	9	60
Sham Shui Po	Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters	81	9	60
Sham Shui Po	Pratas Street	72	8	20
Wan Chai	Cross Street	50	6	37
Tsuen Wan	West Rail Tsuen Wan West Station, Tsuen Wan	86	10	24
Sha Tin	Shui Chuen O	54	6	40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>241</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0691)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will monitor the implementation of the enhanced after school care programme. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

1. Please list by constituency the number of places under the After School Care Programme (ASCP) for children aged 6-12 and the number of times of service utilisation in each constituency in 2014-15.
2. Please list by constituency the quota for the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme under ASCP and the utilisation rate for full fee-waiving and half fee-reduction quotas in the past 2 years.
3. Apart from the Department's ASCP, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has embarked on the After School Care Pilot Scheme (ASCPS) whereby both schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) assist in its implementation to extend after school activities and integrate after-school learning and activities for students. Please advise us of the current number of NGOs participating in both ASCP and ASCPS as well as the number of participating schools and students.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The utilisation of ASCP in 18 districts (as at end-December 2014) is set out in Annex 1.
2. The full fee-waiving quotas under the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme and the utilisation rates for full fee-waiving quotas and half fee-reduction quotas in the past 2 years (2013-14 and 2014-15) by 18 districts are set out in Annex 2.
3. The Community Care Fund - After-school Care Pilot Scheme has been implemented from 2012/13 to 2014/15 school year. In the 2014/15 school year, there are a total of 98 schools and NGOs (including 62 schools and 36 NGOs) participating in the Scheme. It is estimated the number of student beneficiaries will be around 12 000. SWD does not capture information on NGOs participating in both ASCPS administered by the Education Bureau and ASCP by SWD.



## Service places and Utilisation of ASCP by District

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of Places (as at end-December 2014)</b>	<b>No. of Children Using the Service (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	98	91
Southern	304	269
Islands	254	222
Eastern	483	421
Wan Chai	188	159
Kowloon City	177	170
Yau Tsim Mong	179	161
Sham Shui Po	251	218
Kwun Tong	442	361
Wong Tai Sin	425	382
Sai Kung	114	110
Sha Tin	554	540
Tai Po	193	186
North	326	295
Yuen Long	412	382
Tsuen Wan	153	132
Kwai Tsing	534	486
Tuen Mun	455	412
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 542</b>	<b>4 997</b>

**Full Fee-Waving Quotas under the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme and  
Utilisation Rates for Full Fee-waiving and Half Fee-reduction Quotas by District**

	2013-14			2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
District	Fee-Waiving Quotas	Utilisation Rate		Fee-Waiving Quotas	Utilisation Rate	
		Full Fee-waiving Quotas	Half Fee-reduction Quotas		Full Fee-waiving Quotas	Half Fee-reduction Quotas
Central & Western	27	100%	93%	25	100%	94%
Southern	91.5	100%	100%	101.5	100%	89%
Islands	42	100%	100%	47.5	100%	75%
Eastern	173.5	100%	100%	175.5	100%	86%
Wan Chai	29	100%	80%	27.5	100%	100%
Kowloon City	45	100%	100%	55	100%	100%
Yau Tsim Mong	64.5	100%	100%	68.5	100%	93%
Sham Shui Po	104	100%	75%	106	100%	86%
Kwun Tong	100.5	100%	99%	108	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	109.5	100%	65%	101	100%	85%
Sai Kung	38.5	100%	100%	38.5	100%	100%
Sha Tin	133.5	100%	93%	142.5	100%	88%
Tai Po	41.5	100%	100%	43	100%	100%
North	62	100%	85%	61.5	100%	100%
Yuen Long	161.5	100%	49%	169	100%	50%
Tsuen Wan	34	100%	72%	31.5	100%	89%
Kwai Tsing	178	100%	61%	184.5	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	171	100%	88%	173.5	100%	84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 606.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>1 659.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>92%</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0041****(Question Serial No. 0693)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the total number of elderly persons by District Council district plus Guangdong as well as the latest and total number of recipients of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) under the SSA Scheme by district.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 35)Reply:

As at end-December 2014, the number of cases of Old Age Allowance (OAA), OALA, NDA and HDA by district was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>			
	<b>OAA</b>	<b>OALA</b>	<b>NDA</b>	<b>HDA</b>
Central & Western	11 805	7 677	2 928	712
Eastern	27 775	34 549	9 601	1 947
Islands	2 926	5 792	1 660	207
Kowloon City	17 642	20 804	5 287	1 046
Kwai Tsing	12 339	41 092	8 754	1 365
Kwun Tong	16 557	53 376	9 691	2 263
North	5 822	14 862	4 877	776
Sai Kung	8 457	20 599	5 281	1 094
Sha Tin	15 740	38 566	10 945	2 228
Sham Shui Po	12 980	23 216	5 693	1 121
Southern	9 122	16 924	5 217	849
Tai Po	6 340	14 737	5 071	830
Tsuen Wan	9 224	15 876	3 605	698
Tuen Mun	7 813	26 148	8 500	948
Wan Chai	9 647	3 911	1 571	525
Wong Tai Sin	12 403	37 628	6 894	1 279

Yau Tsim Mong	13 292	12 261	3 574	637
Yuen Long	10 185	23 729	8 259	1 039
<b>Total</b>	<b>210 069</b>	<b>411 747</b>	<b>107 408</b>	<b>19 564</b>

According to the Planning Department, the population aged 65 or above in mid-2014 by District Council district was as follows –

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Population</b>
Central & Western	39 400
Eastern	102 600
Islands	16 700
Kowloon City	70 300
Kwai Tsing	83 500
Kwun Tong	111 100
North	37 000
Sai Kung	46 600
Sha Tin	86 800
Sham Shui Po	69 900
Southern	43 900
Tai Po	37 200
Tsuen Wan	44 200
Tuen Mun	58 900
Wan Chai	26 400
Wong Tai Sin	77 500
Yau Tsim Mong	50 800
Yuen Long	62 800
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 065 700</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

As at end-December 2014, there were 17 501 cases under the Guangdong Scheme. On the other hand, according to the Census and Statistics Department, there were about 46 000 elderly persons aged 65 or above residing in Guangdong Province, China, in 2011.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0042**

**(Question Serial No. 0696)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding short-term food assistance, would the Government please advise -

1. The number and location of food distribution points, and service recipients of short-term food assistance with a breakdown by service area over the past 3 years;
2. How many of the service recipients last year were repeated service users? Has the Government provided other follow-up services for these repeated users?
3. Among the service recipients last year, how many of them had received assistance for the maximum period of 8 weeks?
4. Of the expenditure on food assistance last year, how much was spent on food and meal coupons respectively?
5. While this project has been in place for over 5 years since its inception in 2009, has the Government conducted any review to decide whether the project should be regularised? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Regarding the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) implemented since February 2009, the number of service points by district (including food distribution points), and the total number of service users by districts served by the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the past 3 years are set out in the Annex.
2. Out of the 26 907 service users served in 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015), 8 959 have used the service more than once. The operating NGOs had made a total of 2 957 referrals to other service units for follow-up services on their long-term welfare needs.
3. In 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015), 16 182 service users had received assistance for the maximum period of 8 weeks.
4. The expenditure in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) is \$74.4 million, about 85% of which was spent on food items. The value of food/hot meal coupons and dry rations represents about 40% and 60% of the food distributed to the service users respectively.

5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been monitoring the service demand and operation of the Projects. The Government has announced in the 2015 Policy Address that it will earmark additional \$200 million to continue the short-term food assistance service for 2 more years up to end-2017. SWD will keep in view the need to regularise the Projects and consider the arrangement after 2017 in a timely manner.

**Table 1: Number of Service Point by District**

<b>District</b>	<b>Service points<sup>[Note]</sup></b>		
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-January 2015)</b>
Hong Kong and Islands	35	39	39
Kowloon	236	197	216
New Territories	211	208	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>471</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Service points include food distribution points.

**Table 2: Number of Service Recipient by Service Area**

<b>District served</b>	<b>Number of service recipients</b>		
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-January 2015)</b>
Hong Kong Island, Outlying Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	5 080	5 278	4 000
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4 799	5 050	4 692
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	2 901	3 003	3 207
Sham Shui Po	7 096	5 871	4 565
Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong	5 399	5 097	4 589
Tuen Mun	3 617	3 404	2 402
Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	4 668	4 275	3 452
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 560</b>	<b>31 978</b>	<b>26 907</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0043****(Question Serial No. 0697)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding combating fraud in relation to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes respectively, would the Government please provide information for both Schemes:

1. the number of reports on fraud relating to the CSSA and SSA Schemes that the Department received in the past 2 years and how many of them required in-depth investigation;
2. the number of cases that the Department put under regular review and the number of cases that required in-depth investigation in the past 2 years and the time taken on average;
3. the number of cases in which the Government initiated prosecution in the past 2 years and how many of them ended in conviction and imprisonment;
4. whether, in view of unfounded rumours of CSSA recipients abusing CSSA being circulated from time to time on the Internet recently, resulting in a bigger stigma attached to CSSA recipients and higher social tension, the Government will, in its publicity against CSSA and SSA fraud in the coming year, address such a social situation and respond to such unfounded rumours in a timely manner and if yes, what will be the publicity efforts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of suspected CSSA and SSA fraud cases received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at end December 2014) were provided in the ensuing table –

	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end December 2014)
(a) Number of reports of suspected fraud received	2 853	2 082
(b) Number of cases requiring in-depth investigation	1 562	1 414



2. To combat fraud, SWD conducts regular case reviews and checking on all CSSA cases, arranges periodic data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conducts in-depth investigations into suspected fraud cases. Regular reviews and annual random checks on SSA cases are also conducted to prevent deception and abuse of public money. SWD does not have the figures for such cases.

3. The numbers of CSSA and SSA fraud cases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at end December 2014) were set out in the following table –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end December 2014)</b>
(a) Number of cases referred to the Police	624	421
(b) Number of cases found guilty	326	333
(c) Number of cases sentenced to imprisonment	267	253

4. SWD occasionally introduces to citizens its services, including CSSA and SSA, through different channels, such as the SWD website, leaflets, posters, media interviews, television/radio Announcement in the Public Interest (API), YouTube, etc. In addition, SWD responds to and clarifies misunderstandings or untrue media reports in a timely manner.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0044**

**(Question Serial No. 0703)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to implementing “the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS)”, would the Government please advise the following -

1. the number of IEAPS participants who were able-bodied adults and single parents on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the past 2 years;
2. the number and percentage of participants who had successfully secured employment after participating in the IEAPS in the past 2 years; the number of such participants who had left the CSSA net;
3. during their participation in the IEAPS, the number of recipients who had the total, half or maximum amount of their earnings disregarded under the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement in the past 2 years, and the expenditure involved;
4. measures by the Government to help more CSSA recipients to secure employment and leave the CSSA net in the coming year, and whether more incentives will be provided to encourage employment.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS on 1 January 2013. From 1 January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 30 997 able-bodied CSSA recipients had participated in the IEAPS. Among them, 4 066 were single parents or child carers who participated in the New Dawn Project service under the IEAPS.
2. From 1 January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 9 930 persons (32%) had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS. Of these participants, 1 870 had left the CSSA net.
3. SWD does not have information on the number of IEAPS participants who had the total, half or maximum amount of their earnings disregarded.
4. In the coming year, SWD will extend the IEAPS for 2 years to encourage and assist employable CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. At the same time, SWD will continue to administer the three-year pilot incentive scheme funded by the Community Care Fund, which was launched in April 2014, to further encourage employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0718)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families" (the Pilot Scheme) under this Programme, please advise –

1. Have all the 2 000 places been taken up by carers of elderly persons? Please provide the numbers of applications received and applications approved.
2. Please provide the number of participating cases with a breakdown by age group and by the number of elderly persons they have to take care of.
3. How many carers have withdrawn from the Scheme so far because of various reasons? Please provide a breakdown by various reasons.
4. How many elderly persons participating in the Scheme are also beneficiaries of other subvented community care services?
5. Apart from this Scheme, what other support measures will be provided by the Government to assist carers, in particular those who have to take care of demented elderly persons? What will be the plans involved and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A total of 2 870 applications have been received from carers under the Pilot Scheme. As at 17 March 2015, 1 700 applicants had been assessed to be eligible. Currently 441 applications are still being processed. It is estimated that the target of benefiting 2 000 carers can be met after processing all applications.
2. As at 17 March 2015, the accumulated number of eligible carers participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by age group and by the number of elderly persons under their care were as follows –

<b>Age of carers</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons under care</b>
39 or below	104
40 – 49	341
50 – 59	673
60 – 69	507
70 or above	187

3. As at 17 March 2015, a total of 82 carers had withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme, with the reasons provided as follows –

<b>Reasons for withdrawing from the Pilot Scheme</b>	<b>No. of carers</b>
Elderly persons under care starting to use residential care services	43
Decease of elderly persons under care	30
Carers starting to receive the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance/Old Age Living Allowance	4
Change of circumstances regarding the elderly persons under care/carers	5

4. As at 17 March 2015, 990 eligible elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme were also beneficiaries of other subsidised community care services.

5. Apart from the Pilot Scheme, the Government provides assistance to carers (including those who have to take care of demented elderly persons) through various types of subsidised residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for the elderly. These include subvented and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly, elderly centres and home care service teams, and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, etc. Services provided include day and residential respite services, provision of information, training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resource centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

In addition to the respite services provided in all subvented and contract RCHEs, EBPS homes have also made better use of the casual vacancies of the bought places to provide more respite places for elderly persons in the community since 1 March 2012. The Social Welfare Department will provide additional designated residential respite places in new contract RCHEs commencing service from 2015-16.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes for enhancing carers' capability of taking care of elderly persons. To further enhance the training for carers, the Scheme has been regularised from 2014-15. An additional annual recurrent funding of some \$6.7 million will be provided to subvented elderly centres for organising training activities for carers.

On top of the above, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been provided by the Government from 2014-15 to 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0046****(Question Serial No. 0719)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding “medical social services” in the Indicators, would the Government please advise –

1. Despite a significant increase of over 6 000 cases from 2013-14 to 2014-15, the number of cases as specified in the Indicators for the coming year will increase only by some 1 000. Is it too conservative?
2. Please provide the number of medical social workers (MSWs) in and the distribution of cases handled by various public hospitals and specialist out-patient clinics.
3. What is the average number of cases served by each MSW and the average time for handling a case for the past 3 years?
4. In view of the increasing demand for medical social services due to the ageing population, will the Government allocate more manpower and resources to such services? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 56)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The increase in the number of cases served from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is relatively large because the actual number of cases served by the medical social services unit (MSSU) of the North Lantau Hospital, newly set up in 2013-14, can only be reflected in 2014-15 while the revised estimate for 2014-15 is projected based on the actual number of cases served in the first half of the year (i.e. April to September 2014). On the other hand, the estimate for 2015-16 is projected based on the revised estimate for 2014-15 and given that there is no additional MSSU in 2014-15, the projected increase in the number of cases to be served in 2015-16 is relatively small.
2. The breakdown of the number of MSWs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the number of cases served is set out in the Annex.
3. The average caseload per MSW in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	Average caseload per MSW
2011-12	67
2012-13	63
2013-14	63

SWD does not have information on the average time for MSWs to handle a case.

4. SWD will keep under review the existing services and resources and make appropriate deployment or seek new resources based on community needs, the development of medical services of the Hospital Authority, etc. to meet the changing service demand.

**Breakdown of the number of MSWs and the number of cases served**

<b>Name of MSSU</b>	<b>Number of MSWs</b>	<b>Percentage of the number of cases served to the total number of cases (The accumulated figures from April 2014 to February 2015)</b>
<b>Hospital Authority</b>		
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	15	4.15%
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (Psychiatric Department)	29	3.62%
Queen Mary Hospital	29	6.34%
Wong Chuk Hang Hospital	2	0.14%
Western Psychiatric Centre	16	2.13%
Yung Fung Shee Memorial Centre	26	4.40%
East Kowloon Psychiatric Centre	12	2.19%
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	6	1.80%
North Lantau Hospital	4	0.28%
Hong Kong Eye Hospital	5	0.49%
Kowloon Hospital Rehabilitation Building	2	0.97%
Kowloon Hospital	9	1.24%
Kowloon Hospital Psychiatric Department	20	4.00%
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	22	8.11%
Princess Margaret Hospital	17	6.30%
Lai King Building of Princess Margaret Hospital	5	1.11%
Prince of Wales Hospital	14	5.11%
Prince of Wales Hospital (Psychiatric Unit)	14	2.31%
Sha Tin Hospital	13	2.58%
Tai Po Hospital	20	4.10%
North District Hospital	16	4.14%
Kwai Chung Hospital	19	2.87%
Yau Ma Tei Child Psychiatric Centre	3	0.28%
West Kowloon Psychiatric Centre	29	4.94%
Castle Peak Hospital	40	5.60%
Siu Lam Hospital	2	0.09%
Tuen Mun Hospital	31	13.98%
<b>Department of Health</b>		
Central Kowloon Child Assessment Centre	2	1.11%
Pamela Youde Child Assessment Centre (Kwun Tong)	5	1.30%
Ha Kwai Chung Child Assessment Centre	4	1.20%
Tuen Mun Child Assessment Centre	2	0.87%
Pamela Youde Child Assessment Centre (Shatin)	2	1.06%
Fanling Child Assessment Centre	1	0.67%
Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre	2	0.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0047****(Question Serial No. 0720)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) under this Programme, please set out in the table below the number of various cases for the past 3 years:

Household conditions of service users		EHCCS	Persons waiting for EHCCS	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC)	IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC)	Persons waiting for IHCS
1 elderly person (aged above 65) living alone						
2-person family	2 elderly persons (Both aged above 65)					
	living with a family member aged below 65					
	living with a family member aged below 55					
3-person family						
Family of 4 persons or above						
Service users aged below 65						

2. Apart from the date of application, will the Government consider the household conditions, such as giving priority to elderly persons living alone and families with 2 elderly persons, in prioritising the provision of services?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 60)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of cases of IHCS and EHCCS by household conditions or age groups of service users.
- Regarding applicants waiting for long term care services, including IHCS(FC) and EHCCS, if they have proven urgent needs for the concerned services, SWD will give special consideration to the cases for arrangement of priority placement. Regarding persons waiting for IHCS(OC), non-governmental organisations will assess their health conditions and the other community support available to them, so as to accord priority to those in urgent need of services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3156)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the manpower resources in the area of social welfare, please advise –

1. How many Programme Workers (PWs) are currently still serving in the sector;
2. How many PWs have participated in the job training and employment support projects organised by the Government in the past year? How many of them have transferred successfully to other jobs and how many have joined the elderly service industry?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The PWs were temporary posts created for young people aged between 15 and 29 during the economic downturn. The PW programme having been completed in end-March 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of PWs who are still employed by subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) at present.
2. According to the information provided by the NGOs that had taken part in the PW programme upon its completion, as at February 2014, there were a total of 1 868 PW incumbents. As for the exit arrangement for these PWs in March 2014, 660 were re-engaged by the relevant NGOs; 751 had secured suitable employment or continued with their studies through various training and employment support measures, among whom 66 had taken part in on-the-job training programmes for elderly/rehabilitation services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3157)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that additional manpower resources will be provided for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and Integrated Services Centres (ISCs). Do the relevant manpower resources include supporting staff? If yes, how many posts are involved and what is the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The additional manpower resources to be provided by the Government for IFSCs and ISCs in 2015-16 are professional social workers, not supporting staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3192)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the direct financial assistance for athletes with disabilities mentioned in the Programme, please advise –

1. how many athletes with disabilities were provided with financial assistance in each of the past 3 years; how much financial assistance was provided and what were the eligibility criteria for the financial assistance;
2. the assistance provided to retired athletes with disabilities so as to facilitate their work and life after retiring from being an athlete; the current employment rate of retired athletes with disabilities;
3. how the Government has been/will be promoting sports among persons with disabilities in the past and in the coming years, given that their physical health and sporting needs have always been a concern in the sector; whether athletes with disabilities are being considered for a role to help in the promotion and coaching of sports; how much expenditure is involved.
4. It is mentioned in the Policy Address that “the Government will commission a consultancy study on how to support disabled athletes and promote sports participation by people with disabilities in a more comprehensive manner”. What are the details, timetable and expenditure involved in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Hong Kong Paralympians Fund (the Fund) was set up by the Government in 2001 with a one-off grant of \$50 million. In 2013-14, \$200 million was injected into the Fund as seed money to maintain the substantiality of the Fund. Administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Fund has been providing support for athletes with disabilities during all stages of their sporting career through disbursement of –
  - (a) grant to sports organisations for the development of target sports;
  - (b) subsistence grant to athletes with disabilities (subsistence grant); and

- (c) employment facilitating grant to retired athletes with disabilities (employment facilitating grant).

The number of athletes with disabilities and the amount of grants approved under the Fund (including the subsistence grant and the employment facilitating grant) from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of athletes with disabilities receiving grants</b>	<b>Actual grant payment (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	90	1.53
2012-13	86	1.49
2013-14	78	1.37

The athletes with disabilities receiving the subsistence grant have generally achieved outstanding performances in international competitions or have been recommended by well-established sports organisations in Hong Kong for their sports potential.

The employment facilitating grant provides time-limited financial support for retired athletes with disabilities to assist in their job attachment in a sports related field or other suitable employment opportunities, vocational training or education programmes. Athletes with disabilities who have been officially retired as an athlete from or after 2000 Paralympic Games or who have formulated a retirement plan may apply for the grant.

2. The Hong Kong Sports Institute provides education and career support to athletes, including athletes with disabilities. In addition, the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) has provided training and related services to athletes with physical disabilities for their career development. There is currently no definition of retirement from sports training and competition within the local disabled sports sector. There are therefore no statistics about rates of employment after retirement.
3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports programmes for people with disabilities in sports such as swimming, athletics, ball sports, dancing and fitness training. In the past 3 years, the numbers of participants in LCSD's community recreation and sports programmes for the disabled are: 65 949 in 2011-12, 69 591 in 2012-13 and 69 425 in 2013-14. In addition, the department allocates annual funding to 3 sports associations for athletes with disabilities, i.e., the HKPC&SAPD, the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped and the Sports Association for the Deaf, in order to support training programmes and competitions for athletes with disabilities.

The funding allocated to these sports associations since 2012-13 is as set out below –

	<b>Amount of Funding (\$ million)</b>
2012-13 (Actual)	22.191
2013-14 (Actual)	24.845
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	28.106
2015-16 (Estimate)	31.109

4. The Home Affairs Bureau will engage a consultant to study the development of sport for people with disabilities in Hong Kong. The consultant will consult relevant stakeholders during the course of the study. The consultancy study is expected to start in May 2015 and take between 9 months to a year to complete. Tendering for the consultancy is in progress and the cost involved has yet to be confirmed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2059)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 125 of the Policy Address that the Government “will also increase the number of residential places in small group homes (SGHs) to provide temporary accommodation and emotional support for children and young people who have been abused or affected by domestic violence or other family problems”. However, in Programme (1) under Head 170 of the Estimates, it is not noted to have any increase in the number of SGHs places. Please give the reasons for such a discrepancy and explain the specific policy arrangements.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The new premises of the new SGH is expected to be completed in 2015-16. The Social Welfare Department will invite non-governmental organisations to submit service proposals so as to select the suitable operator. It is estimated that the new SGH will commence service in 2016-17. Therefore the additional places provided by the new SGH are not included in the 2015-16 (Estimate) of Programme (1) in the Controlling Officer's Report.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2060)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Policy Address (paragraph 125) that “the Government will increase the number of professional social workers in Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) to provide early identification and intervention and strengthen the support for families and children who are vulnerable to domestic violence and have other welfare needs, at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, and children with developmental problems and their family members.” However, there is no obvious increase in the numbers of cases served and groups and programmes are shown in Programme (1) under Head 170 of the Estimates.

1. Please explain the reasons for such a discrepancy and the specific policy arrangement.
2. What are the staffing establishment and the financial resources allocated for IFSCs and ISCs at present? What will be the staffing establishment and the financial resources after enhancing the manpower?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of cases served and groups and programmes run by IFSCs in 2013-14 indicate the actual services delivered to the families in need. The 2014-15 Revised Estimate is derived from the actual outputs of services delivered to the needy families in the first 2 quarters of the year. The 2013-14 Actual and 2014-15 Revised Estimate indicate that the service demand has become stable. The additional manpower of professional social workers in IFSCs aims at improving the workload of individual social workers in IFSCs so that the workers could provide more intensive attention for the cases under their handling. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) therefore project that the service outputs of 2015-16 will generally remain at the 2014-15 level.
2. The expenditure for IFSCs in 2014-15 Revised Estimate and 2015-16 Estimate is \$892.3 million and \$932 million respectively. After the increase in manpower resources in 2015-16, the number of frontline social worker posts in 41 IFSCs run by SWD will increase from 738 at present to 748. The 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will also be provided with additional resources in 2015-16 for them to arrange manpower with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2064)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Policy Address “propose(s) increasing the number of social workers in the existing subvented Parents/Relatives Resource Centres to improve parents’ ability to take care of their children with special needs, particularly young children”. Under Programme (4), there are only 6 parents/relatives resource centres. Only in the Social Welfare Department (SWD)’s website can we find that there are several other self-financing centres.

1. Please provide the details of the additional manpower and the financial resources required.
2. Please explain why the self-financing centres cannot benefit from the additional support.
3. Will the Government consider converting these self-financing centres into subvented centres?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 251)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD will provide an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of around \$3.2 million in 2015-16 to increase the number of social workers in 6 subvented parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in order to enhance support to parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons.
2. The modes of operation of subvented centres and self-financing centres are different. Subvented service operators must provide services subject to the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements while operators of non-publicly funded self-financing services make use of their own resources to provide services.
3. The two-pronged development of subvented and self-financing services can provide service users with more diversified service options. SWD will continue to monitor the provision of service in PRCs, including their coordination and interface with other community support services, and will keep in view the service demand of parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2071)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) have already been launched since 2014. However, these services are not shown under this Head. Please give the reasons and provide the total funding allocation, the unit cost, the total number of places and the number of service users of the 2 services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 239)

Reply:

The total funding allocations for HCS and ISS in 2015-16 are \$230 million and \$110 million respectively while the numbers of service places are 3 250 and 900 respectively. Information on the unit cost per case of these 2 services is not readily available. Since HCS and ISS were rolled out in March and November 2014 respectively, the relevant output indicators are subject to adjustments according to the actual number of service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2076)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Last year, the Government proposed to provide case management service in a number of services, including district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), etc. Please explain the coordination of the services and provide the details, including unit cost, estimated number of service users and effectiveness.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 238)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented case management service in HCS, ISS and DSCs since 2014. Case managers co-ordinate necessary services for service users, including personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care services, and make timely referrals so that service users can be provided with appropriate social and medical services. Together with a multi-disciplinary team comprising allied health staff, nurses, social workers, etc., case managers draw up individual care plans with service users and/or their families. They also collaborate with social and medical service units that receive referrals to facilitate service users and their families to get appropriate services. SWD has also set up a working group to integrate the experience of case management in the above services so as to establish relevant guidelines to facilitate effective implementation of the case management service approach.

HCS provides home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort services, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training services and nursing care) for persons with severe disabilities living in the community. The estimated number of places for HCS is 3 250. Information on the unit cost per case is not readily available.

ISS covers cash subsidy and integrated home-based support service. Cash subsidy is paid to eligible persons for renting respiratory support medical equipment and/or purchasing medical consumables, both with the subsidy level capped at \$2,500 per month. The actual

expenditure will depend on the number of eligible applicants. The estimated number of places for ISS is 900. SWD does not capture information on the unit cost per case.

As at end-December 2014, there were 16 DSCs with a total of 5 245 registered members and 24 ICCMWs with 21 278 registered members. The number of registered members in different centres varies in different period of time. SWD does not capture statistics on the unit cost or the estimated number of service users.

According to the statistics on the services, persons with severe disabilities have greater demand for rehabilitation training and nursing care services. From March to end-November 2014, operators of HCS provided a total of some 8 100 sessions of rehabilitation training services, some 6 700 sessions of nursing care services, social work intervention for some 1 500 service users and their families/carers and home respite service for 212 persons with severe disabilities. In addition, operators have also organised about 96 support programmes for carers. As ISS has been rolled out only since November 2014, SWD does not have sufficient data to determine the service effectiveness at this stage.

Case management service is not implemented in ICCMWs. Nonetheless, ICCMWs provide one-stop mental health support services including outreaching visits, casework, therapeutic and supportive groups, social and recreational activities, day training and public education programmes, and refer cases for clinical assessment and psychiatric treatment as necessary. During the period from the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010 to December 2014, ICCMWs served over 43 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems. Given that ICCMWs have built up certain experience since their establishment, SWD plans to review the services and development direction of ICCMWs in collaboration with the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs and relevant stakeholders in 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2077)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) mainly take care of frail residents and persons in need of care, they are places with higher risk of infections and outbreaks of influenza or other infectious diseases.

1. Please advise the circumstances and the figures regarding cases in which over 10 people contracted infectious diseases in subvented and private RCHDs and RCHEs over the past 5 years by type of homes and scale of outbreaks.
2. Are there any special measures in place to remind RCHDs and RCHEs to be particularly cautious when providing services during the peak season of influenza or other infectious diseases?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 240)

Reply:

From 2012-13 to 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had received a total of 138 reports of outbreaks of infectious diseases in RCHDs, including 137 in subvented homes and 1 in a private home, and 580 such reports in RCHEs, including 221 in subvented homes, 34 in contract homes, 20 in self-financing homes and 305 in private homes. SWD does not capture detailed information broken down by scale of outbreaks of infectious diseases.

With reference to the circular letters and guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of SWD will issue information on influenza or latest update on infectious diseases to RCHDs and RCHEs and remind them to implement adequate measures for infection control and prevention of infectious diseases. In collaboration with CHP of the Department of Health, SWD regularly organises training courses on infection control for RCHDs and RCHEs staff. In addition, SWD maintains liaison with RCHDs and RCHEs to monitor their implementation of measures for infection control and prevention of infectious diseases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2078)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (4) that the Government will roll out a pilot project on providing outreach pre-school rehabilitation service to children with disabilities in kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres. Please provide the policy details and the financial resources involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 252)

Reply:

To facilitate children with special needs or suspected to have special needs in ordinary kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres to receive the timely training they need, while providing professional advice to kindergarten teachers/child care centre workers and counselling and support to the parents concerned, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a pilot project of pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities (pilot project) with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Non-governmental organisations operating subvented pre-school rehabilitation services will be invited to submit service proposals for the pilot project. SWD is drawing up the specific implementation details and the financial resources required for the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting stakeholders.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2079)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (4) that the Government will explore the implementation of a pilot project on providing peer support service by trained ex-mentally ill persons in community psychiatric service units. Please provide the policy details and the financial resources involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 253)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is preparing for the implementation of the pilot project on providing peer support service by ex-mentally ill persons, with relevant details yet to be finalised. Preliminary ideas include providing training to ex-mentally ill persons for them to serve as peer supporters in community psychiatric service units, share their recovery experience with other ex-mentally ill persons in rehabilitation and support them to rebuild confidence and hope. Meanwhile, peer supporters will also assist in the implementation of public education programmes on mental health in order to enhance public understanding of ex-mentally ill persons. SWD plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund for implementing the pilot project.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2080)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (4) that the Government will roll out a pilot project on strengthening the support for persons with autism and their parents/carers. Please provide the policy details and the financial resources involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 254)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to roll out a 3-year pilot project to strengthen the support for persons with autism. It will include providing training to pre-school children who are diagnosed with autism or autistic features in order to enhance their development functioning and adjustment abilities, and providing skill training in the aspects of life, social, employment, etc. to high-functioning young persons with autism to prepare them for coping with various challenges when entering into adulthood. Under the pilot project, there will also be support to parents or carers of service users and professional training to service providers serving persons with autism. The details of the pilot project are to be finalised in due course. SWD plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund to implement the pilot project.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2087)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1), the number of supervision cases served under family and child protective services has fallen for 3 consecutive years. Please give the reasons and explain whether such a decrease is reasonable when compared with the current number of domestic violence cases.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The estimated number of supervision cases served by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) projected for 2015-16 is 7 813, a slight decrease when compared with the revised estimate of 7 876 in 2014-15 and the actual number of 8 037 supervision cases served in 2013-14. The estimated number of supervision cases for 2015-16 is projected with reference to the total estimated number of supervision cases served in 2014-15 and the average growth rates of new cases and closed cases during the same period. As the average growth rate of closed cases remained higher than that of new cases, the estimated number of supervision cases for 2015-16 is therefore reduced.

In spite of the increasing number of newly reported domestic violence cases in recent years, the Social Welfare Department has introduced various service improvement measures at the same time to enhance the effectiveness of the FCPSUs in helping victims of child abuse cases or spouse/cohabitant battering cases, their families and the abusers. More cases were closed within a shorter time upon achievement of the treatment goals, which to some extent, offset the number of new supervision cases served.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2099)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme), please advise -

1. the details of types of services to be provided under the Special Scheme, the geographical distribution and the year of completion; whether the services will meet the local needs;
2. the ratio of the services to be provided under subsidised or self-financing modes of operation.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 256)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Based on the rough estimation of the applicant organisations, if all the 63 preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 17 000 additional service places would be provided for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including around 9 000 places for elderly services and 8 000 places for rehabilitation services. The distribution of the proposed service places by district is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed its discussions and follow-up actions with the applicant organisations on the details of their project proposals. The applicant organisations will revise or refine their original proposals based on the comments from SWD and the relevant Government departments. SWD is examining the revised proposals received and expects to reach a clearer consensus with the applicant organisations on the scope and types of services and the number of service places as soon as possible.



According to the information available, it is expected that 5 of the projects could be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 100 and 450 subsidised places for elderly and rehabilitation services respectively. As for the remaining 58 proposals, they are at different planning stages. If the proposals could be implemented smoothly, it is expected that they would be completed in phases after 2017-18. The Lotteries Fund has allocated grants for 2 proposals to conduct technical feasibility studies (TFS), and it is expected that support will be provided to some of the other applicant organisations in 2015-16 to conduct TFS on their proposals.

2. In assessing project proposals lodged by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), SWD will look into the ratio of subsidised places to self-financing places for the proposed services with due regard to the need for different types of services and their operational modes in the community in the long run, the ability and operating experience of the NGOs concerned, the choices for service users, the maturity of the relevant services in the market, etc.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme**  
**Distribution of Proposed Service Places by Districts**

District	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
<b>Hong Kong</b>											
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	150	-	140	-	110	156	-	280	170	120	180
Southern	773	300	274	50	50	50	-	-	50	54	120
Wan Chai	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	180
<b>Kowloon</b>											
Kowloon City	165	190	150	50	150	100	-	60	150	120	330
Kwun Tong	932	-	140	200	-	50	-	120	150	360	540
Sham Shui Po	100	-	40	-	-	56	73	77	-	60	90
Wong Tai Sin	50	150	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	60	-	-	50	-	-	50	120	360
<b>New Territories</b>											
Islands	107	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	200	-	160	-	50	50	-	400	100	120	150
North	429	-	210	-	-	-	200	120	-	60	90
Sai Kung	250	-	80	60	50	-	-	-	90	60	90
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	120	-	80	-	84	100	-	120	84	60	60
Tsuen Wan	209	184	115	75	57	-	-	-	57	48	170
Tuen Mun	1 250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 254</b>	<b>1 704</b>	<b>2 009</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>1 227</b>	<b>1 201</b>	<b>1 302</b>	<b>2 540</b>

Legend

CoC Home	Continuum of Care Home for the Elderly
NH	Nursing Home
DE	Day Care Centre for the Elderly
C&A/SD	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
HSMH	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
HMMH	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons
LSCH	Long Stay Care Home
IVRSC	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Service Centre
DAC	Day Activity Centre
SCCC	Special Child Care Centre
EETC	Early Education and Training Centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2100)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the latest situation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme)? Please advise -

- (a) the names and locations of participating organisations by district;
- (b) the types of services and the number of places by location; and
- (c) the floor area and the estimated time of service commencement by location.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 577)

Reply:

We have received 63 preliminary proposals from 43 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the proposals, types of the proposed new services and places by district are set out in the Annex.

According to the information available, it is expected that 5 of the projects could be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 100 and 450 subsidised places for elderly and rehabilitation services respectively. As for the remaining 58 proposals, they are at different planning stages. Most of the project proposals are subject to further reviews, and the organisations concerned are required to conduct technical feasibility studies and local consultation on the projects in due course for further implementation in terms of the scope and type of the service and the number of service places. We therefore are not able to provide concrete information on the floor area and estimated time of service commencement of these proposed projects at this stage. Subject to smooth implementation, the projects are expected to be completed after 2017-18 by phases.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme**  
**Distribution of Proposals, Types of Proposed New Services and Places by District**

District	No. of Applications	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
<b>Hong Kong</b>												
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	4	150	-	140	-	110	156	-	280	170	120	180
Southern	7	773	300	274	50	50	50	-	-	50	54	120
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Kowloon City	5	165	190	150	50	150	100	-	60	150	120	330
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Sham Shui Po	3	100	-	40	-	-	56	73	77	-	60	90
Wong Tai Sin	2	50	150	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	-	60	-	-	50	-	-	50	120	360
<b>New Territories</b>												
Islands	2	107	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	3	200	-	160	-	50	50	-	400	100	120	150
North	5	429	-	210	-	-	-	200	120	-	60	90
Sai Kung	5	250	-	80	60	50	-	-	-	90	60	90
Sha Tin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	4	120	-	80	-	84	100	-	120	84	60	60
Tsuen Wan	4	209	184	115	75	57	-	-	-	57	48	170
Tuen Mun	4	1 250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
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**Legend**

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EETC	Early Education and Training Centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0063****(Question Serial No. 3200)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) ("over rent") over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 716)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2010-11 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by number of eligible members, were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	3 307	2 732	3 231	2 703	7 585
2	315	184	198	154	410
3	46	36	32	27	100
4	38	32	17	21	29
5	11	6	14	13	26
6 and above	2	1	1	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 719 (2.4%)</b>	<b>2 991 (2.0%)</b>	<b>3 493 (2.4%)</b>	<b>2 920 (2.1%)</b>	<b>8 161 (5.9%)</b>

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2010-11	201-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	13 445	10 675	9 693	7 444	8 188
2	4 842	4 408	3 882	3 457	4 200
3	2 900	2 329	2 236	1 840	2 206
4	1 205	1 138	909	971	1 120
5	453	423	341	374	419
6 and above	190	178	135	163	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 035 (57.4%)</b>	<b>19 151 (51.4%)</b>	<b>17 196 (49.1%)</b>	<b>14 249 (44.9%)</b>	<b>16 326 (51.8%)</b>

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2995)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How Many after-school care centres are/will be extending their service hours till 9:00 p.m. in the evening and how many places are/will be provided by these centres at present and in the coming year respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched the Enhanced After School Care Programme (ASCP) with effect from December 2014. A total of 34 after-school care centres operating the service on a self-financing basis provide extended hours service on weekday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays. As the service is still at its initial stage of implementation and operating organisations are required to submit the first report on service statistics in April 2015, SWD does not have the statistics on the number of service places provided by the organisations at this stage. SWD will keep in view the service needs and enhance ASCP as and when necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0065****(Question Serial No. 2997)****Head:** (170) Social Welfare Department**Subhead (No. & title):** ( )**Programme:** (3) Services for The Elderly**Controlling Officer:** Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Labour and Welfare**Question:**

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- of the \$71 million additional funding provided by the Government, how much will be spent on providing additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and on improving relevant services respectively?
- with the \$71 million additional funding, how many additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly can be provided respectively?
- set out the number of newly provided places for day care and residential care for the elderly by District Council district respectively, and the time by which these places will commence service;
- what are the details of the “improve relevant services” mentioned above?

**Asked by:** Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 21)**Reply:**

The Government will increase the recurrent funding by \$71 million to provide 58 additional places for day care (DC) service and 169 subsidised residential care service places, and to adjust the subsidies for 6 existing contract homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, with a view to enhancing the existing services, including end-of-life care service. The residential care places/number of places involved in the funding are as follows –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)	Year of Service Commencement
DC places for the elderly <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	58	5.35	2015-16
Newly constructed contract homes <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	60	13.39	2017-18
Making better use of space in subvented and contract homes <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	109	14.14	2015-16 to 2016-17
Adjustment of subsidies for the 6 existing contract homes	560	38.16	2016-17
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>71.04</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> One of the contract homes also provides DC service for the elderly.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The additional places for DC service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The newly constructed contract home will be provided in Sha Tin.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> The new additional residential care places will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 2998)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The number of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) receiving DS annually from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The number of DEs/DCUs receiving DS annually from 2011-12 to 2015-16 broken down by SWD district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	<b>No. of Subsidised DEs/DCUs</b>
2011-12	54
2012-13	61
2013-14	66
2014-15	70
2015-16	71

- (b) The geographical distribution of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided at Annex.



**Geographical Distribution of Subsidised DEs/DCUs Receiving DS  
(From 2011-12 to 2015-16)**

<b>District</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Central & Western	3	3	4	4	4
Eastern	5	5	5	5	5
Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	3
Southern	2	2	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Kwan Tong	6	8	9	9	9
Wong Tai Sin	5	6	6	6	6
Sai Kung	3	3	3	4	4
Kowloon City	3	3	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	4	6	7	8	8
Yau Tim Mong	3	3	3	3	3
Sha Tin	5	5	6	7	7
Tai Po	1	1	1	1	1
North	1	1	1	1	1
Yuen Long	2	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan	1	1	1	2	2
Kwai Tsing	3	4	5	5	5
Tuen Mun	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0067****(Question Serial No. 2999)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The amount of DS allocated to day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and the number of beneficiaries annually from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The amount of DS allocated and the number of beneficiaries annually from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with break down by each DE/DCU.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 23)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The allocation of DS for DEs/DCUs and the number of cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

	<b>Allocation of DS (\$ million)</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
2011-12	4.0	449
2012-13	12.6	555
2013-14	14.7	610
2014-15	15.7	640
2015-16	17.6	731

- (b) The approximate amount of DS allocated to the subvented DEs/DCUs according to their number of service places from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	<b>Allocation for DEs/DCUs (\$)</b>		
<b>Service places in DEs/DCUs</b>	<b>20 Places</b>	<b>40 Places</b>	<b>60 Places</b>
2011-12	30,000	70,000	100,000
2012-13	100,000	200,000	310,000
2013-14	110,000	220,000	330,000
2014-15	120,000	230,000	350,000
2015-16	120,000	240,000	360,000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3000)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The number of elderly dementia cases in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) as confirmed by psychogeriatric outreaching teams under the Hospital Authority (HA) from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The number of elderly dementia cases in DEs/DCUs as confirmed by psychogeriatric outreaching teams under HA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by DE/DCU.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. The number of cases for DS allocated to subsidised DEs/DCUs is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
2011-12	449
2012-13	555
2013-14	610
2014-15	640
2015-16	731

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0069****(Question Serial No. 3001)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) The number of DS quota for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The number of DS quotas allocated to DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by DE/DCU.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 25)Reply:

The number of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS and the number of cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follow –

	<b>No. of subsidised DEs/DCUs</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
2011-12	54	449
2012-13	61	555
2013-14	66	610
2014-15	70	640
2015-16	71	731

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. The approximate allocation of DS received by subsidised DEs/DCUs based on their number of service places from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	<b>Funding allocation to DEs/DCUs (\$)</b>		
<b>Service places in DEs/DCUs</b>	<b>20 places</b>	<b>40 places</b>	<b>60 places</b>
2011-12	30,000	70,000	100,000
2012-13	100,000	200,000	310,000
2013-14	110,000	220,000	330,000
2014-15	120,000	230,000	350,000
2015-16	120,000	240,000	360,000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3002)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

Based on the total number of eligible cases, the Government calculates the DS quotas and allocates them among DEs on a pro-rata basis. What are the details of the calculation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of elderly persons with dementia in subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). Funding allocation for DS will be given to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0071****(Question Serial No. 3003)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The subsidised amount for each DS quota in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The subsidised amount for each DS quota in DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by DE/DCU.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. The approximate allocation of DS received by subvented DEs/DCUs based on their number of service places from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Service places in Des/DCUs	Allocation for DEs/DCUs (\$)		
	20 Places	40 Places	60 Places
2011-12	30,000	70,000	100,000
2012-13	100,000	200,000	310,000
2013-14	110,000	220,000	330,000
2014-15	120,000	230,000	350,000
2015-16	120,000	240,000	360,000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3004)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. DEs are required to give SWD a detailed account of the use of DS while SWD also conducts random checks to ensure that DS is used properly. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The number of random checks conducted by SWD, the number of cases looked into and the irregularities involved each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16;
- (b) The amount of surplus DS returned to SWD where the DS was not fully used each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and the reasons involved; and
- (c) The number of day care centres/units for the Elderly (DEs/DCUs) which did not fully use the DS and had to return the surplus amount to SWD each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) DS allocated to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) is one of the central items for designated purpose. SWD will monitor NGOs' use of the allocations under central items to ensure proper use of public funds. However, SWD does not have breakdown information on random checks conducted specifically for DS.
- (b) & (c) The surplus of central items, including DS, is required to be returned to SWD. However, SWD does not have breakdown information on the amount of DS that was not fully used and had to be returned to SWD.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3005)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. DEs are required to give SWD a detailed account of the use of DS while SWD also conducts random checks to ensure that DS is used properly. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) The amounts from DS used by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) for employing additional manpower, purchasing related professional services, as well as providing care services and cognitive training respectively each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) The amounts from DS used for employing additional manpower, purchasing related professional services, as well as providing care services and cognitive training respectively each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 broken down by DEs/DCUs.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

With the funding allocation of DS, subsidised DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary. Through the regular reports submitted by the service units, SWD assesses and monitors their service performance and check if the service output standards stipulated by SWD are achieved. SWD does not capture breakdown figures for the use of DS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0074**

**(Question Serial No. 3008)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs), would the Government please inform this Committee: what are the details of implementation and the effectiveness of the aforesaid projects; given that the aforesaid projects have been implemented for over 3 years since their launch in August 2011, how would the Government continue to take forward the aforesaid projects in future; and whether the Government will regularise the aforesaid projects, if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of the University of Hong Kong (the Centre) to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of PCYOPs (the study). The study was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014. However, to facilitate the gathering of more data by the Centre in providing a more detailed analysis and recommendation on PCYOPs, the Lotteries Fund provided a further grant in May 2014 to extend PCYOPs for 1 year until July 2015 and the study for 6 months until May 2015. Upon the completion of the study in mid-2015, SWD will review the effectiveness of PCYOPs and consider the way forward.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3009)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. DEs are required to give SWD a detailed account of the use of DS while SWD also conducts random checks to ensure that DS is used properly. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

Has the Government reviewed the effectiveness of allocating DS for the provision of related services during 2011-12 to 2014-15? If yes, what are the details? If no, how does the Government monitor the service quality and find out the service effectiveness regarding DS?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

With the funding allocation of DS, subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary. With the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the funding received in arranging suitable staffing. Through the regular reports submitted by the service units, SWD assesses and monitors their service performance and check if the service output standards stipulated by SWD are achieved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0076**

**(Question Serial No. 3010)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department has provided funding in 2014 for 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) to increase social work manpower with a view to enhancing the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres. Would the Government please provide this Committee with -

- (a) the amount of provision for enhancing the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres from 2014-15 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the additional social work manpower employed by DECCs for enhancing the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres in 2014-15; and
- (c) a breakdown, by each DECC, of the additional social work manpower employed for enhancing the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres in 2014-15; and
- (d) the specific details of the work to enhance the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since 2014-15, an additional recurrent funding of some \$160 million has been allocated for 210 elderly centres, including DECCs and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, to enhance the community support and services for the elderly persons (including demented and frail elderly persons) and their carers. The above additional recurrent funding has been included in the annual subvention for respective elderly centres. SWD does not have a separate breakdown of this expenditure item in 2015-16.
- (b) & (c) Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
- (d) With the funding, elderly centres could strengthen their community support services for elderly persons living in the community (including demented and frail elderly persons) and their carers by enhancement in information dissemination, counselling services and the handling of care needs assessment and service applications, organising groups and programmes, promoting the awareness of dementia prevention, strengthening their coping capacity, forming

mutual support groups and organising trainings for carers, etc., with a view to alleviating their pressure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3011)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government launched the Pilot Project on Multi-skills Workers Training (the Project) funded by the Lotteries Fund in 2013. Under this “first hire, then train” project, young people are recruited to provide care services at elderly homes. Would the Government please advise this Committee of the following -

- (a) the number of places for young people to participate in the Project in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;
- (b) the number of young people recruited to provide care services at elderly homes through the Project in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;
- (c) the number and names of elderly homes participating in the Project from 2013-14 to 2014-15; and
- (d) the number of young people participating in the Project with a breakdown by the elderly homes participating in the Project from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) To encourage young persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The pilot project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 training places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project, with all of them having been arranged to take up care work in RCHEs.
- (c) & (d) The number and names of RCHEs participating in the 2 phases of the pilot project and the number of young persons participating in the pilot project are set out at Annex.

**Table 1: RCHEs and Number of Trainees Participating in Phase 1 of the Pilot Project  
(As at end-January 2015)**

<b>Name of RCHE (Phase 1)</b>		<b>No. of Trainees</b>
1	Kowloon Kam Wah Home for the Aged	1
2	Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	3
3	Culture Homes Four	1
4	Culture Homes Two	2
5	On On Sanatorium Company Limited	1
6	Guardian Home (Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home	2
7	Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre	3
8	Pine Care (Po Tak Branch) Elderly Centre	2
9	Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre	1
10	Tai On Elderly Home Limited	1
11	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	1
12	Hong Shing Home for the Aged Company Limited	2
13	Chevron Professional Nursing Home Co., Limited	1
14	Oasis Nursing Home	6
15	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	2
16	New Pine Care Centre	3
17	Sun King Home for the Aged Limited	3
18	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	1
19	Kato Home for the Aged	3
20	Ka-to Home for the Aged	2
21	Kwong On Nursing Centre Limited	1
22	Telford Nursing Centre	2
23	Lok Sin Kui (Caring Foundation) Elderly Care Limited	2
24	Fai-to Home for the Aged	1
25	Fai-to Home for the Aged (Tuen Mun) Branch	2
26	Fai-to Home for the Aged (On Lai ) Branch	2
27	Hiu Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre	7
28	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre	3
29	Hiu Kwong (Hung Hom) Nursing Centre	3
30	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited	3
31	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited	1
32	Harmony Home for the Elderly	1
33	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>70</b>

**Table 2: RCHEs and Number of Trainees Participating in Phase 2 of the Pilot Project (As at end-January 2015)**

<b>Name of RCHE (Phase 2)</b>		<b>No. of Trainees</b>
1	Tung Lum Buddhist Aged Home	2
2	Chi Lin Nunnery Chi Lin Care and Attention Home	5
3	Po Leung Kuk Tai Kok Tsui Home for the Elderly cum Cherish Day Care Centre for the Elderly	2
4	Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior	3
5	Po Leung Kuk Tin Yan Home for the Elderly cum Green Joy Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
6	Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior	1
7	Po Leung Kuk Fuk Wai Home for the Elderly	2
8	Po Leung Kuk Comfort Court for the Senior	4
9	Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit	1
10	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged	6
11	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Wan Wah Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
12	Hong Kong Christian Service Cheung Fat Home for the Elderly	1
13	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly	2
14	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Shan King Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	5
15	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong - Grace Court	6
16	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Social Service Kwong Fuk	1
17	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
18	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Care and Attention Home	1
19	Oasis Nursing Home	7
20	Yuen Yuen Home for the Aged	2
21	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home for the Aged	1
22	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)	6
23	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Lei Muk Shue Estate)	5
24	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Shun Lee Estate)	2
25	Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing	1
26	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3012)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Scheme) in 2015. Would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of places expected to be provided annually for young persons to join the scheme in the next 3 years;
- (b) the number and names of homes for the aged currently joining the Youth Career Navigation Scheme in Elderly Services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Government has earmarked \$147 million for the Scheme to be launched providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years.
- (b) There are 59 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) currently participating in the “first-hire-then-train” pilot project. Please see Annex for details.

**RCHEs Participating in “First-hire-then-train” Pilot Project (as at end-January 2015)**

	<b>Name of RCHE</b>
1	Kowloon Kam Wah Home for the Aged
2	Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited
3	Culture Homes Four
4	Culture Homes Two
5	On On Sanatorium Company Limited
6	Guardian Home (Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home
7	Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre
8	Pine Care (Po Tak Branch) Elderly Centre
9	Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre
10	Tai On Elderly Home Limited
11	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited
12	Hong Shing Home for the Aged Company Limited
13	Chevron Professional Nursing Home Co., Limited
14	Oasis Nursing Home
15	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited
16	New Pine Care Centre
17	Sun King Home for the Aged Limited
18	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)
19	Kato Home for the Aged
20	Ka-to Home for the Aged
21	Kwong On Nursing Centre Limited
22	Telford Nursing Centre
23	Lok Sin Kui (Caring Foundation) Elderly Care Limited
24	Fai-to Home for the Aged
25	Fai-to Home for the Aged (Tuen Mun) Branch
26	Fai-to Home for the Aged (On Lai ) Branch
27	Hui Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre
28	Hui Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre
29	Hui Kwong (Hung Hom) Nursing Centre
30	Hui Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited
31	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited
32	Harmony Home for the Elderly
33	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home
34	Tung Lum Buddhist Aged Home
35	Chi Lin Nunnery Chi Lin Care and Attention Home
36	Po Leung Kuk Tai Kok Tsui Home for the Elderly cum Cherish Day Care Centre for the Elderly
37	Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior
38	Po Leung Kuk Tin Yan Home for the Elderly cum Green Joy Day Care Centre for the Elderly
39	Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior
40	Po Leung Kuk Fuk Wai Home for the Elderly
41	Po Leung Kuk Comfort Court for the Senior

	<b>Name of RCHE</b>
42	Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit
43	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged
44	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Wan Wah Care and Attention Home for the Elderly
45	Hong Kong Christian Service Cheung Fat Home for the Elderly
46	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly
47	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Shan King Care and Attention Home for the Elderly
48	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong - Grace Court
49	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Social Service Kwong Fuk
50	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Care and Attention Home for the Elderly
51	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Care and Attention Home
52	Oasis Nursing Home
53	Yuen Yuen Home for the Aged
54	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home for the Aged
55	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)
56	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Lei Muk Shue Estate)
57	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Shun Lee Estate)
58	Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing
59	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0079****(Question Serial No. 3013)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for the ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) continued to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Pilot Scheme) to better serve elderly persons who were staying at home and waiting for subsidised nursing home places. From March 2015, the Pilot Scheme will be integrated with the existing Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of cases served yearly under the Pilot Scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15;
- (b) the number of active cases being served under the Pilot Scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year);
- (c) the number of places provided under the Pilot Scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15;
- (d) the annual provision for the Pilot Scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15; and
- (e) the Pilot Scheme's average cost per place per month from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 7)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases served by the Pilot Scheme yearly from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of cases served</b>
2010-11	163
2011-12	427
2012-13	431
2013-14	434
2014-15 (As at end-February 2015)	411

- (b) The number of active cases under the Pilot Scheme as at end-March each year from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows:

<b>As at end-March of the financial year</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
2010-11	156
2011-12	275
2012-13	290

2013-14	285
2014-15 (As at 31 January 2015)	283

- (c) The number of places provided under the Pilot Scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is 300.
- (d) The Pilot Scheme is funded by the Lotteries Fund. The expenditure for 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	4.41
2011-12	14.96
2012-13	17.64
2013-14	17.7
2014-15 (As at February 2015)	13.27

- (e) We do not capture information on the cost per case per month.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3014)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014, the Social Welfare Department continued to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Pilot Scheme) to better serve elderly persons who were staying at home and waiting for subsidised nursing home places. Starting from March 2015, the Pilot Scheme will be integrated with the existing Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of cases served yearly under the Pilot Scheme by each service unit from 2010-11 to 2014-15; and
- (b) the number of active cases being served under the Pilot Scheme each year from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year); and
- (c) the number of service places under the Pilot Scheme by each service unit from 2010-11 to 2014-15; and
- (d) the annual provision for the Pilot Scheme by each service unit from 2010-11 to 2014-15; and
- (e) the average cost per place per month for the Pilot Scheme by each service unit from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of cases served yearly under the Pilot Scheme by each service team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Service Team	No. of cases served				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)
Kwun Tong	49	136	136	155	143
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	56	144	145	140	127

<b>Service Team</b>	<b>No. of cases served</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong/Sham Shui Po	58	147	150	139	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>411</b>

- (b) The number of cases being served under the Pilot Scheme by each service team as at end-March each year from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Service team</b>	<b>No. of cases (as at end-March)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 January 2015)</b>
Kwun Tong	49	84	95	93	91
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	54	94	97	94	96
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong/Sham Shui Po	53	97	98	98	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>283</b>

- (c) The 3 service teams under the Pilot Scheme have been providing services to the eligible frail elderly persons in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Eastern and Kwai Tsing districts. 100 service places were provided by each service team from 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- (d) The Pilot Scheme is funded by the Lotteries Fund. The average expenditure for each service team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	1.47
2011-12	5.00
2012-13	5.88
2013-14	5.90
2014-15 (As at February 2015)	4.42

- (e) We do not capture information on the cost per case per month.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3015)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014, the Social Welfare Department continued to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Pilot Scheme) to better serve elderly persons who were staying at home and waiting for subsidised nursing home places. Starting from March 2015, the Pilot Scheme will be integrated with the services of the current Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee –

for the elderly persons who have been using the services provided under the Pilot Scheme before March 2015, will arrangements be made for all of them to continue to receive services under the EHCCS? If yes, what are the details; if no, what arrangements will be made and please provide the details of the arrangements.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was completed on 28 February 2015. Elderly service users of the Pilot Scheme have been arranged to be served by the service teams of EHCCS. To facilitate the successful handover of all the cases, service teams of EHCCS and the Pilot Scheme have carried out preparatory work together for the handover of the cases since early 2015, and to ensure that the implementation of all the individual caring plans based on each elderly person's health condition can be continued. By 1 March 2015, all the cases involving about 290 elderly persons had been successfully handed over.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3016)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons participating in the Scheme; and
- (b) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons who have participated in the Scheme without having made use of the services; and
- (c) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons who have participated in the Scheme without having made use of the services while the service vouchers have expired; and
- (d) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons having withdrawn from the Scheme and the reasons for their withdrawal.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The first phase of the Scheme was launched in September 2013. The accumulated numbers of elderly persons having participated in the Scheme were 1 251 and 2 002 in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015) respectively.
- (b) & (c) The Scheme aims at testing the viability of a new funding mode whereby the Government adopts a “money-following-the-user” approach and provides subsidy directly to the service users in the form of service vouchers. Eligible elderly persons may choose the service provider, the type of service and the service package that suit their individual needs.  
There were 1 217 existing voucher holders as at end-January 2015, among whom 968 were using the services provided by Recognised Service Providers. The remaining 249 voucher holders were choosing the service provider and/or service

package. Of the 249 elderly persons having participated in the Scheme but not yet used the vouchers, 66 were holding vouchers that had been issued for more than 3 months. The Social Welfare Department has followed up how they are choosing the service and is encouraging and assisting them to use the service as soon as possible.

- (d) As at end-January 2015, the accumulated number of elderly persons having withdrawn from the Scheme was 785. The reasons for withdrawal were as follows –

	<b><u>Number</u></b>
(i) Will be /have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	292
(ii) No suitable service providers/service packages	254
(iii) Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	107
(iv) Passed away	103
(v) Others (e.g.: hospitalisation, out of town)	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>785</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0083****(Question Serial No. 3023)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare, please advise the actual number of beneficiaries and the number of child carers respectively under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each of the past 3 financial years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Number of beneficiaries under NSCCP in 20__									
Age	Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6			Aged 6 or above				
District Council district	Home-based child care service (HCCS)	HCCS	Centre-based care group service (CCG)	HCCS and CCG	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG	Total	Number of child carers under the project
Central & Western									
Wan Chai									
Eastern									
Southern									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Wong Tai Sin									
Kwun Tong									
Kwai Tsing									
Tsuen Wan									
Tuen Mun									
Yuen Long									
North									
Tai Po									
Sha Tin									
Sai Kung									
Islands									
Total									

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 40)Reply:

The numbers of children served and child carers under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

**Table 1 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)  
(2012-13)**

District	Number of children served							Total	Number of child carers
	Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6			Aged above 6				
	HCCS	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG		
Central & Western	94	34	-	2	-	-	-	130	23
Eastern	134	158	-	2	18	-	1	313	74
Islands	195	209	-	-	43	-	-	447	26
Kowloon City	308	189	22	16	58	10	-	603	380
Kwai Tsing	188	67	344	28	11	31	3	672	80
Kwun Tong	383	196	103	30	29	2	2	745	60
North	142	151	9	1	31	-	-	334	50
Sai Kung	328	247	1	2	51	2	-	631	53
Sha Tin	305	141	-	-	1	-	-	447	82
Sham Shui Po	468	366	133	34	15	12	-	1 028	124
Southern	79	68	46	11	18	2	-	224	32
Tai Po	268	201	4	10	17	4	-	504	81
Tsuen Wan	177	134	1	1	10	-	-	323	34
Tuen Mun	350	320	98	50	118	19	11	966	64
Wan Chai	85	102	1	1	6	1	-	196	41
Wong Tai Sin	305	101	219	19	62	-	-	706	112
Yau Tsim Mong	418	288	140	107	60	11	10	1 034	110
Yuen Long	444	274	202	69	12	28	1	1 030	80
Total	4 671	3 246	1 323	383	560	122	28	10 333	1 506

**Table 2 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)  
(2013-14)**

District	Number of children served							Number of child carers	
	Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6			Aged above 6				Total
	HCCS	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG		
Central & Western	115	85	1	-	4	-	-	205	35
Eastern	202	145	-	-	55	-	-	402	104
Islands	174	189	-	-	8	-	-	371	136
Kowloon City	227	130	28	6	51	9	-	451	345
Kwai Tsing	191	48	395	31	8	46	-	719	82
Kwun Tong	280	148	107	15	15	10	-	575	54
North	217	145	9	6	5	-	2	384	71
Sai Kung	405	414	-	-	69	-	-	888	73
Sha Tin	364	153	-	-	18	-	-	535	90
Sham Shui Po	488	331	168	20	25	3	-	1 035	88
Southern	133	106	29	15	13	-	1	297	44
Tai Po	342	199	10	4	14	6	-	575	93
Tsuen Wan	203	174	-	-	51	-	-	428	43
Tuen Mun	410	338	134	48	110	46	12	1 098	61
Wan Chai	69	147	-	-	12	-	-	228	57
Wong Tai Sin	283	140	192	9	65	-	2	691	197
Yau Tsim Mong	422	172	50	148	25	4	3	824	153
Yuen Long	387	161	197	59	21	61	2	888	62
Total	4 912	3 225	1 320	361	569	185	22	10 594	1 788

**Table 3 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)  
(April to December 2014)**

District	Number of children served							Total	Number of child carers
	Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6			Aged above 6				
	HCCS	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG		
Central & Western	130	214	-	3	3	2	-	352	60
Eastern	200	70	-	-	15	16	1	302	147
Islands	114	119	-	-	20	13	-	266	21
Kowloon City	155	152	39	9	72	74	3	504	369
Kwai Tsing	154	35	274	16	51	53	4	587	82
Kwun Tong	230	109	94	9	24	31	1	498	53
North	139	108	24	13	30	20	4	338	89
Sai Kung	346	266	-	-	40	19	-	671	76
Sha Tin	280	162	1	2	14	15	-	474	87
Sham Shui Po	303	171	87	16	24	28	1	630	97
Southern	120	113	6	2	14	9	2	266	37
Tai Po	298	152	12	20	5	10	-	497	90
Tsuen Wan	185	103	16	-	45	22	-	371	55
Tuen Mun	309	295	59	24	84	66	17	854	53
Wan Chai	86	72	33	8	1	6	-	206	63
Wong Tai Sin	190	95	166	5	51	21	-	528	80
Yau Tsim Mong	351	100	72	109	48	6	1	687	183
Yuen Long	347	151	152	35	65	54	39	843	54
Total	3 937	2 487	1 035	271	606	465	73	8 874	1 696

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0084****(Question Serial No. 3024)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please provide this Committee with information on the following in the past 3 financial years by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare –

- (1) the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number for full-day care service for children aged below 2 and 2 to 3 provided by aided child care centres (CCCs) in each year respectively –

Full-day care service provided by aided CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Administrative district under SWD	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands												
Eastern/ Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung												
Sha Tin												
Tai Po/North												
Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun												
Total												

- (2) the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number for half-day care service for children aged below 2 and 2 to 3 provided by non-profit-making/private child care centres (CCCs) in each year respectively –

Half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Administrative district under SWD	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands												
Eastern/ Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung												
Sha Tin												
Tai Po/North												
Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun												
Total												

- (3) the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number for full-day care service for children aged below 2 and 2 to 3 provided by kindergarten-cum-CCCs (KG-cum-CCCs) in each year respectively –

Full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Administrative district under SWD	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands												
Eastern/ Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung												
Sha Tin												
Tai Po/North												
Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun												
Total												



- (4) the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number for half-day care service for children aged below 2 and 2 to 3 provided by KG-cum-CCCs in each year respectively –

Half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Administrative district under SWD	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central/Western/Southern and Islands												
Eastern/Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung												
Sha Tin												
Tai Po/North												
Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun												
Total												

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of places and number of places utilised for full-day care service provided by aided CCCs by district over the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.
- (2) The number of places and number of places utilised for half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs by district over the past 3 years are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
- (3) The number of places and number of places utilised for full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs by district over the past 3 years are set out in Table 3 of the Annex.
- (4) The number of places and number of places utilised for half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs by district over the past 3 years are set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

**Table 1: Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised  
for Full-Day Care Service Provided by Aided CCCs  
in Each of the Past 3 Financial Years**

Full-day care service provided by aided CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
SWD administrative district	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	40	40	40	40	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	94	96	95	96	96						
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	144	144	144	144	144	144						
Sham Shui Po	48	48	48	48	48	48	14	14	14	14	14	14
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung												
Sha Tin												
Tai Po/North												
Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	102	102	102	102	102						
Tuen Mun	64	63	64	64	64	64						
Total:	676	670	676	674	676	675	14	14	14	14	14	14

**Table 2: Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised  
for Half-Day Care Service Provided by  
Non-Profit-Making/Private CCCs  
in Each of the Past 3 Financial Years**

Half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SWD administrative district	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	-	Not available	-	Not available	-	-	302	Not available	260	Not available	162	72
Eastern/Wan Chai	-		-		-	-	182		350		350	184
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	36		36		36	28	1 064		1 048		1 076	666
Sham Shui Po	-		-		-	-	-		-		-	-
Kwun Tong	-		-		-	-	216		216		216	147
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-		-		-	-	42		42		42	15
Sha Tin	-		-		-	-	-		-		-	-
Tai Po/North	24		-		-	-	214		-		-	-
Yuen Long	-		-		-	-	-		-		-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-		-		-	-	196		196		196	158
Tuen Mun	-		-		-	-	74		74		74	57
Total:	60		36		36	28	2 290		2 186		2 116	1 299

**Table 3: Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised  
for Full-Day Care Service Provided by KG-cum-CCCs  
in Each of the Past 3 Financial Years**

Full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs <sup>[Note]</sup>												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
SWD administrative district	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	30	25	30	24	30	24	839	485	891	470	941	464
Eastern/Wan Chai	68	34	68	36	68	36	645	494	602	465	625	498
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	32	26	44	29	32	31	916	788	946	854	1 038	920
Sham Shui Po	16	16	16	16	16	16	368	294	400	354	362	323
Kwun Tong	72	48	72	52	72	47	519	445	550	481	555	491
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	67	64	67	65	67	64	991	671	1 008	754	1 014	774
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	556	438	552	483	572	488
Tai Po/North	12	12	12	12	12	12	639	402	588	398	555	411
Yuen Long	20	20	20	20	20	20	461	390	477	450	440	429
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	24	13	24	24	24	21	659	559	660	574	677	585
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	463	352	505	356	522	375
<b>Total:</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>7 056</b>	<b>5 318</b>	<b>7 179</b>	<b>5 639</b>	<b>7 301</b>	<b>5 758</b>

[Note]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau for September in each school year.

**Table 4: Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised  
for Half-Day Care Service Provided by KG-cum-CCCs  
in Each of the Past 3 Financial Years**

Half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>												
Age	Below 2 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>						2 to 3					
Year	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
SWD administrative district	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised	Number of places	Number of places utilised
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	84	80	116	59	142	105	2 104	1 233	2 424	1 288	2 791	1 418
Eastern/Wan Chai	254	306	254	110	254	119	2 589	2 065	2 104	1 656	2 514	2 038
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	190	304	190	215	214	133	2 330	1 998	2 807	2 539	3 067	2 706
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	328	263	323	286	354	315
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	836	716	822	719	829	732
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	10	8	9	8	10	1 748	1 049	1 727	1 157	1 961	1 372
Sha Tin	16	-	16	-	16	-	1 224	964	1 329	1 165	1 503	1 282
Tai Po/North	8	8	8	-	8	-	874	559	1 026	695	1 105	818
Yuen Long	24	16	24	16	24	16	670	567	636	601	603	590
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	16	8	16	6	16	-	1 397	1 159	1 456	1 239	1 565	1 343
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	619	470	771	543	959	689
<b>Total:</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>14 719</b>	<b>11 043</b>	<b>15 425</b>	<b>11 888</b>	<b>17 251</b>	<b>13 303</b>

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau for September in each school year.

[Note 2]

In some CCCs, one place may be utilised by different children in different timeslots. Therefore, the situation that the number of places utilised being higher than the number of places may appear.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3029)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Financial Secretary, the Government would enhance various support services (including residential care and community support services) for persons with disabilities and discharged mental patients. Since the establishment of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in 2010, the Government has not yet carried out any study or review on the overall service policy, operational issues and effectiveness of ICCMWs. Please advise –

1. if the Government will commission experts to study the service policy, position, operational issues and effectiveness of ICCMWs so as to review and enhance the services of such centres. If yes, how will it be carried out? If not, what are the reasons?
2. when the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will review the service delivery issues and development of ICCMWs jointly with the heads of organisations running such centres, the frontline staff and the service users. If yes, how will it be carried out? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

SWD has been maintaining close communication and liaison at various levels with operators of ICCMWs, the Hospital Authority (HA) and relevant stakeholders to monitor the operation of ICCMWs in ensuring effective delivery of one-stop and accessible community support services to service users. Given that certain experience has been accumulated since the set up of ICCMWs in October 2010 and that the Case Management Programme of HA implemented for patients with severe mental illness has been expanded to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong in 2014-15, SWD plans to review the services and development directions of ICCMWs in collaboration with the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs and relevant stakeholders in 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3030)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Financial Secretary, the Government will strengthen various support services for persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons, including residential care services and community support services, which will involve an additional annual expenditure of \$160 million. Please advise this Committee of the following –

1. what is the total amount of subsidies that can be received by all integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) from the additional expenditure?
2. what is the amount of subsidy to be received by each team of ICCMW?
3. will any revision be made to the Funding and Service Agreement on the relevant services after the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided the additional subsidy? If yes, please provide the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$12.7 million in 2015-16 to increase the manpower of social workers in ICCMWs. The preliminary plan is that each centre will be allocated additional resources in accordance with the respective team size. Upon the allocation of additional resources, SWD will work with the ICCMW operators to review and consider revising the Funding and Service Agreement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1418)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Why is the revised estimate for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15 lower than the approved estimate?
2. The estimated expenditure of the CSSA Scheme in 2015-16 is higher than the year before. How many additional CSSA cases will be due to the removal of the residence requirement? What is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The revised estimate for the CSSA Scheme in 2014-15 is lower than the approved estimate because the decrease in the number of CSSA cases in the year had been taken into account when projecting the revised estimate. Hence, corresponding adjustments have been made.
2. The increase in estimated expenditure for 2015-16 as compared with the previous year reflects the rise in the standard payment rates of CSSA by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government based on the established adjustment mechanism as well as the estimated increase in CSSA payments. The amount adjusted according to the established mechanism will be paid subject to the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.



The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. From the date of the CFA judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD received about 8 600 applications which involved persons aged 18 or above and residing in Hong Kong for less than 7 years. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a discretionary basis had the “7-year residence requirement” still been effective, it is estimated that as at end-December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, and the CSSA payment involved in 2014 was about \$175 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0088****(Question Serial No. 2795)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, the latest number of CSSA cases and recipients living in each public housing estate?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The number of CSSA households living in each public housing estate (excluding cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	510
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	54
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	22
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	1 205
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	405
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	493
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	545
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	356
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	520
Cheung Hong	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	1 311
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	466
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	282
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	148
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	662
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	772
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	1 857
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	218
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	166
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	698

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	213
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	1 308
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	526
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	1 008
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	685
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	363
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	864
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	1 210
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	532
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	1 387
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	122
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	386
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	503
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	74
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	47
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	728
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	1 791
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	637
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	269
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	691
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	787
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	157
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	509
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	623
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	125
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	255
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	704
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	599
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	131
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239
Kwai Shing (West)	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	904
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	319
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	540
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	225
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	664
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	648
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	748
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	262
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	215
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	404
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	24
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	647
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	582
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	572
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	1 640
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	676
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	717
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	538
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	881
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	677
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	451
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	288
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	1 790
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	82
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	1 004
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	655
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	849
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	826
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	471
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	96
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	150
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	87
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	384
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	678
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	1 312
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	441
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	249
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	221
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	97
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	120
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	264
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	596
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	50
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	57
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	772
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	1 091
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	96

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	997
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	751
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	1 883
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	572
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	1 271
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	515
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	1 675
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	2 220
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	426
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	96
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	54
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	237
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	831
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	2 752
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	1 296
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	60
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	1 346
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	2 161
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	967
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	1 797
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	350
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	802
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	923
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	485
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	569
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	156
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	946
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	379
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	647
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	692
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	600
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	1 238
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	673
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	957
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	435
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	593
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	1 792
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	82
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	747
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	1 264
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	713
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	1 118
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	943
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	904
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	1 564
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	897
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	199
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	351
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	1 044
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	745
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	830
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	631
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	1 687

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	504
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	1 190
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	977
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	274
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	302
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	131
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	615
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	1 476
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	199
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	1 883
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	307
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	1 200
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	360
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	26
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	938
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	412
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	1 759
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	1 812
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	1 171
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	190
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	1 035
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	390
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>

The number of CSSA recipients living in each public housing estate (excluding cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	330	124	107	190	91	37	21	900
Bo Shek Mansion	60	-	1	4	3	-	-	68
Broadview Garden	22	2	2	9	1	-	-	36
Butterfly	1 137	84	183	344	34	67	19	1 868
Chai Wan	319	33	58	114	17	30	15	586
Chak On	482	18	50	173	4	41	-	768
Cheung Ching	509	45	86	176	93	82	10	1 001
Cheung Fat	309	62	44	70	17	32	3	537
Cheung Hang	453	51	67	102	82	73	17	845
Cheung Hong	1 308	112	135	349	126	128	17	2 175
Cheung Kwai	44	3	8	17	11	15	-	98
Cheung On	420	51	51	74	12	38	9	655
Cheung Sha Wan	226	12	32	116	48	47	8	489
Cheung Shan	184	16	18	22	55	18	3	316
Cheung Wah	603	38	110	161	45	82	17	1 056
Cheung Wang	531	110	118	236	105	188	16	1 304
Ching Ho	1 223	95	389	1 040	267	436	62	3 512
Cho Yiu Chuen	236	13	18	18	32	18	2	337
Choi Fai	131	6	39	49	28	25	2	280
Choi Fook	530	34	77	352	85	138	8	1 224
Choi Ha	171	17	31	37	33	17	5	311
Choi Hung	1 186	72	197	410	120	140	21	2 146
Choi Ming Court	372	55	138	118	85	96	9	873
Choi Tak	781	38	103	515	99	112	33	1 681
Choi Wan (I)	598	68	142	280	83	120	22	1 313
Choi Wan (II)	352	18	72	124	42	53	16	677
Choi Ying	681	20	123	417	100	117	5	1 463
Choi Yuen	1 194	126	145	317	59	115	20	1 976
Chuk Yuen (North)	407	41	135	106	45	46	14	794
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 251	87	188	488	113	103	13	2 243
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	129	5	3	10	24	9	-	180
Chun Shek	323	27	77	105	29	23	7	591
Chung On	323	103	95	147	64	117	36	885
Clague Garden Estate	99	5	4	14	3	1	-	126
Easeful Court	25	6	14	35	28	18	10	136
Fortune	629	45	86	93	14	47	3	917
Fu Cheong	1 475	130	271	275	137	152	18	2 458
Fu Heng	462	84	200	106	19	68	14	953
Fu Shan	245	17	45	88	20	27	3	445
Fu Shin	570	68	168	184	43	74	44	1 151
Fu Tai	499	110	188	269	325	203	24	1 618
Fu Tung	105	17	47	83	35	24	-	311
Fuk Loi	492	49	79	150	18	25	12	825
Fung Tak	521	47	100	84	34	58	9	853
Fung Wah	90	15	22	23	9	13	7	179
Fung Wo	110	30	46	191	12	26	12	427
Grandeur Terrace	322	73	254	609	266	312	30	1 866
Hau Tak	466	66	135	159	82	106	19	1 033
Healthy Village	131	7	24	14	9	10	1	196
Heng On	260	49	92	114	36	35	37	623
High Prosperity Terrace	18	-	24	44	26	26	3	141
Hin Keng	302	26	73	77	39	44	11	572

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hin Yiu	132	17	52	81	17	10	-	309
Hing Man	184	35	34	100	90	47	2	492
Hing Tin	116	13	63	52	36	13	2	295
Hing Tung	207	48	47	92	47	27	2	470
Hing Wah (I)	320	83	60	80	63	33	1	640
Hing Wah (II)	662	78	77	233	56	47	5	1 158
Ho Man Tin	751	88	195	193	80	107	21	1 435
Hoi Fu Court	717	40	126	150	93	62	4	1 192
Hoi Lai	436	104	236	411	315	255	14	1 771
Hong Tung	228	12	7	13	-	2	-	262
Hung Hom	618	51	99	178	59	71	12	1 088
Jat Min Chuen	490	31	47	51	23	27	5	674
Ka Fuk	287	54	34	90	20	45	7	537
Ka Wai Chuen	300	20	43	34	9	25	2	433
Kai Ching	488	76	88	535	89	130	9	1 415
Kai Tin	367	45	124	104	73	55	10	778
Kai Yip	1 047	30	111	267	24	63	9	1 551
Kam Peng	45	3	10	17	-	16	4	95
Kin Ming	567	142	412	622	370	312	30	2 455
Kin Sang	133	23	26	47	16	20	1	266
King Lam	517	57	106	93	19	51	8	851
Ko Cheung Court	129	26	59	197	91	57	14	573
Ko Yee	245	22	28	76	26	17	-	414
Kwai Chung	1 709	269	593	1 169	543	555	81	4 919
Kwai Fong	759	118	221	205	212	189	23	1 727
Kwai Hing	120	15	18	39	15	16	2	225
Kwai Luen	256	28	89	302	92	102	16	885
Kwai Shing (East)	978	102	213	270	171	190	19	1 943
Kwai Shing (West)	645	65	97	206	76	81	18	1 188
Kwong Fuk	779	112	195	334	71	114	33	1 638
Kwong Tin	226	21	104	107	54	48	11	571
Kwong Yuen	335	90	119	123	25	42	54	788
Kwun Lung Lau	157	13	30	67	69	49	5	390
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	671	29	118	95	60	75	5	1 053
Lai King	626	51	54	177	76	53	12	1 049
Lai Kok	661	58	108	207	39	64	10	1 147
Lai On	196	39	58	60	11	27	1	392
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	14	41	21	7	19	-	320
Lai Yiu	335	46	76	97	86	78	11	729
Lakeside Garden	20	9	6	5	-	3	3	46
Lam Tin	553	29	117	225	104	68	12	1 108
Lee On	396	91	176	168	45	77	15	968
Lei Cheng Uk	471	46	74	177	41	86	12	907
Lei Muk Shue	1 178	196	318	614	311	237	47	2 901
Lei Tung	506	109	94	202	48	40	16	1 015
Lei Yue Mun	581	39	117	245	107	96	10	1 195
Lek Yuen	382	58	126	200	44	47	41	898
Leung King	667	78	162	250	71	85	16	1 329
Lok Fu	468	71	119	222	65	93	6	1 044
Lok Man Sun Chuen	448	22	54	63	57	51	1	696
Lok Wah (North)	254	30	82	132	33	59	18	608
Lok Wah (South)	2 041	54	127	336	23	90	20	2 691
Long Bin IH	17	11	19	25	-	38	-	110
Long Ping	870	89	179	342	88	171	31	1 770



	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	510	26	130	272	56	165	16	1 175
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	605	81	138	251	111	55	15	1 256
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	571	106	163	324	113	129	30	1 436
Lung Hang	342	25	146	238	82	51	32	916
Lung Tin	62	19	4	19	-	26	-	130
Lung Yat	85	15	23	120	30	28	9	310
Ma Hang	48	8	11	21	23	8	1	120
Ma Tau Wai	289	63	42	198	26	48	4	670
Mei Lam	565	42	149	276	31	49	23	1 135
Mei Tin	681	106	331	772	249	224	52	2 415
Mei Tung	341	46	57	167	58	74	13	756
Ming Tak	214	15	39	56	27	19	5	375
Ming Wah Dai Ha	225	19	17	18	15	14	2	310
Model Housing	60	22	26	30	42	7	2	189
Moon Lok Dai Ha	132	9	10	16	9	2	-	178
Nam Cheong	222	29	39	52	36	32	-	410
Nam Shan	481	48	87	260	25	75	2	978
Nga Ning Court	27	-	7	18	18	9	4	83
Ngan Wan	38	7	5	31	17	14	-	112
Oi Man	639	109	174	339	98	105	8	1 472
Oi Tung	916	150	113	219	84	54	7	1 543
On Tin	42	3	14	108	45	36	13	261
On Ting	857	88	123	288	66	104	19	1 545
On Yam	570	120	132	217	210	119	18	1 386
Pak Tin	1 607	99	319	459	155	218	26	2 883
Ping Shek	573	27	82	130	53	88	5	958
Ping Tin	1 043	89	189	305	92	132	27	1 877
Po Lam	421	65	99	170	51	50	10	866
Po Tat	1 391	115	264	461	280	352	56	2 919
Po Tin	1 432	177	377	281	49	269	21	2 606
Pok Hong	416	15	112	141	34	19	15	752
Prosperous Garden	92	-	6	2	-	-	3	103
Sai Wan	38	7	22	24	26	15	3	135
Sam Shing	210	37	27	76	19	45	12	426
Sau Mau Ping (South)	605	44	138	373	119	162	31	1 472
Sau Mau Ping	2 233	220	450	648	426	457	68	4 502
Sha Kok	1 015	110	323	439	70	90	57	2 104
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	52	6	14	18	6	14	-	110
Shan King	1 205	132	253	407	88	133	21	2 239
Shatin Pass	125	26	31	121	30	25	5	363
Shek Kip Mei	1 797	95	375	766	207	250	41	3 531
Shek Lei (I)	848	120	121	303	79	105	12	1 588
Shek Lei (II)	1 244	172	283	664	380	267	58	3 068
Shek Mun	156	16	105	218	55	47	35	632
Shek Pai Wan	578	115	128	193	174	78	35	1 301
Shek Wai Kok	832	123	151	321	83	95	22	1 627
Shek Yam (East)	401	58	72	83	54	48	6	722
Shek Yam	480	86	89	152	91	65	26	989
Sheung Lok	140	9	4	25	2	4	-	184
Sheung Tak	701	90	209	257	202	150	11	1 620
Shin Ming	248	30	74	173	46	43	1	615
Shui Pin Wai	607	37	91	165	40	70	10	1 020
Shun Lee	650	47	109	200	45	113	9	1 173
Shun On	595	54	72	143	38	59	5	966

	CSSA case nature							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shun Tin	1 259	70	225	286	104	169	36	2 149
Siu Sai Wan	433	172	137	301	117	127	7	1 294
Sun Chui	825	93	185	312	129	107	33	1 684
Sun Tin Wai	377	61	83	164	54	50	9	798
Tai Hang Tung	513	23	83	120	54	49	3	845
Tai Hing	1 713	147	232	433	113	164	23	2 825
Tai Ping	60	14	23	30	5	23	2	157
Tai Wo	682	68	163	118	17	48	13	1 109
Tai Wo Hau	1 062	157	224	382	149	177	20	2 171
Tai Yuen	436	129	321	245	127	147	46	1 451
Tak Long	638	97	175	661	143	214	23	1 951
Tak Tin	816	48	179	119	57	74	20	1 313
Tin Chak	622	101	242	352	98	177	38	1 630
Tin Ching	1 020	120	313	936	195	366	75	3 025
Tin Heng	430	104	349	633	431	481	31	2 459
Tin King	134	43	31	111	29	22	5	375
Tin Ping	272	33	93	95	51	42	5	591
Tin Shui	797	104	245	399	184	206	32	1 967
Tin Tsz	616	58	142	158	52	73	11	1 110
Tin Wah	623	77	188	240	79	130	17	1 354
Tin Wan	468	94	102	106	96	43	10	919
Tin Yan	1 155	111	283	601	88	243	42	2 523
Tin Yat	296	54	182	358	187	245	20	1 342
Tin Yiu	919	78	330	437	141	234	36	2 175
Tin Yuet	655	62	204	325	257	228	19	1 750
Tsing Yi	215	25	33	62	21	37	7	400
Tsui Lam	225	26	85	172	46	40	5	599
Tsui Lok	150	10	4	17	2	4	-	187
Tsui Ping (South)	527	44	107	153	60	74	7	972
Tsui Ping (North)	1 253	102	264	304	133	157	11	2 224
Tsui Wan	160	36	18	43	12	16	2	287
Tsz Ching	1 531	126	254	406	200	227	18	2 762
Tsz Hong	198	31	64	183	94	146	11	727
Tsz Lok	1 005	98	165	272	106	188	22	1 856
Tsz Man	284	30	52	123	80	80	10	659
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	16	2	7	7	4	1	2	39
Tung Tau	783	63	118	213	65	96	13	1 351
Tung Wui	361	24	40	76	12	23	7	543
Un Chau	1 519	123	266	321	175	174	35	2 613
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 705	93	248	241	154	192	27	2 660
Upper Wong Tai Sin	993	127	136	243	144	122	13	1 778
Verbena Heights	182	6	19	14	-	19	3	243
Wah Fu	814	191	164	344	170	94	28	1 805
Wah Kwai	303	43	68	44	33	16	5	512
Wah Lai	133	36	52	91	56	40	1	409
Wah Ming	466	113	73	171	23	58	21	925
Wah Sum	238	54	46	57	31	48	2	476
Wan Hon	568	4	19	50	3	10	6	660
Wan Tau Tong	234	31	36	36	12	41	2	392
Wan Tsui	418	111	90	234	73	64	8	998
Wang Tau Hom	512	106	127	247	105	127	23	1 247
Wing Cheong	203	22	55	145	43	70	5	543
Wo Che	571	132	309	353	125	136	45	1 671
Wo Lok	323	39	63	108	25	26	12	596

	CSSA case nature							
<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Old age</b>	<b>Permanent disability</b>	<b>Ill health</b>	<b>Single parent</b>	<b>Low-earnings</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wu King	318	48	147	239	79	108	16	955
Yan On	237	32	103	248	30	84	10	744
Yat Tung	913	182	573	1 114	865	778	76	4 501
Yau Lai	1 388	56	317	876	245	254	29	3 165
Yau Oi	1 110	152	274	440	247	203	27	2 453
Yau Tong	708	59	163	214	176	92	20	1 432
Yee Ming	144	7	56	162	37	47	-	453
Yiu On	215	48	106	102	33	24	29	557
Yiu Tung	610	107	108	150	67	96	2	1 140
Yue Kwong Chuen	56	9	11	10	-	7	1	94
Yue Wan	291	44	61	210	31	44	2	683
Yung Shing Court	246	63	61	70	74	81	14	609
<b>Total</b>	<b>119 359</b>	<b>13 680</b>	<b>27 167</b>	<b>48 218</b>	<b>18 780</b>	<b>21 160</b>	<b>3 457</b>	<b>251 821</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0089****(Question Serial No. 2796)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by nature of cases, of the latest number of CSSA cases and recipients in each of the District Council districts?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases by nature and district as at end December 2014 is as follows –

District Council district	Number of CSSA case by nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 080	235	316	208	70	191	43	3 143
Eastern	7 949	1 200	879	1 188	359	649	225	12 449
Islands	1 687	191	395	643	282	421	143	3 762
Kowloon City	8 381	1 062	1 284	1 722	340	1 003	156	13 948
Kwai Tsing	14 793	2 246	2 181	2 614	907	1 620	380	24 741
Kwun Tong	21 306	1 493	3 003	4 197	1 165	2 167	472	33 803
North	7 504	1 005	1 225	1 769	320	879	329	13 031
Sai Kung	4 301	770	921	917	334	516	295	8 054
Sha Tin	8 864	1 414	1 908	2 159	438	866	409	16 058
Sham Shui Po	13 677	1 142	2 678	2 726	633	2 468	356	23 680
Southern	4 741	1 132	722	596	222	261	209	7 883
Tai Po	5 406	516	931	919	160	402	225	8 559
Tsuen Wan	4 644	492	541	843	221	403	117	7 261
Tuen Mun	11 283	2 124	2 183	1 979	461	1 246	357	19 633
Wan Chai	1 017	71	124	98	16	197	83	1 606
Wong Tai Sin	12 179	1 095	1 792	2 181	634	1 245	322	19 448
Yau Tsim Mong	5 197	414	1 075	1 103	202	1 758	222	9 971
Yuen Long	12 267	1 620	2 758	3 657	819	2 347	542	24 010
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 276</b>	<b>18 222</b>	<b>24 916</b>	<b>29 519</b>	<b>7 583</b>	<b>18 639</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>251 040</b>

The number of CSSA recipients by nature and district as at end December 2014 is as follows –

District Council district	Number of CSSA recipients by nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low- earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 145	256	379	497	261	228	50	3 816
Eastern	9 466	1 667	1 409	2 867	1 164	1 055	250	17 878
Islands	2 194	326	848	1 612	1 045	1 120	212	7 357
Kowloon City	9 504	1 350	1 709	4 127	1 068	1 604	230	19 592
Kwai Tsing	18 661	2 971	3 527	6 349	3 147	3 082	612	38 349
Kwun Tong	28 501	2 132	5 139	9 925	3 582	4 104	822	54 205
North	9 196	1 381	1 924	4 292	964	1 688	493	19 938
Sai Kung	5 432	1 008	1 605	2 207	1 104	1 031	314	12 701
Sha Tin	11 308	1 948	3 430	5 164	1 355	1 496	748	25 449
Sham Shui Po	16 460	1 634	3 629	6 381	2 005	3 293	508	33 910
Southern	5 457	1 455	993	1 389	706	386	211	10 597
Tai Po	6 489	796	1 614	2 197	504	818	341	12 759
Tsuen Wan	5 696	699	858	2 011	742	687	200	10 893
Tuen Mun	14 248	2 582	3 123	4 625	1 486	1 898	449	28 411
Wan Chai	1 029	67	130	206	55	202	98	1 787
Wong Tai Sin	15 496	1 623	2 738	5 218	1 856	2 220	474	29 625
Yau Tsim Mong	5 431	454	1 230	2 398	648	1 776	292	12 229
Yuen Long	15 921	2 266	4 681	8 858	2 816	4 566	848	39 956
<b>Total</b>	<b>182 634</b>	<b>24 615</b>	<b>38 966</b>	<b>70 323</b>	<b>24 508</b>	<b>31 254</b>	<b>7 152</b>	<b>379 452</b>

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0090****(Question Serial No. 2797)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by public housing estate, the latest number of cases and recipients of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the SSA Scheme?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The number of cases of HDA, NDA, OAA and OALA by public housing estate as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Ap Lei Chau	51	372	397	1 672	2 492
Bo Shek Mansion	-	6	10	24	40
Broadview Garden	-	7	10	25	42
Butterfly	13	192	83	893	1 181
Chai Wan	5	58	22	453	538
Chak On	8	73	66	495	642
Cheung Ching	37	246	353	2 013	2 649
Cheung Fat	10	116	63	507	696
Cheung Hang	26	242	183	1 293	1 744
Cheung Hong	38	359	429	2 597	3 423
Cheung Kwai	2	21	14	108	145
Cheung On	57	440	307	1 866	2 670
Cheung Sha Wan	3	35	6	276	320
Cheung Shan	8	98	125	711	942
Cheung Wah	38	333	234	1 269	1 874
Cheung Wang	19	194	26	502	741
Ching Ho	29	258	31	619	937
Cho Yiu Chuen	14	133	362	1 096	1 605
Choi Fai	14	70	68	397	549
Choi Fook	9	72	16	500	597
Choi Ha	26	116	226	825	1 193
Choi Hung	50	341	708	2 466	3 565

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Choi Ming Court	11	127	30	442	610
Choi Tak	20	145	26	1 162	1 353
Choi Wan (I)	66	338	370	2 063	2 837
Choi Wan (II)	25	167	195	1 056	1 443
Choi Ying	21	117	45	628	811
Choi Yuen	42	273	193	1 133	1 641
Chuk Yuen (North)	70	345	834	2 632	3 881
Chuk Yuen (South)	34	288	310	1 621	2 253
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	9	54	139	388	590
Chun Shek	14	146	96	687	943
Chung On	22	172	32	398	624
Clague Garden Estate	7	25	81	231	344
Easeful Court	4	32	10	121	167
Fortune	14	108	102	448	672
Fu Cheong	23	262	102	1 128	1 515
Fu Heng	38	391	168	994	1 591
Fu Shan	8	73	106	616	803
Fu Shin	40	412	201	1 380	2 033
Fu Tai	35	328	55	925	1 343
Fu Tung	5	98	24	316	443
Fuk Loi	35	145	425	1 120	1 725
Fung Tak	43	238	533	1 721	2 535
Fung Wah	11	100	127	381	619
Fung Wo	4	40	5	123	172
Grandeur Terrace	15	208	20	372	615
Hau Tak	42	248	165	1 055	1 510
Healthy Village	30	117	356	604	1 107
Heng On	67	412	312	1 656	2 447
High Prosperity Terrace	5	46	23	154	228
Hin Keng	66	455	379	1 939	2 839
Hin Yiu	1	48	13	72	134
Hing Man	16	121	115	742	994
Hing Tin	38	162	266	1 031	1 497
Hing Tung	22	154	102	472	750
Hing Wah (I)	26	202	92	595	915
Hing Wah (II)	22	227	197	1 018	1 464
Ho Man Tin	43	354	435	1 772	2 604
Hoi Fu Court	12	143	133	772	1 060
Hoi Lai	30	252	100	881	1 263
Hong Tung	3	15	23	144	185
Hung Hom	13	90	69	642	814
Jat Min Chuen	35	222	258	1 135	1 650
Ka Fuk	14	129	36	337	516
Ka Wai Chuen	17	110	302	704	1 133
Kai Ching	3	89	11	573	676
Kai Tin	27	103	140	794	1 064
Kai Yip	33	193	207	1 316	1 749
Kam Peng	3	12	3	52	70
Kin Ming	30	308	45	638	1 021
Kin Sang	15	170	65	416	666
King Lam	44	297	207	1 159	1 707
Ko Cheung Court	20	107	46	338	511

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Ko Yee	12	71	72	426	581
Kwai Chung	56	570	233	1 743	2 602
Kwai Fong	74	409	622	2 307	3 412
Kwai Hing	15	78	264	706	1 063
Kwai Luen	9	51	6	212	278
Kwai Shing (East)	41	330	362	1 802	2 535
Kwai Shing (West)	17	251	404	1 841	2 513
Kwong Fuk	50	470	220	1 605	2 345
Kwong Tin	33	159	175	913	1 280
Kwong Yuen	48	308	212	973	1 541
Kwun Lung Lau	8	114	234	564	920
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	56	221	471	1 564	2 312
Lai King	32	244	356	1 556	2 188
Lai Kok	20	148	218	836	1 222
Lai On	28	97	156	518	799
Lai Tak Tsuen	33	152	474	1 035	1 694
Lai Yiu	22	139	193	924	1 278
Lakeside Garden	1	10	1	19	31
Lam Tin	7	78	25	592	702
Lee On	44	285	107	844	1 280
Lei Cheng Uk	58	285	495	1 559	2 397
Lei Muk Shue	54	473	551	2 907	3 985
Lei Tung	60	566	514	2 033	3 173
Lei Yue Mun	24	139	76	773	1 012
Lek Yuen	27	187	261	1 065	1 540
Leung King	27	432	116	983	1 558
Lok Fu	37	231	238	1 192	1 698
Lok Man Sun Chuen	24	162	629	1 425	2 240
Lok Wah (North)	41	172	221	1 171	1 605
Lok Wah (South)	37	231	283	1 958	2 509
Long Bin IH	-	10	-	5	15
Long Ping	41	493	204	1 406	2 144
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	16	105	32	823	976
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	59	364	507	2 069	2 999
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	56	291	388	1 655	2 390
Lung Hang	50	310	263	1 386	2 009
Lung Tin	3	7	6	74	90
Lung Yat	1	20	3	67	91
Ma Hang	9	62	40	227	338
Ma Tau Wai	17	158	217	636	1 028
Mei Lam	47	260	319	1 337	1 963
Mei Tin	23	290	42	651	1 006
Mei Tung	4	53	69	422	548
Ming Tak	11	50	36	306	403
Ming Wah Dai Ha	19	177	367	993	1 556
Model Housing	10	47	77	224	358
Moon Lok Dai Ha	8	34	116	333	491
Nam Cheong	13	112	158	510	793
Nam Shan	25	171	156	762	1 114
Nga Ning Court	1	18	3	50	72
Ngan Wan	2	21	9	74	106
Oi Man	52	460	743	2 642	3 897



Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Oi Tung	38	282	270	1 108	1 698
On Tin	4	44	13	173	234
On Ting	20	261	127	1 027	1 435
On Yam	37	283	611	2 539	3 470
Pak Tin	54	430	362	1 943	2 789
Ping Shek	54	239	627	1 786	2 706
Ping Tin	56	328	364	1 685	2 433
Po Lam	45	279	183	1 187	1 694
Po Tat	53	325	138	1 700	2 216
Po Tin	7	202	14	530	753
Pok Hong	76	440	420	1 983	2 919
Prosperous Garden	2	20	27	89	138
Sai Wan	15	60	79	213	367
Sam Shing	10	67	54	457	588
Sau Mau Ping (South)	13	106	37	666	822
Sau Mau Ping	117	652	554	3 766	5 089
Sha Kok	69	337	398	2 019	2 823
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	6	45	22	191	264
Shan King	28	470	205	1 629	2 332
Shatin Pass	3	37	6	114	160
Shek Kip Mei	48	400	300	1 927	2 675
Shek Lei (I)	30	278	408	1 949	2 665
Shek Lei (II)	26	296	193	1 308	1 823
Shek Mun	8	69	8	144	229
Shek Pai Wan	56	393	319	1 963	2 731
Shek Wai Kok	35	327	513	2 256	3 131
Shek Yam (East)	18	107	209	852	1 186
Shek Yam	14	141	129	712	996
Sheung Lok	1	9	22	106	138
Sheung Tak	45	284	91	1 065	1 485
Shin Ming	4	40	9	261	314
Shui Pin Wai	4	89	105	538	736
Shun Lee	44	241	279	1 659	2 223
Shun On	22	144	169	954	1 289
Shun Tin	74	370	396	2 379	3 219
Siu Sai Wan	70	564	406	2 048	3 088
Sun Chui	82	457	397	2 098	3 034
Sun Tin Wai	29	215	273	1 296	1 813
Tai Hang Tung	19	124	138	649	930
Tai Hing	29	390	249	1 899	2 567
Tai Ping	19	109	51	210	389
Tai Wo	62	477	212	1 372	2 123
Tai Wo Hau	84	459	544	2 728	3 815
Tai Yuen	34	388	194	1 493	2 109
Tak Long	12	117	11	738	878
Tak Tin	65	279	432	1 946	2 722
Tin Chak	9	160	25	365	559
Tin Ching	17	172	19	526	734
Tin Heng	22	376	27	591	1 016
Tin King	16	219	47	455	737
Tin Ping	48	362	130	863	1 403
Tin Shui	44	450	164	1 259	1 917

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Tin Tsz	10	203	49	467	729
Tin Wah	12	202	45	512	771
Tin Wan	26	233	189	906	1 354
Tin Yan	13	158	26	471	668
Tin Yat	14	195	21	335	565
Tin Yiu	48	571	158	1 363	2 140
Tin Yuet	15	190	43	475	723
Tsing Yi	22	193	174	972	1 361
Tsui Lam	42	283	175	1 181	1 681
Tsui Lok	4	18	23	106	151
Tsui Ping (South)	25	133	138	651	947
Tsui Ping (North)	105	463	600	2 661	3 829
Tsui Wan	22	192	186	700	1 100
Tsz Ching	41	352	365	2 037	2 795
Tsz Hong	9	107	29	400	545
Tsz Lok	58	308	258	1 579	2 203
Tsz Man	31	119	162	676	988
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	1	10	6	36	53
Tung Tau	54	359	634	2 114	3 161
Tung Wui	3	9	21	225	268
Un Chau	80	445	806	2 600	3 931
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	65	282	411	2 094	2 852
Upper Wong Tai Sin	39	243	312	1 362	1 956
Verbena Heights	3	31	17	161	212
Wah Fu	87	723	1 014	3 277	5 101
Wah Kwai	41	252	376	991	1 660
Wah Lai	7	90	22	188	307
Wah Ming	34	328	118	724	1 204
Wah Sum	7	94	28	274	403
Wan Hon	4	37	43	266	350
Wan Tau Tong	15	196	138	515	864
Wan Tsui	27	315	230	1 101	1 673
Wang Tau Hom	59	359	516	2 210	3 144
Wing Cheong	1	42	5	137	185
Wo Che	99	493	429	2 254	3 275
Wo Lok	21	83	118	582	804
Wu King	29	266	134	1 136	1 565
Yan On	5	69	8	279	361
Yat Tung	35	565	104	1 551	2 255
Yau Lai	40	295	99	2 003	2 437
Yau Oi	37	510	249	2 182	2 978
Yau Tong	37	201	150	963	1 351
Yee Ming	5	24	-	77	106
Yiu On	52	359	143	988	1 542
Yiu Tung	33	356	268	1 281	1 938
Yue Kwong Chuen	8	68	149	318	543
Yue Wan	24	182	123	698	1 027
Yung Shing Court	13	125	23	243	404
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 471</b>	<b>48 530</b>	<b>44 327</b>	<b>228 138</b>	<b>327 466</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0091****(Question Serial No. 2798)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by District Council district, the latest number of cases and recipients of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the SSA Scheme?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 4)Reply:

The number of cases of OAA, OALA, NDA and HDA as at end-December 2014 by district were as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>			
	<b>OAA</b>	<b>OALA</b>	<b>NDA</b>	<b>HDA</b>
Central & Western	11 805	7 677	2 928	712
Eastern	27 775	34 549	9 601	1 947
Islands	2 926	5 792	1 660	207
Kowloon City	17 642	20 804	5 287	1 046
Kwai Tsing	12 339	41 092	8 754	1 365
Kwun Tong	16 557	53 376	9 691	2 263
North	5 822	14 862	4 877	776
Sai Kung	8 457	20 599	5 281	1 094
Sha Tin	15 740	38 566	10 945	2 228
Sham Shui Po	12 980	23 216	5 693	1 121
Southern	9 122	16 924	5 217	849
Tai Po	6 340	14 737	5 071	830
Tsuen Wan	9 224	15 876	3 605	698
Tuen Mun	7 813	26 148	8 500	948
Wan Chai	9 647	3 911	1 571	525
Wong Tai Sin	12 403	37 628	6 894	1 279
Yau Tsim Mong	13 292	12 261	3 574	637
Yuen Long	10 185	23 729	8 259	1 039
<b>Total</b>	<b>210 069</b>	<b>411 747</b>	<b>107 408</b>	<b>19 564</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 2799)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the expenditure and estimated expenditure for the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), Guangdong (GD) Scheme, Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme for the past 3 financial years and the coming 5 financial years respectively?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

The actual expenditure or revised estimate of the SSA Scheme over the past 3 financial years (i.e. 2012-13 to 2014-15) and the estimated expenditure of the Scheme for 2015-16 to 2016-17 are provided as follows –

Type of allowance	2012-13 (actual) (\$ million)	2013-14 (actual) (\$ million) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	2014-15 (revised estimate) (\$ million) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	2015-16 (estimate) (\$ million) <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	2016-17 (estimate) (\$ million)
OAA	7,461	2,860	2,939	3,428	2,994
OALA	N/A <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	13,127	12,397	14,878	13,221
GD Scheme	N/A <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	84	280	331	296
NDA	2,434	2,095	2,267	2,695	2,334
HDA	685	717	789	957	853
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	<b>10,579</b>	<b>18,883</b>	<b>18,672</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>19,698</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> OALA and the GD Scheme were launched in 2013-14.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The expenditure or estimated expenditure from 2012-13 to 2014-15 has included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, the expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also includes the back payment to elderly recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 has included (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of various payment rates by 4.7% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) the 2 additional months of allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council).

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0093****(Question Serial No. 2800)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of cases and recipients under the low-earnings and unemployment categories of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past 3 years, and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases; the average duration of stay of unemployed recipients on CSSA; and the number and ratio of recipients who had received tertiary education?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 6)Reply:

The respective numbers of cases under the low-earnings and unemployment categories of CSSA from 2012-13 to 2014-15, and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases were as follows –

	<b>2012-13</b>		<b>2013-14</b>		<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	9 942	3.7	8 613	3.3	7 584	3.0
Unemployment	23 293	8.7	20 536	7.9	18 650	7.4

The median duration of stay of unemployed recipients on CSSA from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Median (years)	5.2	5.5	5.9

Unemployment cases might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health, low-earnings or single parenthood) in their earlier years, and not all of them have been receiving CSSA as a result of unemployment.

The respective numbers of CSSA unemployed recipients with tertiary education or above and their percentages to the overall number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Number	298	288	299
Percentage (%)	1.2	1.4	1.6

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0094****(Question Serial No. 2801)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The continual rise in rents in recent years has added to the burden of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients living in private housing, partitioned flats and bedspaces. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved as well as the number and percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the rent allowance over the past 3 financial years? Will the Government consider raising the amount of rent allowance to reflect the actual rental expenses of CSSA recipients? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 7)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved in 2012-13 and 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance</b>	<b>CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)</b>
2012-13	233 424	2,825
2013-14	224 992	2,902
2014-15	221 305 (as at end December 2014)	2,546 (up to end December 2014)

The number and percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA</b>	<b>Percentages of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (%)</b>
2012-13	22 884	9.8%
2013-14	17 553	7.8%
2014-15	25 067 (as at end December 2014)	11.3% (as at end December 2014)

The Government reviews MRA levels under the CSSA Scheme on an annual basis, having regard to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) rent index for private housing. According to the established mechanism, the Social Welfare Department has raised the MRA by 6.7 % with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0095****(Question Serial No. 2802)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise the Committee, by case nature, of the number of new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and the number of cases which left the CSSA scheme over the past 3 financial years.

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA new applications and cases closed in the past 2 years by case nature are provided in the following 2 tables –

Table 1: Number of CSSA new applications by case nature

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)
Old age	14 125	13 178	9 998
Permanent disability	1 574	1 601	1 222
Ill health	6 476	6 423	4 918
Single parent	3 435	3 657	3 381
Low-earnings	1 985	1 742	1 255
Unemployment	7 790	6 996	5 156
Others	5 593	5 917	4 080
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 978</b>	<b>39 514</b>	<b>30 010</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases closed by case nature

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)
Old age	14 455	15 049	11 610
Permanent disability	1 262	1 199	913
Ill health	2 423	2 397	1 826
Single parent	4 095	3 806	2 813
Low-earnings	2 627	2 296	1 637
Unemployment	5 244	4 669	3 332
Others	1 508	1 490	999
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 614</b>	<b>30 906</b>	<b>23 130</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2803)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in the Estimates of the last financial year that the Department would “conduct a review on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the progress or result of the aforesaid review, about which there does not seem to be any announcement. Why is there no mention of the review under Matters Requiring Special Attention in the Estimates for 2015-16, and has the review been dropped?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

OALA is one of the important initiatives to address the issue of poverty among elderly persons. The Government considers it more prudent to take account of the outcome of the current discussion on retirement protection in the review of OALA.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2805)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Paragraph 26 of the Budget Speech that the Government will “provide an extra allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients equals to two months of standard rate CSSA payments, and an extra allowance to recipients of Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Disability Allowance (DA) equals to two months of the respective allowances. This will involve an additional expenditure of \$5.5 billion”.

Would the Government please inform this Committee of: the detailed breakdown of the expenditure on the above relief measures provided for the recipients involved; the expected earliest time for the payment to be made; and in addition to the above one-off relief measure, whether the Government will consider reviewing the CSSA basic rate and the rates of other allowances (such as rent allowance under CSSA) as soon as possible to enable the recipients to maintain a basic standard of living? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary has stated in the 2015-16 Budget Speech that the Government will provide an extra allowance to CSSA recipients equals to two months of the standard rate CSSA payments, and an extra allowance to recipients of OAA (including Guangdong Scheme), OALA and DA equals to two months of the respective allowances. This will involve an estimated expenditure totaling about \$5.5 billion, including about \$2.4 billion for CSSA, about \$500 million for OAA, about \$2.1 billion for OALA and about \$500 million for DA. Upon the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015, the Government will submit funding proposal to the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council in accordance with the procedures to seek FC's approval. Subject to FC's approval, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will adjust its computer system to make extra payment as soon as possible to persons who are eligible for the relevant assistance or allowances as at the FC's

approval date. The Government expects that the extra payment can be made as early as about 4 weeks after FC's funding approval.

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts the CSSA standard payment rates (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. OAA, OALA and DA will be adjusted on an annual basis taking into account movements of the SSAIP. In accordance with the abovementioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the CSSA standard payment rates and the various allowances of the Social Security Allowance Scheme increase by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

SWD will continue to monitor movements of the SSAIP and adjust the abovementioned payment rates according to the established mechanism.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2806)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Department “provides material assistance in the form of food and other essential articles for victims of natural and other disasters” and “provides financial assistance from the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) for victims of natural disasters or their dependants as appropriate”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cases that required the above assistance in the past year, the number of persons who had received assistance in the above cases and the expenditure involved; and the provision reserved for the above purposes in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides emergency relief to victims of natural or other disasters in the form of cooked meals (or cash grant in lieu of cooked meals) and other essential relief articles. SWD also distributes blankets to needy persons during cold spells. In 2014-15 (as at end December 2014), there were 15 natural disasters involving 510 victims who had received emergency relief service. The total expenditure involved was about \$0.5 million.

The Director of Social Welfare is the trustee of ERF, which is set up to provide prompt assistance to persons in need of urgent relief as a result of natural disasters. SWD, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Marine Department and Lands Department are the operating departments. In 2014-15 (as at end December 2014), disbursements under ERF were granted to 3 378 victims of 8 incidents, and the total expenditure was about \$12.56 million.

In 2015-16, the funding allocation for emergency relief service is estimated to be \$1 million and \$10 million is earmarked for grant to ERF.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3094)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding matters on services for the elderly, please advise –

- (1) As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2014 Policy Address, the Elderly Commission would be asked to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) within 2 years. The formulation of the Programme Plan is structured into 3 stages, namely Scoping, Formulation and Consensus Building. The time frame for the first stage is from July 2014 to February 2015. When will the Government announce the results of the public consultation and the finalised scopes for this stage? Will the Government announce the results and the relevant conclusions as soon as each formulation stage is completed?
- (2) Please list by District Council district the canteen service places, vacancies and waiting list places provided in all the district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs).

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Elderly Commission (EC) is formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) with the assistance of a consultant team which has an in-depth understanding of the subject. The consultant team is led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak, Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong and comprised of members from other universities. The formulation of the Programme Plan will be conducted in 3 stages.

The public engagement exercise in stage 1 had been carried out from October to November 2014 to gather the views of stakeholders on the scope of the Programme Plan. The Government and the consultant team briefed the Panel on Welfare Services on the progress and listened to the deputations' views at the meetings in December 2014 and January 2015 respectively. The public engagement activities in

stage 2 are to be commenced shortly. EC will further engage the public and stakeholders on the directions and possible alternatives for handling the key issues identified. EC is generally carrying out its work according to its established timetable and aims to submit its report to the Government in mid-2016.

- (2) Elderly centres over the territory, including DECCs and NECs, are providing a range of support services, including meal service, at district and neighbourhood levels. At present, there are a total of 99 elderly centres providing meal service in various ways for elderly persons in need in light of the circumstances and needs of the district. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have records of the service places, vacancies and waiting list places for the meal service provided by elderly centres. Lists of elderly centres in 18 District Council districts are uploaded onto the website of SWD, with those providing meal service separately indicated.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0100****(Question Serial No. 0805)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In the past 2 years, how many persons applied for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, and what was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 28)Reply:

The number of OALA cases by district in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	8 533	7 677
Eastern	35 887	34 549
Islands	5 677	5 792
Kowloon City	20 984	20 804
Kwai Tsing	40 850	41 092
Kwun Tong	52 733	53 376
North	14 860	14 862
Sai Kung	20 074	20 599
Sha Tin	38 388	38 566
Sham Shui Po	23 680	23 216
Southern	17 468	16 924
Tai Po	14 691	14 737
Tsuen Wan	16 393	15 876
Tuen Mun	25 104	26 148
Wan Chai	4 471	3 911
Wong Tai Sin	38 468	37 628
Yau Tsim Mong	13 469	12 261
Yuen Long	23 219	23 729
<b>Total</b>	<b>414 949</b>	<b>411 747</b>

The actual expenditure for 2013-14 and the revised estimate for 2014-15 for OALA are \$13.127 billion and \$12.397 billion respectively, both including the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the year. In addition, the actual expenditure for 2013-14 also includes the back payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0806)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, numbers of elderly persons on the waiting lists, the average waiting time and the expenditure for each type of service in 2014-15; and
- (b) the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the anticipated waiting time and the estimated expenditure for each type of service in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The expenditures on the subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in the 2014-15 Revised Estimate are \$3,924 million and \$1,862.6 million respectively. The expenditures in the 2015-16 Estimate are \$4,255.3 million and \$2,150.9 million respectively.

The geographical distribution of the places for various types of subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) places in subvented homes, contract homes and private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), nursing home (NH) places in subvented homes, contract homes, and self-financing homes under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), as at end-January 2015 is set out in the Annex 1.

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are put on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for service allocation in Hong Kong, and they may choose to apply for more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places (i.e.

those in subvented/contract homes or homes participating in EBPS or NHPPS) in different districts at the same time. The average waiting time and numbers of applicants on the waiting lists of various types of subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly as at end-January 2015 are set out at Annex 2.

In 2015-16, the number of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

<b>Type of residential care services for the elderly</b>	<b>No. of residential care places for the elderly<sup>[Note]</sup></b>
NH places	288
C&A places	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> These residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong. Among them, new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong District. As for the subsidised residential care places under NHPPS, the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs across the territory to apply for the provision of residential care places, information on the locations of these residential care places is not available at present stage.

In 2015-16, the 78 additional day care places for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

The geographical distribution of the 1 666 additional EHCCS places is set out at Annex 3.



**The Geographical Distribution of  
the Subsidised Residential Care Places/Service Places  
(As at 31 January 2015)**

District	No. of residential care places/ places by service type <sup>[Note 1]</sup>								
	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	NH places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	EBPS places	DE/DCU places	EHCCS places (district basis)	EHCCS places (cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) places	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) places <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
Central & Western	-	257	188	486	129	171	174	40	585
Eastern	-	459	133	304	216	206		80	1 629
Wan Chai	-	462	-	54	72	154		30	507
Southern	-	1 415	-	466	108	158		80	1 020
Islands	67	322	63	-	40	89		20	246
Kwun Tong	-	1 135	434	559	407	421	336	150	1 942
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 053	464	177	290	406	428	100	1 440
Sai Kung	-	979	292	-	145	228		30	389
Kowloon City	-	658	90	1 409	158	290	236	30	1 337
Sham Shui Po	-	723	177	320	280	255		90	1 707
Yau Tsim Mong	-	115	158	731	152	188		40	921
Sha Tin	-	1 268	54	-	313	192	212	120	1 438
Tai Po	-	1 200	-	98	64	129		30	721
North	-	898	299	306	44	141		30	1 176
Yuen Long	-	937	66	656	115	178	256	90	1 231
Tsuen Wan	-	520	388	870	64	235		40	447
Kwai Tsing	-	1 695	345	927	154	336		90	1 164
Tuen Mun	-	934	243	465	110	160		30	1 282
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>15 030</b>	<b>3 394</b>	<b>7 828</b>	<b>2 861</b>	<b>3 937</b>	<b>1 642</b>	<b>1 120</b>	<b>19 182</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Elderly services are also provided by 211 elderly centres in Hong Kong. Such services are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above. There is no limit on the number of members, nor is there a waiting list for the services provided.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> C&A places include places in contract homes and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract homes and subvented NHs as well as purchased places under NHPPS.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of places as at end-December 2014.

**The Average Waiting Time and Numbers of Applicants on the Waiting Lists of  
Various Types of Subsidised Residential and Community Care Services for the Elderly  
(As at 31 January 2015)**

<b>Service type</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the past 3 months)</b>	<b>No. of persons on the waiting list</b>
C&A homes		
— Subvented and contract homes	35	25 269 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
— Homes participating in EBPS	7	
Overall	20	
NHs	32	6 384 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
DEs/DCUs	7	2 324 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	9	3 213 <sup>[Note 5]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The CWL does not capture the number of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC) nor its waiting time.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure includes some 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 6 553 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The figure includes some 650 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 617 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> The figure does not include 295 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (pilot scheme) and classified as inactive cases.

<sup>[Note 5]</sup> The figure does not include 98 elderly persons participating in the pilot scheme and classified as inactive cases.

### The Geographical Distribution of the Additional EHCCS Places in 2015-16

District	No. of places
Central & Western	173
Wan Chai	
Eastern	
Southern	
Islands	
Yau Tsim Mong	156
Kowloon City	
Sham Shui Po	143
Wong Tai Sin	341 <sup>[Note]</sup>
Sai Kung	
Kwun Tong	161
Sha Tin	182
Tai Po	
North	
Yuen Long	150
Tuen Mun	
Tsuen Wan	360
Kwai Tsing	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 666</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> 171 of these places only serve Wong Tai Sin District.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0807)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the expenditure, the number of places and the number of persons on the waiting lists for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school services and residential care homes in 2014-15. What are the estimated expenditure involved, the number of places and the number of persons on the waiting lists in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The revised estimated expenditure for 2014-15, the numbers of places and the numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities as at end-December 2014 are provided in Annex 1. The estimated expenditure and the numbers of places of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16 are provided in Annex 2. Given that the number of applicants on the waiting lists is affected by a number of factors, such as the household conditions, health conditions, care needs, etc. of the persons with disabilities, we are unable to make any estimate on the number of applicants on the waiting lists in 2015-16.

**Revised estimated expenditure, numbers of places and numbers of applicants for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2014-15**

Type of service	Revised estimate for 2014-15 (\$ million)	Number of places (as at end-December 2014)	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2014)
<b>Pre-school services</b>			
EETC	186.6	2 899	3 418
SCCC	283.8	1 775	1 182
IP	107.2	1 860	1 484
<b>Day training and vocational rehabilitation services</b>			
DAC	511.8	4 909	1 336
SW	283.1	5 111	2 728
SE	58.1	1 633	83
IVRSC	202.2	4 257	N/A <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
OJT	12.9	432	N/A <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
Sunnyway	13.9	311	N/A <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
IVTC(Day)	27.6	453	N/A <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
<b>Residential services</b>			
HWH	178.4	1 509	627
LSCH	228.2	1 587	1 535
IVTC(Res)	9.9	170	N/A <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
HMMH	235.7	2 384	1 781
HSMH	637.9	3 434	2 271
HSPH	113.6	573	556
C&A/SD	210.9	991	443
C&A/AB	135.0	825	130
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	7.0 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	64	93
SHOS	58.5	596	1 474
RSCCC	23.1	110	30

[Note 1] There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

[Note 2] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics in this respect.

[Note 3] Revised estimate for SGH(MMHC) only. The revised estimate for ISGH is included in the revised estimate for Small Group Home.

**Legend**

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC (Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children  
SHOS – supported hostel  
RSCCC – residential special child care centre

**Estimated expenditure and numbers of places for  
rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16**

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>2015-16 Estimate (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of places in 2015-16 Estimate</b>
<b>Pre-school services</b>		
EETC	207.3	3 251
SCCC	300.6	1 913
IP	115.2	2 100
<b>Day training and vocational rehabilitation services</b>		
DAC	582.3	5 297
SW	307.3	5 326
SE	63.5	1 633
IVRSC	239.6	4 387
OJT	13.2	432
Sunnyway	14.2	311
IVTC(Day)	27.8	453
<b>Residential services</b>		
HWH	181.9	1 534
LSCH	236.1	1 587
IVTC(Res)	9.9	170
HMMH	254.1	2 405
HSMH	693.2	3 652
HSPH	116.7	573
C&A/SD	221.0	1 031
C&A/AB	136.2	825
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	7.7 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	80
SHOS	62.8	666
RSCCC	23.0	110

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Estimate for SGH(MMHC) only. The estimate for ISGH is included in the estimate for Small Group Home Service.

**Legend**

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0103****(Question Serial No. 0808)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise the details of providing additional support for demented elderly in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), and day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in 2014-15, including the expenditure, number of places, numbers of elderly persons on the waiting lists and the waiting time. What are the estimated expenditure, number of places, numbers of elderly persons on the waiting lists and the waiting time for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 31)Reply:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided as an additional support for demented elderly in subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised DEs/DCUs. The estimated expenditure of DS for these service units in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Type of service units</b>	<b>2014-15 (\$ million)</b>	<b>2015-16 (\$ million)</b>
Subvented RCHEs / Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	210.1	219.8
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	15.7	17.6

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments in respect of their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elderly residents for DS in these RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. Based on the number of eligible cases in these RCHEs as confirmed by PGTs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and that in DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation of DS will be given to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of demented elderly. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.



With the funding allocation of DS, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary.

There is no waiting list or waiting time for DS. It is estimated that DS will be allocated to 261 RCHEs and 71 DEs/DCUs for about 6 400 elderly persons in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0104****(Question Serial No. 0809)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the provision of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, please inform this Committee of the following –

- The numbers of Government subvented rehabilitation service places, rehabilitation service places operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), residential care places provided by self-financing homes and private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and their enrolment rates at present respectively;
- The number of persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for each type of rehabilitation services and residential care places, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time at present respectively; and
- The cost of providing each type of rehabilitation services and residential care places per month on average at present?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The information on the rehabilitation service places provided by RCHDs of the 3 different financing modes and the average enrolment rates is provided in the table below –

<b>Type of RCHD</b>	<b>Number of places (as at end-December 2014)</b>	<b>Average enrolment rate (2013-14)</b>
Subvented home	12 243	95%
Self-financing home	425	81%
Private home	3 897	79%

- The information on the number of applicants on the waiting lists for different types of rehabilitation services and the average waiting time is set out in the Annex.
- The costs per place per month for rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, day activity centre and sheltered workshop in 2014-15 are provided as follows –

<b>Type of subvented service</b>	<b>Cost per place per month in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) (\$)</b>
Residential services	12,835
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,475
Day activity centre	8,863
Sheltered workshop	4,531

## Waiting list and average waiting time

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at end-December 2014)	Average waiting time in 2013-14 (in months) <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 418	19.0
SCCC	1 182	18.5
IP	1 484	14.1
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 336	57.6
SW	2 728	16.1
SE	83	2.2
IVRSC <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	N/A	N/A
OJT <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A
Sunnyway <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A
IVTC (Day) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A
Residential services		
HWH	627	7.2
LSCH	1 535	32.5
IVTC (Res) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A
HMMH	1 781	119.5
HSMH	2 271	105.6
HSPH	556	142.2
C&A/SD	443	48.0
C&A/AB	130	8.4
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	93	18.8
SHOS	1 474	16.5
RSCCC	30	17.5

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics in this aspect.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

**Legend**

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SCCC – special child care centre

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0105****(Question Serial No. 0810)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) over the past 3 years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15), please advise the details of the programme, as well as the estimated and actual number of cases served each year and the expenditure per case since the implementation of VSP.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 33)Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per annum. The target of VSP is to serve about 800 service users a year, providing emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering or child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work and recruitment of volunteers to assist the service users are conducted. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic or sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres or Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct application from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process. The actual number of service users served in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is shown below –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual number of service users</b>
2012-13 (Apr 2012 – Mar 2013)	661
2013-14 (Apr 2013 – Mar 2014)	704
2014-15 (Apr 2014 – Dec 2014)	478

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the expenditure per case.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0812)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated by the Government that it would enhance the quality of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and provide more such places through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). What was the number of places purchased under EBPS last year (2014-15)? What is the number of places to be purchased this year (2015-16)? What is the average cost per place per month for various types of places under EBPS?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

In 2014-15, the number of additional subsidised places purchased under EBPS is 300 (at EA1 level, i.e. places of a higher quality). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no plan to purchase additional subsidised places under EBPS in 2015-16. SWD will continue to provide additional subsidised places through various means, such as setting up new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), making better use of the space in subvented and contract RCHEs, etc. At present, the unit subsidies per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$9,978 and \$9,454 respectively while those for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$7,692 and \$7,253 respectively. In accordance with the established mechanism, the unit subsidy of EBPS places in 2015-16 will be adjusted following the annual price level adjustment. The RCHEs concerned will be informed of the amount of subsidy after adjustment in the second quarter of 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0817)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the utilisation rate or enrolment rate of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) since its implementation. Has the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme been reviewed? What is the estimated expenditure for the service vouchers in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

Based on the application dates for long-term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited eligible elderly persons, via Responsible Workers (RWs), to join the Pilot Scheme. The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. All the 1 200 vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014.

As at end January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. Among the voucher holders, 968 of them were using the services provided by the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs). The remaining 249 voucher holders were choosing the service provider and/or the service package.

SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected with a view to facilitate the Government's deliberation of the possible areas for refinement in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for launching the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 1594)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding “the provision of additional subsidised residential and community care places for the elderly” under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16”, would the Bureau please advise –

- (1) the total expenditure of the above initiative and the relevant expenditure per person in the revised estimate for 2014-15;
- (2) the total expenditure of the above initiative and the relevant expenditure per person in the estimate for 2015-16; and
- (3) the reasons for the increase or decrease in the above total expenditure and expenditure per person?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) & (2) The revised estimates for subsidised residential care places and community care and support services in 2014-15 are \$3.924 billion and \$1.8626 billion respectively, whereas the estimates for the same in 2015-16 are \$4.2553 billion and \$2.1509 billion respectively. The average monthly cost per subsidised place is as follows –

Service	Average monthly cost per place (\$)	
	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
Care-and-attention homes providing a continuum of care	14,288	14,374
Nursing homes	20,801	21,034
Contract homes	13,336	14,136
Day care centres/units for the elderly	7,631	7,733

- (3) Estimate for 2015-16 is higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. The additional allocation is mainly for the provision of subsidised home, day and residential care places, the full-year effect of new initiatives which have only been implemented in 2014-15, and the net increase of 4 posts in the Social Welfare Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0772)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding “the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services” under this programme, please advise:

1. How many people submitted application under the first and second phases of the scheme? How many applicants were admitted?
2. Did any trainees withdraw during the course of the scheme?
3. What are the average salaries and benefits for trainees employed as care workers by private or subvented elderly homes?
4. In addition to care workers, there is demand in many such other elderly service posts as physiotherapists, occupational therapists and dispensers. Will the Government follow the same approach to attract more young people to enter these fields?
5. Apart from young people, will the Government draw reference from the scheme and allow middle-aged people to enter these fields of work?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To encourage younger persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). At total of 548 applications were received under the first and second phases of the Pilot Project, with 211 applicants having been enrolled as trainees of the Pilot Project. Moreover, the Government will launch the “Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services” for providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years.
2. As at end-January 2015, there were a total of 142 trainees under the Pilot Project.
3. Under the Pilot Project, every trainee will work for 40 hours (first phase)/44 hours (second phase) per week in the RCHE hiring him and will receive starting



monthly salaries of \$8,200 (first phase)/\$9,100 (second phase). The monthly salaries for trainees registered as health workers will be increased to \$9,934 (first phase)/\$10,927 (second phase).

4. & 5. To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse (EN) (General)/ EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming years. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% have joined to work in the social welfare sector upon graduation.

Moreover, training courses for Health Workers (HWs) are offered by different training bodies, including non-governmental organisations (NGOs), self-financing institutes and tertiary institutions. As at end-January 2015, there were 36 training bodies, organising approved training courses for HWs for RCHEs. In the past few years, about 1 500 persons registered as HWs each year after taking these approved training courses.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme since January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these two programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for NGOs to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these programmes. A total of 59 students of the first cohort have joined the scheme and undertaken to serve the sponsoring NGOs for no less than 2 consecutive years immediately after graduation. 58 sponsored students completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort, with 57 students joining the Scheme, has started in January 2014.

Apart from the schemes to encourage young people to join the elderly service sector, relevant training or degree programmes, including those mentioned above, are also available for eligible middle-aged people. Meanwhile, SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate schemes and measures accordingly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0110****(Question Serial No. 0773)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding sheltered workshops (SWs) under the Indicators, please advise –

1. the number of SW places, the number of trainees, the trainees' average duration of working in SWs, the enrolment rate and the waiting time in the past 5 years;
2. whether the demand can be met with the provision of only 50 additional places in the coming year, given that the enrolment of SWs has already reached its full capacity for years;
3. whether there are any plans to provide additional SWs and SW places in the coming 5 years. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the trainees' average duration of working in SWs. The number of SW places, the number of trainees, the enrolment rate and the waiting time in the past 5 years are as follows –

Year	No. of Places	No. of trainees	Enrolment rate	Average waiting time (in months)
2010-11 (As at end-March 2011)	5 133	5 184	101%	16.9
2011-12 (As at end-March 2012)	4 999	5 042	101%	16.8
2012-13 (As at end-March 2013)	5 051	5 083	101%	12.6
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	5 111	5 058	99%	16.1
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	5 111	5 123	100%	Not yet available <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

2. Noting that some service users do not attend SW training daily, SWD has since 2003-04 implemented an over-enrolment arrangement in SWs with a view to

enhancing the cost-effectiveness of the service and enabling more persons with disabilities to benefit from the service. Meanwhile, the Government will continue to proactively identify suitable sites for provision of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. The Government will also provide more rehabilitation service facilities including vocational rehabilitation services through the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” with a view to relieving the pressure on service demand and shortening the waiting time.

3. The Government plans to provide about 1 250 additional places of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre and 50 additional SW places in the coming 5 years (i.e. from 2015-16 to 2019-20). Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres incorporate SW and supported employment services for the provision of one-stop vocational training for persons with disabilities in order to prepare them for advancement to open employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2292)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 8 of the Controlling Officer's Report states that the SWD will provide additional places in RHCs in 2014-15. How many more places will be provided in each category of RHC?

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has already provided 5 additional places in the residential care home for children (RHC) in 2014-15. The additional places mentioned in paragraph 8 of the Controlling Officer's Report refer to the 9 additional places in girls' home in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 2293)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) What was the total cost of Foster Care in 2013-14? What was the total cost of Small Group Homes in 2013-14? What was the total cost of Institutional Care in 2013-14?
- (b) Regarding the demand for residential care for children, please reply in the table below? (*\*here and in all questions below, "residential care" refers inclusively to: institutional care, small group homes and foster care.*)

	Foster Care	Small Group Homes	Institutional Care	Total
Number of initial referrals for residential care				
Number of withdrawn applications for residential care				
Number of places				
Number of children in care (male/female): (i) at 31 Dec 2013; (ii) at 31 Dec 2014; (iii) currently				
Number of waitlisted cases (i) 2013-14 average (ii) currently				
Average waiting time for admission (days)				
Average age of children in care				
Children's average length of time in residential care (i) at 31 Dec 2014 (ii) currently				

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 46)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The expenditure for foster care, small group homes (SGHs) and residential homes for children (RHCs) in 2013-14 was \$136.5 million, \$172.8 million and \$241.2 million respectively.
- (b) The required information on residential care service for children is set out in the Annex.

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	<b>Foster care</b>	<b>SGHs</b>	<b>RHCs</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of new applications in 2013-14	356	497	1 208	2 061
No. of withdrawn applications in 2013-14	157	227	541	925
No. of places (as at end-Feb 2015)	1 070	864	1 708	3 642
No. of children in care (male/female)				
- as at end-Dec 2013	487 / 432	426 / 362	889 / 600	1 802 / 1 394
- as at end-Dec 2014	494 / 438	433 / 359	890 / 574	1 817 / 1 371
- as at end-Feb 2015	487 / 441	434 / 369	899 / 570	1 820 / 1 380
No. of applicants on the waiting list				
- 2013-14 (monthly average)	19	381	242	642
- as at end-Feb 2015	7	366	216	589
Average waiting time for admission in 2013-14 (months)	1.8	3.7	1.8	2.2
Average age of children in care (as at end-Feb 2015)	7.0	12.6	12.2	10.8
Average length of admission of children in care (months)				
- as at end-Dec 2014	45.1	31.6	15.3	28.0
- as at end-Feb 2015	46.2	32.3	20.8	31.0

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2294)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children have waited for 30 days or more for a residential care placement, and what are the common reasons for not receiving a placement prior to 30 days?

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

There were 442 children who had waited for 30 days or more when they received residential care services from April 2014 to January 2015. Referring social workers would apply for appropriate residential care services according to the age, gender and unique circumstances of individual children. When a vacant place is available, the referring social worker and the residential care unit would arrange for the admission generally within 28 days. For children with emergency needs, referring social workers can arrange emergency residential care service on the same day or within several days subject to the circumstances of individual case.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0114****(Question Serial No. 2295)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) How many children entered some form of residential care (foster care, small group homes, institutional care) during the calendar year 2014?
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the ages of children who entered residential care in 2014, in the table provided:

<b>Age when entering residential care</b>	<b>Number of children (during 2014)</b>
0 - below 6 months old	
6 months - below 1 year old	
1 - below 2 years old	
2 - below 3 years old	
3 - below 4 years old	
4 - below 5 years old	
5 - below 6 years old	
6 - below 7 years old	
7 - below 8 years old	
8 - below 9 years old	
9 - below 10 years old	
10 - below 11 years old	
11 - below 12 years old	
12 - below 13 years old	
13 - below 14 years old	
14 - below 15 years old	
15 - below 16 years old	
16 - below 17 years old	
17 - below 18 years old	
18+	
Total	

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 48)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014, there were 4 842 children who had received various types of residential care services for children, including foster care, small group homes and residential homes for children.



- (b) The information on the ages at which the children entered residential care is set out in the Annex.

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Age when entering residential care	Number of children (Jan to Dec 2014)
0 - below 6 months old	408
6 months - below 1 year old	221
1 - below 2 years old	253
2 - below 3 years old	200
3 - below 4 years old	223
4 - below 5 years old	187
5 - below 6 years old	160
6 - below 7 years old	278
7 - below 8 years old	291
8 - below 9 years old	296
9 - below 10 years old	295
10 - below 11 years old	293
11 - below 12 years old	247
12 - below 13 years old	310
13 - below 14 years old	356
14 - below 15 years old	362
15 - below 16 years old	198
16 - below 17 years old	123
17 - below 18 years old	92
18 years old or above	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 842</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0115****(Question Serial No. 2296)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 were there because they had suffered from abuse or neglect? How many were there for other reasons? Please provide a breakdown in the table provided. Please include additional categories/sub-categories where applicable.

<b>Reason for entering residential care</b>	<b>Number of children (31 December 2014)</b>
Abuse	
Neglect	
Abandonment	

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 49)Reply:

As at 31 December 2014, for those children who were in residential care service, the reasons for their having entered are as follows –

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Number of children</b>
Child abuse/suspected child abuse (Child abuse/suspected child abuse cases include child neglect and abandonment cases. The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown.)	5 10
Temporary lack of appropriate care due to family problems or crisis (e.g. parents with chronic illness, imprisoned, found missing etc.), or carers being unable to handle the emotional or behavioural problems of the children.	2 678

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0116****(Question Serial No. 2297)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the children in residential care as at 31 December 2014 by age at which they entered residential care, in the table below:

<b>Age when entering residential care</b>	<b>Number of children (during 2014)</b>
0 - below 6 months old	
6 months - below 1 year old	
1 - below 2 years old	
2 - below 3 years old	
3 - below 4 years old	
4 - below 5 years old	
5 - below 6 years old	
6 - below 7 years old	
7 - below 8 years old	
8 - below 9 years old	
9 - below 10 years old	
10 - below 11 years old	
11 - below 12 years old	
12 - below 13 years old	
13 - below 14 years old	
14 - below 15 years old	
15 - below 16 years old	
16 - below 17 years old	
17 - below 18 years old	
18+	
Total	

Asked by: Hon Kwok Dennis (Member Question No. 50)Reply:

The information on the ages at which the children entered residential care is set out in the Annex.

## Residential Care Service for Children

Age when entering residential care	Number of children (as at 31 Dec 2014)
0 - below 6 months old	246
6 months - below 1 year old	153
1 - below 2 years old	168
2 - below 3 years old	139
3 - below 4 years old	156
4 - below 5 years old	127
5 - below 6 years old	100
6 - below 7 years old	202
7 - below 8 years old	209
8 - below 9 years old	215
9 - below 10 years old	210
10 - below 11 years old	176
11 - below 12 years old	153
12 - below 13 years old	216
13 - below 14 years old	233
14 - below 15 years old	222
15 - below 16 years old	111
16 - below 17 years old	61
17 - below 18 years old	58
18 years old or above	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 188</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1526)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will strengthen various support services for persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons, including residential care services and community support services, which will involve an additional annual expenditure of \$160 million.

- (a) Please provide the details of the above 2 support services as well as the respective expenditure items involved.
- (b) What is the estimated additional manpower in health care and the estimated additional expenditure involved over the coming 1 to 2 years for the purpose of strengthening the support services?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. xxx)

Reply:

The Government proposes to allocate an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about \$160 million in 2015-16 to strengthen various rehabilitation services in order to promote the development of the capabilities of persons with disabilities and facilitate their full integration into the community. This covers –

- (i) some \$118 million for providing 285 additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 550 additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services and 436 additional places for residential services to strengthen the care for persons with disabilities and provide the training they need;
- (ii) some \$25.9 million for enhancing the manpower of long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons and strengthening the allied health services of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons to take care of and support ageing service users;
- (iii) some \$12.7 million for increasing the manpower of social workers in integrated community centres for mental wellness to provide more intensive counselling and support for the families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons so as to relieve their caring pressure and consolidate their mutual help network; and
- (iv) \$3.2 million recurrent allocation for increasing the number of social workers in the existing subvented parents/relatives resource centres to strengthen support to relatives/carers of persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons including children or young people with special needs.

According to the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the above services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging

suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and other supporting staff, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1547)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that the Government “shall allocate \$130 million to strengthen child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-family balance”. What will be the expenditure items? What is the estimated expenditure for each item?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

To support women to achieve a work-family balance and further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. The initiatives to be taken with the funding and the full-year estimated expenditure are as follows –

- (1) Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$127 million;
- (2) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service (OCCS) and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and
- (3) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$1.4 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0119****(Question Serial No. 3201)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

An aging society is in great need of facilities for the care and attention of the elderly. How many homes for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) homes will be constructed and how many residential places or bedspaces are expected to be provided by the Government this year?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. 54)Reply:

Information on the planned additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Means</b>	<b>No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Nursing home (NH) places</b>	<b>C&amp;A places</b>	
2 new contract residential homes for the elderly	162	18	180
NH Place Purchase Scheme	126	-	126
Make better use of the space in subvented homes	-	91	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>397</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2786)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Among the Social Welfare Department's vocational rehabilitation services, only the number of places for sheltered workshops will increase from 5 111 in 2013-14 to 5 326 in 2015-16 whereas the number of places for supported employment, integrated vocational training centres, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities has remained unchanged in the past 2 years. Please advise this Committee of the enrolment rate for each of the above services and the average cost per place in the past 3 years. Has the Government earmarked any funding for considering whether to increase the number of places for each service in the future? What are the estimated expenditure in detail and the manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

To assist persons with disabilities in acquiring self-care abilities in daily living and job skills that meet the market requirements as well as securing suitable employment commensurate with their abilities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a range of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the competitive open job market. These services include sheltered workshops (SWs), supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway).

SWD further provided 295 additional service places in 2014-15, including 165 SW places and 130 IVRSC places. An additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$26.75 million for 2015-16 has also been earmarked to provide 500 additional IVRSC places.

Already provided in the Controlling Officer's Report, the cost per place per month of SWs is \$4,755. Information on the cost per place per month of other types of vocational rehabilitation services is not readily available.

The enrolment rates and expenditure for SWs, SE, IVTCs, IVRSCs, OJT and Sunnyway are set out in the Annex. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing for the provision of service, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

**Table 1: Enrolment rates for vocational rehabilitation services**

Type of service	Enrolment rate <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SW	102%	101%	99%
SE <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	122%	125%	129%
IVTC(Day)	82%	85%	85%
IVRSC	103%	105%	105%
OJT	105%	104%	97%
Sunnyway	94%	101%	96%

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the enrolment rate is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> SE primarily provides employment assistance for persons with disabilities so that they receive the necessary support to work in the open job market. Such kind of service is not confined by the physical setting. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, a lump sum grant is given to all subvented service units of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Hence, to allow more persons with disabilities to receive the SE service for enhancement of employment opportunities in the open market, some NGOs operating SE are admitting additional service users, resulting in the enrolment rate of SE being over 100%.

**Table 2: Expenditure for vocational rehabilitation services**

Type of service	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)
SW	242.8	254.7	283.1
SE	48.4	53.8	58.1
IVTC(Day)	24.1	25.4	27.6
IVRSC	160.9	170.1	202.2
OJT	8.2	10.9	12.9
Sunnyway	10.5	12.2	13.9

**Legend**

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0484)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards Item 470 "Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged" (PFD) and Item 811 "Short-term food assistance" under Subhead 700, please advise the estimated expenditure for 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for PFD for 2015-16 is \$70.7 million.

The estimated expenditure for short-term food assistance for 2015-16 is \$89.2 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 0512)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Programme (2) Social Security, please provide the following information –

- (a) the amount of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the number of recipients with a breakdown by case nature in 2013-14 and 2014-15; and
- (b) the number of cases and the number of recipients under the categories of “single parent”, “unemployment” and “low-earnings” with a breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 42)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)(i) The average number of CSSA recipients per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2013-14 were as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	
	<b>Average number of recipients per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	189 502	10,806
Permanent disability	25 178	1,384
Ill health	40 022	2,043
Single parent	71 171	2,812
Low-earnings	29 593	742
Unemployment	36 809	1,271
Others	10 097	437
<b>Total</b>	<b>402 372</b>	<b>19,496</b>

- (ii) The estimated average number of CSSA recipients per month and estimated expenditure by case nature in 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	
	<b>Average number of recipients per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	185 000	11,509
Permanent disability	25 000	1,490
Ill health	39 000	2,223
Single parent	71 000	3,230
Low-earnings	26 000	760
Unemployment	33 000	1,260
Others	8 000	359
<b>Total</b>	<b>387 000</b>	<b>20,831</b>

The expenditure includes payment of one additional month of standard rates payment in the respective years. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- (b)(i) The number of single parents (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) cases by duration of receiving CSSA from 2013-14 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA (year)</b>	<b>2013-14</b>			<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>		
	<b>SP</b>	<b>UT</b>	<b>LE</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>UT</b>	<b>LE</b>
1 or less	2 441	2 230	322	2 886	2 091	301
More than 1 to 2	2 406	1 477	391	2 479	1 305	311
More than 2 to 3	2 096	1 227	367	2 336	1 081	332
More than 3 to 4	2 205	1 293	431	2 015	990	332
More than 4 to 5	2 277	1 444	556	2 057	1 007	373
More than 5	16 148	9 138	5 396	15 525	8 721	4 895
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 573</b>	<b>16 809</b>	<b>7 463</b>	<b>27 298</b>	<b>15 195</b>	<b>6 544</b>

- (ii) The number of single parents (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) recipients by duration of receiving CSSA from 2013-14 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA (year)</b>	<b>2013-14</b>			<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>		
	<b>SP</b>	<b>UT</b>	<b>LE</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>UT</b>	<b>LE</b>
1 or less	7 696	4 588	1 893	9 088	4 751	1 851
More than 1 to 2	6 756	3 076	1 863	6 974	2 704	1 602
More than 2 to 3	5 859	2 557	1 753	6 365	2 330	1 635
More than 3 to 4	5 916	2 571	1 888	5 453	2 080	1 587
More than 4 to 5	5 880	2 890	2 190	5 364	2 024	1 612
More than 5	38 687	18 402	18 221	36 769	17 365	16 221
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 794</b>	<b>34 084</b>	<b>27 808</b>	<b>70 013</b>	<b>31 254</b>	<b>24 508</b>

The duration of receiving CSSA refers to the continuous period of receiving CSSA by cases concerned, regardless of whether there have been any changes in case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 0513)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Programme (2) Social Security, please provide the following information –

- (a) the number of recipients with earnings from employment with a breakdown by range of earnings in 2013-14 and 2014-15; and
- (b) a breakdown of the number of “low-earnings” Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases transferred from other categories of case nature (including numbers of cases and recipients) (by comparing the figures as at end-2013 with those as at end-2014).

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 42)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment by range of such earnings from 2013-14 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Earnings from employment per month</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Less than \$1,000	5 420	5 358
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	3 853	3 547
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	2 946	2 870
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	3 867	3 588
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	3 268	3 137
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	1 870	1 844
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	1 492	1 273
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 624	1 359
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	1 084	961
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	781	726
\$10,000 and above	797	849
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 002</b>	<b>25 512</b>



- (b) Of the 7 584 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2014, 1 307 cases involving 4 167 recipients under other case natures as at end-December 2013. Details are as follows –

<b>Case nature as at end-December 2013</b>	<b>Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-December 2014</b>	<b>Number of recipients involved</b>
Old age	219	661
Permanent disability	46	153
Ill health	121	402
Single parent	234	540
Unemployment	626	2 212
Others	61	199
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1 307</b>	<b>4 167</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0124****(Question Serial No. 0514)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (180) Social Security Allowance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of applications for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) being turned down in 2014-15 with a breakdown by reasons for turning down the applications. If the relevant breakdown figures are not available, would the Government consider collecting relevant data to facilitate public monitoring of the implementation of OALA?

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 43)Reply:

A breakdown of the number of new applications and re-applications for OALA being turned down during the period from 1 April to 31 December 2014 by reasons is provided as follows –

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
Assets over limit	94
Income over limit	76
Not meeting the age requirement	19
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 317
Absence from Hong Kong <sup>[Note]</sup>	81
Withdrawal	755
Lost contact <sup>[Note]</sup>	140
Deceased <sup>[Note]</sup>	55
Converted to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	27
Other reasons	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 607</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> These applicants failed to complete the application procedures so the Social Welfare Department could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0515)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (180) Social Security Allowance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise:

- (a) The staff establishment for approving cases and the expenditure involved in 2014-15; and
- (b) The estimated staff establishment for approving cases and the expenditure involved in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) In the first year of implementing OALA in 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) created about 100 additional posts, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$32 million. In 2014-15, SWD further recruited about 40 additional staff to conduct a postal review on OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$11 million. In 2015-16, no additional manpower will be involved in handling OALA cases.
- Since social security staff are responsible for handling cases under various social security schemes (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, and OALA is one of the allowances under the SSA Scheme), SWD does not have breakdown on the number of social security staff designated for handling OALA cases, nor the expenditure involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0126****(Question Serial No. 0516)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the total numbers of elderly persons who had been on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places in 2013 and 2014 respectively? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while on the waiting list?

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

As at end-January 2015, there were 6 384 elderly applicants on the waiting list for NH places. The number of elderly applicants who had been on the waiting list for NH places in 2013 and 2014 were 9 666 and 10 069 respectively. The number of elderly applicants who left the waiting list for various reasons in 2013 and 2014 was as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly applicants	
	2013	2014
Allocated with places	855	1 005
Withdrawal	354	334
Passed away	1 729	1 911

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 1991)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

There were only limited increases in the number of places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) in each of the past 3 years. Please provide the numbers of persons on the waiting lists and the average waiting time in the past 3 years. Has the Bureau earmarked adequate resources and put in place measures, covering manpower and resources, for increasing the number of places to meet the demand? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 37)Reply:

The number of applicants for subsidised DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time in the past 3 years are as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>No. of applicants</b>	<b>Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the past 3 months)</b>
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2 171	9
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2 097 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	9
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	2 324 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	7

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Excluding the 270 elderly persons being defined as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme)

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Excluding the 295 elderly persons being defined as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme

Apart from additional resources for providing additional places for day care (DC) service for the elderly in 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department has also earmarked sites in new development projects for the construction of new contract homes and DEs/DCUs. It is expected that an additional 390 places for DC service will be provided. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality, meet service needs and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1992)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding continuing to support the Elderly Commission (EC) in exploring the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly, what is the progress so far? Has the Government set any specific timetable? What are the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

EC is conducting a feasibility study on introducing vouchers for residential care services (RCS voucher scheme) for the elderly with the assistance of a consultant team which has an in-depth understanding of the subject. The consultant team is led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak, Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong and comprised of members from other universities. It is expected that EC will submit its recommendations by mid-2015. If it is considered feasible to run the RCS voucher scheme, the Government will provide the resources. In this connection, about \$800 million has been earmarked to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

The consultancy team had put forward some preliminary findings and recommendations on the feasibility study and had organised public engagement sessions in mid-February 2015 in which the sector, service users and their families, as well as other stakeholders, were consulted on the initial ideas of the scheme. The Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the consultant team had reported the progress of the feasibility study and collected the views of the members and organisations at the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council in February and March 2015 respectively. With reference to the views collected in the public engagement sessions and the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services, the consultant team will review the preliminary findings and recommendations and make a report to EC to facilitate the formulation of final recommendations. An expenditure of \$1.4 million is involved in the feasibility study. Moreover, 7 civil service posts in SWD at an estimated annual expenditure of \$4.32 million will be involved in facilitating the study and supporting the implementation of the relevant arrangements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1993)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the initiative to continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please provide the following information –

- a. the amount of resources involved and the number of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme so far;
- b. the effectiveness of the Scheme, the types of services used and the relevant breakdown figures; and
- c. whether the Government has considered expanding the beneficiary groups and extending the coverage of the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for launching the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.  
The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. Among the voucher holders, 968 of them were using the services provided by RSPs. The remaining 249 voucher holders were choosing the service provider and/or the service package.
- b. All of the 1 200 service vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014. Moreover, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme.  
Regarding the types of services, voucher users in the first phase can opt for single mode (i.e. day care (part-time) services) or mixed mode (i.e. day care (part-time) and

home care services). As at the end of 2014, among the 951 voucher holders, 625 had opted for the single mode, while the remaining 326 had opted for the mixed-mode.

- c. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected with a view to facilitate the Government's deliberation of the possible areas for refinement in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, including whether the Pilot Scheme should be extended to other districts and whether the scope of services should be extended to cover severely impaired service users in addition to moderately impaired elderly persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1994)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (Pilot Scheme), please provide the following information –

- a. the amount of resources involved and the number of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme so far;
- b. the effectiveness of the Scheme; and
- c. whether the Government will consider regularising the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 to enhance the drug management capabilities of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and their staff. A sum of \$5 million has been earmarked for implementing the Pilot Scheme for the first 3 years (i.e. from June 2010 to June 2013). To review the Pilot Scheme comprehensively, the Government has earmarked an additional \$2.8 million for extending the Pilot Scheme for 2 years to September 2015. About 8 830 elderly residents of RCHEs participating in the Pilot Scheme have been served since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.
- b. & c. As at end-February 2015, the visiting pharmacists had paid 6 277 visits to a total of 94 RCHEs, provided 23 542 service hours, completed 9 487 medication reconciliations and 9 918 medication reviews, and answered 196 calls via a telephone hotline. We are now reviewing the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, and will consider the way forward in the light of the review findings.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1995)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the initiative to continue to organise the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector,

- a. has the Government evaluated the long-term manpower planning of nurses in the welfare sector, including the manpower requirement and ratio of enrolled nurses (ENs) and registered nurses to cope with the needs? If yes, please give the details.
- b. since 2014-15, the Government has increased the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enable them to recruit allied health professionals and nurses more effectively. In this regard, what is the estimated number of additional ENs/registered nurses/allied health professionals to be employed by NGOs the in the coming 3 years to meet the service demand? Moreover, how many NGOs are expected to be employing additional allied health professionals and nurses with the increased annual recurrent funding since 2014-15? What are the details of the additional employment?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government advises the University Grants Committee (UGC) regularly on the demand for tertiary training places so that the tertiary institutions may make reference to such information when preparing their academic development proposals. When UGC was working on the academic plans for the 2012-13 to 2014-15 triennium, the Social Welfare Department had updated its projections on the demand (including present and future demand) for various types of nursing staff, among others, in social welfare sector. The projections had been relayed to UGC through the Education Bureau. The Government has allocated resources in this triennium to increase 40 first year first-degree nursing training places. The arrangement for the provision of additional training places has already been extended to 2015-16. Furthermore, the

Government has set up a Steering Committee on Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development, chaired by the Secretary for Food and Health, to conduct a strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong. It will put forward recommendations on how to cope with the anticipated demand for healthcare manpower, to strengthen professional training and to facilitate professional development having regard to the findings of the strategic review.

- b. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs operating the services have flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including nurses and/or other allied health professionals, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1868)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 136 of the Budget Speech that \$130 million will be allocated to enhance child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-family balance. Has the Government made an assessment on the shortfall in child care service places in Hong Kong? What is the geographical distribution of the shortfall? What are the details of the enhanced child care services? How many child care service places are expected to be provided in each of the districts?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

To support women to achieve a work-family balance and further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. The relevant items and increase in provision are as follows –

- (1) Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards;
- (2) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service (OCCS) and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards; and
- (3) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2515)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The key performance measures in respect of family and child welfare services include making first contact with the service user/related person within 10 working days upon receiving request for family casework service. Why is the target of 95.0% set for 2015-2016 even lower than the 97.5% for 2013-14 Actual and the 96.4% for the 2014-15 Revised Estimate?

Asked by: Hon LEONG Kah-kit, Alan (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

Upon receiving a request for family casework service, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will contact the service user early so as to provide timely services. In the key performance measures in respect of family and child welfare services, SWD has set the target of 95% for "making first contact with the service user/related person within 10 working days upon receiving request for family casework service". This has taken into account the time required by the relevant service units to perform the relevant work during the period from receiving the family casework to making first contact with the service user/related person. Such work includes case classification, clarification on background information with referrers, case assignment etc., and can normally be completed within 10 working days. SWD estimates that this key performance measure for 2015-16 can reach the level of the target set. The relevant target achievement rate will be reflected in the future on the basis of actual data.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2518)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme has not been reviewed for years, and the weighting system of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) only takes into account changes in the SSAIP over the past 12 months. This has resulted in the amounts of child rate and rent allowance falling far behind actual needs, requiring topping up by adults. Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have any plan to review the items covered by the SSAIP instead of relying on one-off relief measures?

Asked by: Hon LEONG Kah-kit, Alan (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account movements of the SSAIP. In addition, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the CSSA standard payment rates to be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

On the other hand, SWD has also implemented targeted measures to improve the CSSA Scheme. For example, in line with the broad policy directions of poverty alleviation through promoting upward mobility and self-reliance through employment, SWD implemented various measures in 2014 focusing on enhancing support for students

receiving CSSA and increasing work incentives for adult CSSA recipients. Those measures included –

- (a) increasing the flat-rate grants for selected items of school related expenses for primary and secondary students of CSSA families by \$1,000 in addition to the annual adjustment according to the established mechanism through regularisation of a Community Care Fund (CCF) programme from the 2014/15 school year;
- (b) including post-secondary students of CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance with effect from April 2014 so that a family's entitlement to rent allowance will not be affected if it has members receiving post-secondary education; and
- (c) implementing a pilot Incentive Scheme under the CCF to encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net and achieve self-reliance through employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 1204)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government advise this Committee of the following in the table below: the numbers of recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA), Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and "Guangdong (GD) Scheme" under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in this year and in the past 2 financial years, with a breakdown by age group; the number of elderly persons receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA); and the respective expenditure involved.

Age group	No. of recipients							2014-15 expenditure
	Old Age Allowance	HOAA	OALA	NDA	HDA	GD Scheme	CSSA for the elderly	
65-69								
70-74								
75-79								
80-84								
85 or above								

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 16)Reply:The SSA Scheme

The number of cases aged 65 or above under the SSA Scheme from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Type of allowance	2012-13		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
HOAA	N/A	147 906	309 359
NOAA	89 010	N/A	N/A
HDA	1 143	1 441	11 011
NAD	9 430	7 356	30 606



Type of allowance	2013-14		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N/A	67 043	124 591
OALA	109 723	86 780	219 663
GD Scheme	17 194 <sup>[Note]</sup>		
HDA	1 232	1 409	11 074
NDA	5 206	2 749	10 753

Type of allowance	2014-15 (as at end December 2014)		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N/A	71 168	142 829
OALA	115 848	86 809	209 634
GD Scheme	2 938	4 626	9 937
HAD	1 297	1 392	11 233
NDA	5 860	2 750	10 662

[Note]

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of recipients of the GD Scheme in 2013-14 by age.

The expenditure incurred (\$ million) (including the payment of 1 additional month of allowance) from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Type of allowance	2012-13 (actual)	2013-14 (actual)	2014-15 (revised estimate)
OAA	7,461	2,860	2,939
OALA	N/A	13,127	12,397
GD Scheme	N/A	84	280
HAD	486	503	550
NDA	855	435	363

OALA and GD Scheme were launched in 2013-14. The expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 includes the back payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013. SWD does not keep information on the expenditure on the various allowances broken down by the above age groups.

#### The CSSA Scheme

The number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Age group	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end December 2014)
Aged 65-69	28 226	28 081	28 404
Aged 70-74	29 707	27 346	26 558
Aged 75 or above	97 258	95 592	94 844

The expenditure incurred (including the payment of 1 additional month of standard rates) from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Year	2012-13 (actual)	2013-14 (actual)	2014-15 (revised estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	8,691	8,766	9,316

SWD does not keep information on the CSSA expenditure broken down by the above age groups.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 1205)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (2) that the Department “provides support for employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant”. In this regard –

- (a) Please set out in the table below information for the past 3 years: (i) schemes assisting able-bodied CSSA recipients in securing employment; (ii) the number of participants of such schemes; (iii) the percentage of participants who have succeeded in securing employment; and (iv) the cost of each successful case.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number/ percentage (%) of participants who have succeeded in securing employment</b>	<b>Cost for each successful case (\$)</b>

- (b) Please advise whether the Government will consider reviewing the effectiveness of the relevant schemes in the future. If yes, please provide details.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 17)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to operate the New Dawn (ND) Project since April 2006, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) since October 2006 and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) since October 2008 to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients and single parents/child carers to

secure employment and become self-reliant. Since the implementation of the 3 schemes up to end-December 2012, the number and percentage of participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling were as follows –

<b>Employment Assistance Scheme</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number and percentage of participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling as at end-December 2012</b>
ND Project	26 162	7 582 (29%)
My STEP	1 960	1 147 (58.5%)
IEAS	121 507	26 079 (21.5%)

In January 2013, SWD integrated the above employment assistance schemes into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). From January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 30 997 persons participated in the IEAPS, with 9 930 (32%) of them having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

SWD does not have information on the cost for each successful case.

- (b) In the coming year, SWD will extend the IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017 to enhance employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist and encourage them to secure employment and become self-reliant. At the same time, SWD will keep in view the operation of the IEAPS in considering the way forward for the programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1207)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Brief Description of Programme (2) that the Department “provided rent allowance to recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who had been Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years”. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) As of today, the number of families receiving the above-mentioned allowance and the number of flats involved;
- (b) The average amount of allowance received by each family; and
- (c) The average number of years each family has been receiving the allowance.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

Starting from 2014-15, eligible CSSA recipients who have been owner-occupiers of TPS flats for more than 5 years are provided with rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme to meet the accommodation expenses.

The above initiative has been implemented for just 1 whole year. As at end-December 2014, there were 495 CSSA cases involving recipients who had been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years receiving rent allowance. The average amount of allowance per case was \$907.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 1219)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 under Programme (2) has included “oversee the enhancement of the services of parents/relatives resource centres”. In this connection, please advise –

- (a) the details of these services;
- (b) the respective expenditure involved in these services;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of these services in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 20)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department will increase the number of social workers in 6 subvented parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in 2015-16 in order to enhance support to parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons. PRCs provide a focal point for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons facing similar challenges to share experience and obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff. The service can enhance service users' knowledge and acceptance of their family members with disabilities and empower the entire family functioning in coping with their stress and challenges in taking care of persons with disabilities/mental illness.
- (b) In 2015-16, an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of \$3.2 million will be allocated to provide additional social workers for the 6 PRCs. The estimated full-year expenditure for the service in 2015-16 is about \$16 million.
- (c) The numbers of persons served in the past 3 years are as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Average number of members per month</b>
2012-13	4 682
2013-14	4 805
2014-15 (April to December 2014)	4 872

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0139****(Question Serial No. 1220)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding child care services, please advise –

- (a) the current number of organisations providing the service for children aged 2 or below in each of the districts in Hong Kong and the relevant details using the table below:

District	No. of organisations	No. of places	No. of service staff	Average no. of children waiting for the service	Average waiting time	Average cost per place	Average hourly service fee per place (\$)

- (b) whether more resources will continue to be allocated to shorten the waiting time for child care services. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Child care services for children aged 2 or below include standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergarten-cum-CCCs (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). The relevant information on the number of service units, number of places, cost and service fee in 2014-15 (as at December 2014) is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of service staff, number of children on the waiting lists and waiting time of the above services.
- (b) To further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate about \$130 million to strengthen child care services. The enhancement includes significantly increasing in phases the total number of EHS places for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards, and providing about 100 aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. These measures will shorten the waiting time for the relevant child care services.

**Table 1 - Standalone CCCs  
(April to December 2014)**

District	Standalone CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost and average service fee per hour for each place <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
Central & Western	2	202	There are 3 types of standalone CCCs, namely aided standalone CCCs, non-profit-making standalone CCCs and private standalone CCCs. Service users of these 3 types of CCCs make monthly fee payment. The average amount of subsidy for each place received by aided standalone CCCs from SWD is \$630 per month. Since the operating expenditure and fee levels of various CCCs vary, SWD does not keep information on the average total cost or service fee per hour for each aided place.
Eastern	3	457	
Islands	-	-	
Kowloon City	6	1 144	
Kwai Tsing	1	60	
Kwun Tong	1	216	
North	1	48	
Sai Kung	-	-	
Sha Tin	1	70	
Sham Shui Po	1	62	
Southern	-	-	
Tai Po	-	-	
Tsuen Wan	2	238	
Tuen Mun	1	64	
Wan Chai	1	48	
Wong Tai Sin	1	42	
Yau Tsim Mong	2	120	
Yuen Long	1	64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2 835</b>	

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The total number of places for standalone CCCs includes 714 aided places.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Operators may determine the amount of fee according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.



**Table 2 - CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs  
(September 2014)**

District	CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs		
	Number of centres	Number of places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Average cost and average service fee per hour for each place <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
Central & Western	23	1 318	KG-cum-CCCs are regulated by the Education Bureau. SWD does not keep information on the average cost or average service fee per hour per place.
Eastern	48	3 040	
Islands	15	1 094	
Kowloon City	48	3 708	
Kwai Tsing	30	1 192	
Kwun Tong	38	1 555	
North	19	728	
Sai Kung	33	2 321	
Sha Tin	41	2 237	
Sham Shui Po	18	720	
Southern	24	1 492	
Tai Po	16	1 011	
Tsuen Wan	20	1 185	
Tuen Mun	33	1 506	
Wan Chai	15	749	
Wong Tai Sin	25	807	
Yau Tsim Mong	23	1 262	
Yuen Long	27	1 087	
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>27 012</b>	

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as of September 2014.

[Note 2]

Operators may determine the amount of fee according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

**Table 3 - Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS)  
(April to December 2014)**

District	OCCS			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place <sup>[Note]</sup>
Central & Western	9	13	OCCS is an ancillary service attached to aided standalone CCCs or KG-cum-CCCs. SWD does not keep information on the average cost per place.	1 session lasts for 2 hours and each session charges \$16. Half-day fee is \$32 while full-day fee is \$64.
Eastern	13	22		
Islands	5	13		
Kowloon City	12	22		
Kwai Tsing	18	34		
Kwun Tong	22	50		
North	11	16		
Sai Kung	10	20		
Sha Tin	15	30		
Sham Shui Po	12	26		
Southern	8	18		
Tai Po	8	17		
Tsuen Wan	8	20		
Tuen Mun	17	33		
Wan Chai	5	10		
Wong Tai Sin	15	34		
Yau Tsim Mong	12	22		
Yuen Long	14	34		
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>434</b>		

<sup>[Note]</sup> Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

**Table 4 - Extended Hours Service (EHS)**  
**(April to December 2014)**

District	EHS			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place <sup>[Note]</sup>
Central & Western	5	52	EHS is an ancillary service attached to aided standalone CCCs or KG-cum-CCCs. SWD does not keep information on the average cost per place.	\$13
Eastern	9	96		
Islands	1	14		
Kowloon City	6	66		
Kwai Tsing	8	88		
Kwun Tong	10	122		
North	5	58		
Sai Kung	4	56		
Sha Tin	8	82		
Sham Shui Po	8	76		
Southern	4	58		
Tai Po	6	66		
Tsuen Wan	4	50		
Tuen Mun	6	78		
Wan Chai	3	56		
Wong Tai Sin	6	84		
Yau Tsim Mong	5	58		
Yuen Long	5	70		
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1 230</b>		

<sup>[Note]</sup> Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

**Table 5 - Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs)**  
(April to December 2014)

District	MHCCCs			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place <sup>[Note]</sup>
Central & Western	1	14	MHCC is a self-financing service. SWD does not keep information on the average cost per place.	\$8-18
Eastern	-	-		
Islands	1	11		
Kowloon City	-	-		
Kwai Tsing	3	42		
Kwun Tong	4	56		
North	1	14		
Sai Kung	-	-		
Sha Tin	-	-		
Sham Shui Po	3	37		
Southern	3	42		
Tai Po	1	14		
Tsuen Wan	1	14		
Tuen Mun	-	-		
Wan Chai	-	-		
Wong Tai Sin	1	14		
Yau Tsim Mong	1	14		
Yuen Long	3	42		
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>314</b>		

<sup>[Note]</sup> Operators may determine the amount of fee according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

**Table 6 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)  
(April to December 2014)**

District	Number of units	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Average cost for each place	Basic fee per hour <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
				HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	1	53	The funding allocation for the administration of NSCCP is on lump sum basis. When the places provided by operators increase to specified higher levels, operators will receive additional funding. SWD does not keep information on the average cost per place.	24	24
Wan Chai	1	53		22	22
Eastern	1	53		22	22
Southern	1	53		20	12
Yau Tsim Mong	1	53		20	13
Sham Shui Po	1	53		20	13
Kowloon City	1	53		20	13
Wong Tai Sin	1	53		18	10
Kwun Tong	1	53		20	13
Kwai Tsing	1	53		18	13
Tsuen Wan	1	53		20	13
Tuen Mun	1	53		20	13
Yuen Long	1	53		18	13
North	1	53		18	13
Tai Po	1	53		20	13
Sha Tin	1	53		20	13
Sai Kung	1	53		20	13
Islands	1	53		22	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>954</b>		-	-

Legend

HCCS – Home-based child care service

CCG– Centre-based care group

[Note 1] Operators have the flexibility to increase the number of HCCS places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand in the district.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fee according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1221)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (1) that the Department “continued to implement measures to combat domestic violence, including the Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV) and the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP)”. In this regard, please advise the following –

- (a) The number of domestic violence cases handled and followed up by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years with a breakdown by district;
- (b) SWD’s provision for measures to combat domestic violence in the past 3 years;
- (c) Will SWD increase the expenditure and manpower for district(s) recording the highest number of domestic violence cases for a few years in a row? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) The number of participants, expenditure, cost and outcome of EPSDV and VSP in the past 3 years; and
- (e) Apart from the above programmes, does the Government have any other measures to combat domestic violence? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of domestic violence cases handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) in each SWD administrative district for the years between 2012-13 and 2014-15 are set out in the Annex.
- (b) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, VSP, residential care placements for children and child care

centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past 3 years is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3

SWD does not have the information on the funding specifically allocated for the measures to combat domestic violence.

- (c) When planning the manpower in FCPSUs in various districts, the manpower ratio in the service units is mainly determined with reference to the circumstances and the number of domestic violence cases in the districts. SWD also conducts regular review on the domestic violence cases handled by FCPSUs in each district and deploys resources as necessary to meet the service demand in the districts.
- (d) EPSDV was introduced in October 2013. It is a psycho-education programme designed for batterers in spouse/cohabitant battering. SWD earmarks an annual funding of \$900,000 for the expenditure on EPSDV and provides funding to operators with reference to the number of participants, attendance rate and mode of implementation. There were a total of 170 participants in EPSDV from October 2013 to December 2014. All the participants who completed the evaluation questionnaires indicated that EPSDV could enable them to acquire the basic skills to cease using violence against their spouse/cohabitant.

SWD provides an annual funding of around \$5 million for the implementation of VSP. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering cases or child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. The number of service users for the years between 2012-13 and 2014-15 is as follows –

Year	Number of service users
2012-13	661
2013-14	704
2014-15 (April to December 2014)	478

All the service users who completed the evaluation questionnaires indicated satisfaction towards the service of VSP.

- (e) In addition to the measures in paragraph (b) above, SWD launches the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” and organises territory-wide and district-based publicity programmes and public education activities each year. The purposes are to raise the awareness of the public on the importance of preventing domestic violence and to encourage the people in need to seek assistance. These messages are widely publicised through various means, including docudramas, radio programmes, television and radio advertisements, posters, leaflets, seminars, competitions etc.

**The Number of Domestic Violence Cases Handled by  
Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) by District**

<b>SWD District</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (Apr to Dec 2014)</b>
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	500	492	390
Eastern/Wan Chai	421	472	438
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	505	565	584
Sham Shui Po	521	486	387
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	821	870	913
Kwun Tong	806	759	549
Sha Tin	547	573	498
Tai Po/North	700	695	558
Yuen Long	1 073	1 076	965
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1 091	1 011	837
Tuen Mun	601	627	565
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 586</b>	<b>7 626</b>	<b>6 684</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1222)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description of Programme (1) that Social Welfare Department (SWD) “enhanced the service provision and social work support of Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)”. In this connection, please advise:

- (a) The current number of child carers participating in the service of NSCCP (Please provide the number in each district).
- (b) The current average hourly wage of child carers.
- (c) The respective amounts of allocations to subvented organisations for implementation of NSCCP over the past 3 years and this year.
- (d) Will SWD consider reviewing the service content, hourly wage, enhanced support or training, etc. under NSCCP? If yes, what are the details and how much expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of child carers participating in NSCCP as of December 2014 is set out in the Annex.
- (b) Child carers provide service as volunteers in the spirit of mutual help in the neighbourhood. Incentive payment is given as a token of appreciation. Currently, the incentive payment for child carers provided by operators ranges from \$18 to \$22 per hour.
- (c) The actual expenditure by SWD on this service was \$23.62 million and \$24.4 million in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$37.4 million while the estimate for 2015-16 is \$39.9 million.
- (d) When the service contracts of NSCCP were renewed in 2014, SWD had evaluated the service content of NSCCP with the operators in the 18 districts. The new service contracts have taken effect since October 2014, under which additional funding of \$4.8 million has been provided to enhance the service, enabling operators to provide no less than 234 additional places, strengthen social work support and training for child carers, and extend the age limit of children receiving the service from under 6 to

under 9. Operators have the flexibility to increase the places to meet the demand in the respective districts, for which additional funding will be provided.

**Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)  
(December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Child Carers</b>
Central & Western	60
Wan Chai	63
Eastern	147
Southern	37
Yau Tsim Mong	183
Sham Shui Po	97
Kowloon City	369
Wong Tai Sin	80
Kwun Tong	53
Kwai Tsing	82
Tsuen Wan	55
Tuen Mun	53
Yuen Long	54
North	89
Tai Po	90
Sha Tin	87
Sai Kung	76
Islands	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 696</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0142****(Question Serial No. 1223)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please reply in table form: How many reported cases on fraud relating to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) did the Department receive per year over the past 3 years and as at today? How many of them were established fraud cases after investigation? How many staff members on average were are handling each case?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 871	2 310	2 171	1 519
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	806	1 117	847	532

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average number of staff members handling each case.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0143****(Question Serial No. 1224)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (7) that the Department “implemented the enhanced after school care programme”. In this regard, please advise – the number of organisations providing the above service for children aged 6 or above in each of the districts in Hong Kong and the relevant details using the table below:

District	No. of organisations	No. of places	No. of service staff	Average no. of children waiting for the service	Average waiting time	Average cost per place	Average hourly fee per place (\$)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 21)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has introduced the Enhanced After School Care Programme (ASCP) since December 2014. A total of 34 organisations are operating the service on a self-financing basis, and they are not required to submit information on the operation, such as the number of service staff and the average cost. The number of organisations implementing the Enhanced ASCP by SWD administrative district is set out in the Annex. The service is still at its initial stage of implementation, and the operating organisations are required to submit in April 2015 the first report on service statistics, including the number of service places, utilisation rate of fee-waiving quotas, age distribution of children service users and their household financial circumstances, information on events held as holiday service, etc.

**No. of Organisations Implementing Enhanced ASCP  
by SWD Administrative District**

<b>SWD Administrative District</b>	<b>No. of Organisations</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	3
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2
Sham Shui Po	3
Kwun Tong	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2
Sha Tin	3
Tai Po/North	3
Yuen Long	4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7
Tuen Mun	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0144****(Question Serial No. 1228)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Senior Citizen Card Scheme (the Scheme), please advise -

- (a) how many Senior Citizen Cards have been issued so far and are currently valid respectively;
- (b) a breakdown of elderly persons holding Senior Citizen Cards by age group and the percentage share of card holders in each age group;

Age group	Number of elderly persons holding Senior Citizen Cards	Percentage to the total number of elderly persons in the age group
65-70		
71-74		
75-80		
80-84		
85 or above		

- (c) the number of corporations currently providing concessionary offers to the elderly persons under the Scheme and how such offers are being utilised;
- (d) the annual expenditure involved in the promotion and publicity of the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 44)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, about 1.55 million Senior Citizen Cards had been issued. Currently there are more than 1 million valid Senior Citizen Cards in use.
- (b) Based on the age group distribution under the computer system of the Senior Citizen Card Office, the number of elderly persons holding Senior Citizen Cards by age group is set out at Annex. At present, more than 90% of eligible elderly persons are holding Senior Citizen Cards.
- (c) Senior Citizen Cards under the Scheme are now widely accepted across all districts in Hong Kong. Over 2 600 participating organisations and commercial establishments operating more than 7 900 outlets now offer various concessions, discounts or priority services for Senior Citizen Card holders. The services cover various aspects of life, namely clothing, dining, living and travelling, including such trades as public transportation, community facilities, banking, travelling, food and beverages, shopping, rehabilitation facilities, recreational services, learning, supermarket, clinic, etc.

- (d) In 2014-15, the expenditure for the Senior Citizen Card Office on promotion and publicity of the Scheme is about \$122,000.



**Number of Elderly Persons Holding Senior Citizen Cards by Age Group**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Number of elderly persons holding Senior Citizen Cards</b>
65-67	134 667
68-70	158 320
71-73	119 482
74-76	110 263
77-79	118 521
80-82	108 560
83-85	91 306
86-88	66 841
89 or above	101 414

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0145****(Question Serial No. 1229)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The aim of Programme (1) is “to preserve, strengthen and support the family as well as helping families in trouble”. In this connection, in respect of single parent families or families in marital crisis:

- (a) Please advise how the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides support (e.g. counselling or financial support) to the individuals in such families through the community? Please list in the table below the support programmes, the number of participating families/individuals and the amount of annual funding for such support programmes.

Support programme	Number of participating families/individuals	Amount of funding (\$)

- (b) Please list in the table below, by year, the number of divorce cases, number of single parent families arising from divorce, and number of children from single parent families (aged below 18) arising from divorce over the past 3 years and up to the present day?

Year	Number of divorce cases	Number of single parent families	Number of children from single parent families

- (c) Are there any measures to tackle the trend of increasing divorce rate? If yes, what are the measures?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (c) Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) provide services to individuals and families in need (including single parent families or families in marital crisis). As recommended by the “Review on the Implementation of the IFSC Service Mode” completed in 2010, the IFSC service mode should continue to be adopted for publicly-funded family services in Hong Kong. The existing practice of IFSCs in identifying special target groups in the communities they serve and providing them with appropriate services would continue to be encouraged and supported. The Government will increase the number of professional social workers in IFSCs to provide early identification and intervention and strengthen the support for families (including single parent families or families in marital crisis) which are vulnerable to domestic violence or have other welfare needs. The number of cases served and the number of groups and programmes run by IFSCs for 2015-16 (Estimate) is 81 613 and 9 962 respectively, involving an expenditure of \$932 million.
- (b) The numbers of decrees of divorce granted in 2012 and 2013 were 21 125 and 22 271 respectively. SWD does not keep information on the number of single parent families arising from divorce, number of children from single parent families arising from divorce, or number of decrees of divorce granted in 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1162)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are views in the community that elderly persons aged 60 to 64 are the elderly “n have-nots” as they hardly enjoy any welfare benefit provided to the elderly persons by the Government. In this connection, please advise –

1. What concessionary offers and welfare benefits are provided by the Government to the elderly persons aged 60 to 64 in Hong Kong? What was the expenditure involved in the past 3 years (please provide a breakdown by welfare benefit)?
2. Has the Government assessed if the current policy can meet the needs of the elderly persons aged 60 to 64? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?
3. What is the expenditure to be involved in providing welfare benefits to the elderly persons aged 60 to 64 in the coming 3 years (please provide a breakdown by welfare benefit)? Will any of the welfare benefits be involving newly launched concessionary offers for the elderly?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is currently providing community support services to elderly persons aged 60 or above through 210 elderly centres in Hong Kong at district and neighbourhood levels. The services include educational and developmental activities, social and recreational activities, volunteer development programmes, health education programmes, and counselling services, etc. Moreover, a holiday centre for the elderly also provides recreational facilities for elderly persons and their carers. Through the “Opportunities for the Elderly Project”, the Government provides subsidies for a wide range of programmes for promoting a sense of worthiness among the elderly and advocating a community spirit of care for the elderly with a view to improving their quality of life.

Regarding long-term care services, the service users of residential care services for the elderly, Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) are generally elderly persons aged 65 or above. However, persons aged 60 to 64 who have proven need for long-term care may also make applications. Day care centres/units for the elderly and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) are available for needy elderly persons aged 60 or above.

SWD does not have the breakdown of the expenditure involved for the provision of the above elderly services to persons aged 60 to 64 in the past 3 years.

Regarding financial assistance, the actual expenditure or revised estimate for Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (including the payment of 1 additional month of SSA and CSSA) provided for elderly persons aged 60 to 64 from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised estimate)</b>
Expenditure on SSA and CSSA <sup>[Note]</sup> (\$ million)	2,349	2,360	2,568

<sup>[Note]</sup> As CSSA cases are on a household basis, the expenditure or estimated expenditure are given as rough estimates.

3. SWD does not have the figures of the expenditure to be involved in providing welfare benefits to the elderly persons aged 60 to 64 in the coming 3 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1163)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The elderly care industry faces shortage of manpower, with young people being reluctant to join the profession. It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 under Programme (3): Services for The Elderly that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Scheme)”. In this connection, would SWD please advise –

1. the number of participants of the Scheme (including the Pilot Project on Multi-skills Workers Training) in the past 3 years. How many of them continue their work in elderly care services after the completion of the Scheme?
2. How much estimated expenditure will be allocated in the coming 3 years for promoting the image of the elderly care industry to attract young people to join? Please provide a breakdown by type of expenditure.
3. Has the Government reviewed the effectiveness of the current policy, including whether adequate young people are joining the elderly care industry as new entrants? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To encourage the younger persons to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The Pilot Project had been implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project.
2. Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked \$147 million for the Scheme to be launched and extended to cover rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. SWD is inviting non-governmental organisations to submit proposals on the implementation of

the Scheme. Enrolment of trainees is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015.

3. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme and continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly services sector. Appropriate programmes and measures will be formulated accordingly. Moreover, the Education Bureau established the Elderly Care Service Industry Training Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on 1 February 2012 to facilitate the implementation of qualifications framework (QF) in the industry. Such a framework would enable industry workers to obtain recognised qualifications and help them set clear goals and directions for continuous learning. The Advisory Committee had developed the first edition of the Specification of Competency Standards (SCS) for Elderly Care Service Industry and uploaded it onto the QF website for public use in December 2014. Training institutions may develop training programmes based on SCS and formulate articulate ladders between different levels of qualifications. With the implementation of QF, industry workers will have a better prospect in elderly care industry as well as clear path for advancement, which should help to attract new entrants, especially the younger generation, to join the elderly care industry.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0148****(Question Serial No. 1182)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the expenditure over the past 3 years for funding the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme, Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) administered by the Social Welfare Department? How many people have benefited from each of the schemes? Would the Government consider setting up an "Emergency Disaster Relief Fund" to assist victims of major disasters and their families in dealing with the aftermath? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 37)Reply:

The TAVA Scheme, CLEIC Scheme and ERF provide financial assistance to victims and/or their dependants of road traffic accidents, crimes of violence or use of weapon by law enforcement officers, and natural disasters respectively. For incidents not falling under the ambits of these schemes, there are currently a number of charitable funds providing direct and speedy assistance to victims and/or their families in special and urgent circumstances. The expenditure on the TAVA Scheme, CLEIC Scheme and ERF in the past 3 years was as follows –

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (revised estimate)</b>
TAVA Scheme	32.5	37.2	32.8
CLEIC Scheme	5.0	5.2	5.8
ERF	10.0	10.0	10.0



The number of beneficiaries of the TAVA Scheme, CLEIC Scheme and ERF in the past 3 years were as follows –

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>		
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
TAVA Scheme	13 057	13 456	10 007
CLEIC Scheme	382	387	278
ERF	1 238	2 775	3 378

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1190)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "Enhanced Home and Community Care Services" (EHCCS) provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please advise –

1. How many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been subsidised for providing home-based services under EHCCS in the past 3 years? How much resources have been allocated in total?
2. How much resources and manpower have been allocated for monitoring the service quality of these subsidised NGOs?
3. Apart from subsidising NGOs, will the Government consider providing a monthly allowance for full-time carers of the elderly at home to encourage family members to take care of the elderly? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. There are 14 NGOs operating EHCCS and the total expenditure for EHCCS in the past 3 years (2012-13 to 2014-15) is \$703 million.
2. SWD monitors the service quality of all contract elderly services, including EHCCS, through 11 staff. In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure involved is \$7.5 million.
3. The Government has been providing a number of support services to empower the carers and help relieve their stress. Such services include the provision of information, training, counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual-support groups, establishment of resource centres, and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. Respite residential and day care services for the elderly persons are also available which will enable carers to take a short break when needed. We have also rolled out a two-year "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families" (the Pilot Scheme) since June 2014, which aims at providing carers of elderly persons from low income families with a living allowance to help supplement their living expenses so that elderly persons in need of long term care services can, under the help of their carers, receive proper care and to enable them to remain in the community. The Pilot Scheme will benefit a total of 2 000 carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0150****(Question Serial No. 0534)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise –

- (a) the annual expenditure and number of recipients since it was open for applications, with a breakdown by age, area of residence, type of housing, percentage of the median income; and
- (b) the basis on which the income and asset limits under OALA are determined and calculated, and the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) OALA was launched in April 2013. The expenditure involved and the number of cases are provided in Table 1 to Table 5 below –

Table 1: Expenditure on OALA in 2013-14 and 2014-15 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$million)</b>
2013-14 (actual)	13,127
2014-15 (revised estimate)	12,397

[Note 1]

The actual expenditure for 2013-14 and the revised estimate for 2014-15 include the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, the expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also includes the back payment to eligible elderly persons for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

Table 2: Number of OALA cases in 2013-14 and 2014-15

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
2013-14	416 166
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	412 291

Table 3: Number of OALA cases by age as at end-December 2014

Age	Number of cases
65-69	115 848
70 or above	296 443
<b>Total</b>	<b>412 291</b>

Table 4: Number of OALA cases by type of accommodation as at end-December 2014

Number of OERF cases by type of accommodation as at end December 2014		
Type of accommodation		Number of cases
Public housing estate		228 138
Private housing	Self-owned	143 893
	Rented	24 057
Residential care home		9 249
Others		6 954
Total		412 291

Table 5: Number of OALA cases by district as at end-December 2014

District	Number of cases
Central & Western	7 677
Eastern	34 549
Islands	5 792
Kowloon City	20 804
Kwai Tsing	41 092
Kwun Tong	53 376
North	14 862
Sai Kung	20 599
Sha Tin	38 566
Sham Shui Po	23 216
Southern	16 924
Tai Po	14 737
Tsuen Wan	15 876
Tuen Mun	26 148
Wan Chai	3 911
Wong Tai Sin	37 628
Yau Tsim Mong	12 261
Yuen Long	23 729
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	<b>411 747</b>

[Note 2] As cases with incomplete information are excluded, the total number of cases in this table is different from that in the previous tables.

As at end-December 2014, over 80% of OALA recipients had no income or had monthly income below \$1,000.

- (b) The income and assets limits for OALA are those adopted for Normal Old Age Allowance all along. The assets limits are adjusted annually according to the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices. The income limits are the sum of the standard rates for an able-bodied CSSA elderly recipient, the maximum rent allowance and the maximum monthly disregarded earnings, which are adjusted annually according to the established mechanism.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0536)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Between 2012-13 and 2014-15,

- (a) how many elderly persons who were receiving Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) had been assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) to be of moderate or severe level of impairment?
- (b) how many elderly persons who were waiting for IHCS(OC) had been assessed under the SCNAMES to be of moderate or severe level of impairment?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the numbers of elderly persons receiving and waiting for IHCS(OC) who had been assessed under the SCNAMES to be of moderate or severe level of impairment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0152****(Question Serial No. 0537)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of service users having withdrawn from Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) and the reasons for withdrawal in each year between 2010-11 and 2014-15.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Admission to residential care homes					
Hospitalised					
Deceased					
Switch to day care units for the elderly					
Switch to IHCS (Frail Cases)					
Switch to Enhanced Home and Community Care Services					
Switch to Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly					
Service no longer needed due to improved health					
Others					
<b>Total no. of persons withdrawn</b>					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 19)Reply:

The numbers of elderly persons having withdrawn from IHCS(OC) between 2010-11 and 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Year (As at end-March of financial year)</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons withdrawn</b>
2010-11	7 182
2011-12	7 373
2012-13	6 327
2013-14	6 091
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	4 493

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the reasons for elderly persons having withdrawn from IHCS(OC).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0538)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) Please list the number of elderly persons switching from Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) to IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in each year between 2010-11 and 2014-15.
- (b) Please list the number of elderly persons switching from IHCS(FC) or EHCCS to IHCS(OC) in each year between 2010-11 and 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of elderly persons switching from IHCS(OC) to IHCS(FC) or EHCCS, nor the number of elderly persons switching from IHCS(FC) or EHCCS to IHCS(OC).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0154****(Question Serial No. 0539)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) Please list the estimated numbers of additional day care units for the elderly (DCUs) and additional places for subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2015-16 and 2016-17.
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the respective service places by District Council districts.
- (c) Please advise the respective service costs.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 21)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a)	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of additional subsidised residential care places</b>	<b>No. of additional day care (DC) places for the elderly</b>
	2015-16	397	78
	2016-17	255 <sup>[Note]</sup>	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup>

Including 9 designated residential respite places.

- (b) The 652 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly as shown in the table above will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong, while the new RCHEs are located at Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Tsuen Wan. For the subsidised places under Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from self-financing RCHEs and nursing homes (NHs) in Hong Kong for providing places. SWD cannot provide the location of the places at this stage.
- The 78 and 20 additional DC places for the elderly will serve applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai & Tsuen Wan districts in 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.



- (c) The cost per place per month for subsidised residential care places for the elderly and DC places for the elderly in 2015-16 are provided as follows –

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Cost per place/unit per month (\$)</b>
Care-and-attention home providing a continuum of care	14,374
NH	21,034
Contract home	14,136
Day care centre for the elderly/ unit for the elderly	7,733

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0540)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Pilot Scheme),

- (a) Please list the number of elderly persons served each year by pilot district from 2011-12 to 2014-15.
- (b) Please list the total expenditure of the Pilot Scheme and the cost per case served per month in each of the years.
- (c) Please explain in detail how follow-up services will be provided to participating elderly persons upon the completion of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of elderly persons served each year by district under the Pilot Scheme from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is set out at Annex.
- (b) As at February 2015, the total expenditure of the Pilot Scheme was accumulated to about \$67.98 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the cost per case served per month in each of the years.
- (c) The Pilot Scheme was completed on 28 February 2015. Elderly service users of the Pilot Scheme would change to be served by the service teams of “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)”. To facilitate the successful handover of all the cases, service teams of EHCCS and the Pilot Scheme have carried out preparatory work together for the handover of the cases since early 2015, ensuring that continuity will be maintained for the care plans specifically prepared based on the health conditions of the elderly persons concerned. By 1 March 2015, all the cases had been successfully handed over.

**The Number of Elderly Persons Served by District under the Pilot Scheme  
from 2011-12 to 2014-15  
(As at 31 January 2015)**

<b>District</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at 31 January 2015)</b>
Eastern	10	16	26	25
Kwun Tong	111	108	120	109
Wong Tai Sin	104	106	100	86
Kowloon City	59	53	47	44
Yau Tsim Mong	25	28	24	29
Sham Shui Po	55	57	52	55
Kwai Tsing	8	12	16	13
Sai Kung	55	51	49	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>411</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0541)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the 3-year Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders,

- (a) Are there any mid-term and final review reports?
- (b) If yes, when will the reports concerned be published? If the reports are not to be published, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

Launched in March 2011, the “Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders” (the Pilot Scheme) was concluded on 28 February 2015. During the pilot period, the Social Welfare Department set up a steering committee which comprised representatives from the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Hospital Authority and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to closely monitor the implementation of the Pilot Scheme and examine the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme in light of operational experience. In order to further enhance the support and care for frail elderly persons staying at home, the Government has provided additional resources starting from March 2015 for the provision of additional places of the “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” (EHCCS) and strengthened the service content of both the new and existing EHCCS places through the integration of the major service content (such as on-site carer training) of the Pilot Scheme with EHCCS. Arrangements have been made for elderly service users of the Pilot Scheme to be served by the service teams of EHCCS starting from 1 March 2015. All the cases involving the elderly persons have already been successfully handed over.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0157****(Question Serial No. 0542)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of service users having withdrawn from Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and the reasons for withdrawal in each year between 2010-11 and 2014-15.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Admission to residential care homes					
Hospitalised					
Deceased					
Switch to day care units for the elderly (DCUs)					
Switch to Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC))					
Switch to Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)					
Health improved without need for services					
Others					
<b>Total no. of persons withdrawn</b>					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

The number of service users having withdrawn from EHCCS and the reasons for withdrawal in each year between 2010-11 and 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

**The Number of Service Users having Withdrawn from EHCCS and  
the Reasons for Withdrawal  
( Between 2010-11 and 2014-15 )**

<b>Reasons for withdrawal</b>	<b>No. of persons withdrawn</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at 31 December 2014)</b>
Admission to residential care homes	339	403	500	532	354
Hospitalised	440	423	533	617	396
Deceased	348	368	465	481	318
Health improved without need for services	8	7	12	10	4
Others <sup>[Note]</sup>	363	407	518	561	376
<b>Total no. of persons withdrawn</b>	<b>1 498</b>	<b>1 608</b>	<b>2 028</b>	<b>2 201</b>	<b>1 448</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including those switched to DCUs, Pilot Scheme and IHCS(OC), etc. The Social Welfare Department does not capture the relevant breakdown.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0544)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), please provide the number of elderly persons who have given up the option of waitlisting for community care services under the Standardised Care Needs Assessment Mechanism because they have participated in the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end-January 2015, of the 1 271 voucher holders 4 had chosen to withdraw from the waiting list for subsidised community care services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0159****(Question Serial No. 0545)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Standardised Care Needs Assessment Mechanism, please advise –

- (1) the number of elderly persons assessed as moderately or severely impaired in each of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15;
- (2) the number of elderly persons assessed as “residential care services (RCS) only”, “community care services (CCS) only” and “dual option” respectively in each of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15;
- (3) the reasons for only the moderately or severely impaired elderly persons to be assessed but not the mildly impaired; and
- (4) the number of mildly impaired elderly persons and the corresponding services they can receive.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of elderly persons assessed as moderately or severely impaired in each of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is tabulated below –

Level of impairment	No. of elderly persons				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)
Severely impaired	4 399	4 671	4 605	4 804	4 235
Moderately impaired	17 860	18 225	19 854	18 892	17 013



- (2) The number of elderly persons assessed as “RCS only”, “CCS only” and “dual option” respectively in each of the years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is tabulated below –

	<b>No. of elderly persons</b>				
Long-term care services allocated	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
RCS only	8 265	8 487	8 909	9 007	8 496
CCS only	406	418	465	387	297
Dual option	13 588	13 991	15 085	14 302	12 455

- (3) & (4) Since November 2000, the Social Welfare Department has implemented the “Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service” (SCNAMES). Under the mechanism, accredited assessors will use a set of internationally recognised assessment tools to ascertain the long-term care needs of elderly persons and match them with appropriate long-term care services. After assessment, elderly persons may be confirmed by accredited assessors as having no impairment, mildly impaired, moderately impaired or severely impaired. From 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), a total of 6 990 elderly persons had been assessed as mildly impaired under SCNAMES. For elderly persons assessed as mildly impaired, social workers of the referral units will, depending on the needs, refer them to other community support services such as those provided by Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases), district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, elderly health centres and outreaching services for elderly persons, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0546)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the regularised home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please provide the following information for 2014-15 –

- (a) the number of service users, the number of people on the waiting list, the waiting time;
- (b) the service cost;
- (c) how many service users are waiting for residential care services; and
- (d) how many people waiting for HCS are also waiting for residential care services.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

To enhance community support services for persons with severe disabilities living in the community and help relieve the burden of their carers, the Government has earmarked a full-year recurrent funding of around \$230 million in 2015-16 to continue to implement HCS with a view to providing home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapy/physiotherapy rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for persons with severe disabilities living in the community, regardless of whether they are on the waiting list for subvented residential care services. It is expected that about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities will be served. There is no need to wait for HCS at present. As at 31 December 2014, there were 173 service users of HCS waiting for residential care services for persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0161****(Question Serial No. 2895)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Budget proposed a provision of \$220 million to extend the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) for two years with a view to encouraging those employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to work and become self-reliant. Please inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the IEAPS over the past 5 years.

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Total number of participants in IEAPS					
Number of participants having failed to comply with the requirements stated in the Job Seeker's Undertaking					
Number of IEAPS participants having successfully left the CSSA net in the year					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 2.06)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched IEAPS in January 2013. From January 2013 to end December 2014, a total of 30 997 able-bodied CSSA recipients participated in IEAPS, among whom 1 661 had failed to comply with the requirements stated in the Job Seeker's Undertaking and 1 870 had successfully left the CSSA net. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of participants, the number of participants having failed to comply with the requirements stated in the Job Seeker's Undertaking, or the number of participants having successfully left the CSSA net by financial year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0162****(Question Serial No. 2906)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please provide in the following table information on rehabilitation services last year -

Rehabilitation Services	Total Cost	Average Cost per Person	
		Aged under 18	Aged over 18
Services for School Age Disabled Children			
Services for Physically Handicapped Persons			
Services for Mentally Handicapped Persons			
Services for Ex-Mentally Ill Persons			
Services for Visually Impaired Persons			
Services for Hearing Impaired Persons			
Vocational Rehabilitation Services			
Day Training Services			
Community Support Services/Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 5.10)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture information on the costs of providing services for persons with different types of disabilities. The revised estimate for pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in 2014-15 is \$617 million while the revised estimates for day training services and community support services for other persons with disabilities are \$1,114 million and \$772 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0163****(Question Serial No. 2907)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please provide in the following table information on the expenditure for publicity on rehabilitation services last year -

Rehabilitation Services	Total Cost	Television Advertisement	Printed Material	Social Media	Publicity Programme
Services for School Age Disabled Children					
Services for Physically Handicapped Persons					
Services for Mentally Handicapped Persons					
Services for Ex-Mentally Ill Persons					
Services for Visually Impaired Persons					
Services for Hearing Impaired Persons					
Vocational Rehabilitation Services					
Day Training Services					
Community Support Services/Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 5.11)Reply:

Most of the following rehabilitation services are operated by non-governmental organisations. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the

subvention for publicity and promotion on relevant services at district level. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the expenditure on publicity incurred by service operators. SWD produces service leaflets and promotes to the public the newly implemented service schemes such as the training subsidy for children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services and the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities. The expenditure for publicity on rehabilitation services incurred by SWD in 2014-15 is as follows –

Rehabilitation service	Total cost	Television advertisement	Printed material	Social media	Publicity programme
Services for school age disabled children	\$96,977	-	\$96,977	-	-
Services for physically handicapped persons	-	-	-	-	-
Services for mentally handicapped persons	\$30,400	-	\$30,400	-	-
Services for ex-mentally ill persons	\$13,800	-	\$13,800	-	-
Services for visually impaired persons	-	-	-	-	-
Services for hearing impaired persons	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational rehabilitation services	-	-	-	-	-
Day training services	-	-	-	-	-
Community support services/self-help organisations of people with disabilities/chronic illness	\$117,500	-	\$117,500	-	-

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0164****(Question Serial No. 2908)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please provide in the table below information on the expenditure for publicity under the theme of "The Elderly" in the past year -

Total Cost	Television Advertisement	Printed Material	Social Media	Publicity Campaign

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 5.12)Reply:

The expenditure for publicity under the theme of "The Elderly" in 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Television Advertisement</b>	<b>Printed Material</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Publicity Campaign</b>
\$465,164	-	\$296,588	\$46,000	\$122,576

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0165****(Question Serial No. 2685)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In 2014-15, a pilot scheme was launched by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to purchase residential care places from elderly homes run by 2 Hong Kong non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Mainland, so as to provide an option for eligible elderly persons to choose to live in there. Would the Government please advise the following –

- a. the number of elderly persons being waitlisted for subsidised residential care places in the Central Waiting List (CWL) in 2014-15;
- b. the number of elderly persons admitted into the 2 said elderly homes through the scheme in 2014-15;
- c. the expenditure involved in implementing this pilot scheme in 2014-15;
- d. the estimated expenditure for implementing this pilot scheme in 2015-16;
- e. whether the Government has assessed the effectiveness of this pilot scheme and if yes, what are the results?
- f. whether the Government has any plan to take this pilot scheme further and join hands with elderly homes run by other Hong Kong NGOs in the Mainland and if yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. As at end-January 2015, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly on the CWL is as follows –

<b>Type of residential care places for the elderly</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons on the waiting list (As at end-January 2015)</b>
Care-and-attention (C&A) places	25 269 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
Nursing home (NH) places	6 384 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>



[Note 1] Including about 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care service (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A home places, but excluding 6 553 elderly persons on the CWL being classified as inactive cases.

[Note 2] Including about 650 elderly persons using CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but excluding 617 persons on the CWL being classified as inactive cases.

- b. & c. SWD has invited eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme) since June 2014 and has arranged for the elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme to be admitted into residential care homes concerned since September 2014. As at end-February 2015, 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen, while 12 chose to reside in Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home in Zhaoqing. The expenditure involved in implementing this Pilot Scheme in 2014-15 is about \$450,000.
- d. While the Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the actual number of places purchased and the expenditure will depend on the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme.
- e. & f. The Government will conduct a review after implementing the Pilot Scheme for 2 years. The review will enable the Government to actually know how the elderly persons are choosing to retire on the Mainland, including the factors they considered, their preferred service mode and location, etc. The Government will set the future direction for service development having regard to the findings of the review on the scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2686)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Budget Speech (paragraph 136), the Government will allocate \$130 million to strengthen child care services. It is understood that the Government will provide in phases a total of 5 000 additional places for extended hours service (EHS) in aided child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs). In this connection, would the Government please advise –

- a. In how many financial years will the 5 000 additional places be provided? (Please provide the distribution of the 5 000 places in each of the 18 districts and their implementation time table.)
- b. The number and utilisation rate of the EHS places in each of the 18 districts at present.
- c. The number of children waiting for EHS in the school years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- d. The intention of the Government is to release women to join the workforce. In this regard, has the Government assessed the number of women that can be released to join the workforce at present?
- e. It is understood that as some EHS operators are already facing difficulties in the recruitment of staff, they are worried that they may not be able to recruit sufficient manpower even if they are provided with additional financial resources. Does the Government have any support measures or incentives in place? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards;

- b. The current number of places and utilisation rate by district of EHS are set out in the Annex.
- c. SWD does not capture the number of children waiting for EHS.
- d. The Government believes that the above measures can help unleash potential women work force. After the relevant measures are implemented, we will keep in view the implementation and effectiveness.
- e. To assist staff in units operating EHS to handle both service and administrative work effectively, the Government will provide resources to such units so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support to alleviate the workload of child care workers. Currently there are various institutions offering training courses recognised by SWD and the Education Bureau for child care workers to continuously nurture talent for the industry.

**Number of Places and Average Utilisation Rate of Extended Hours Service (EHS)  
(April to December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Average utilisation rate (%)</b>
Central & Western	52	44
Eastern	96	74
Islands	14	3
Kowloon City	66	61
Kwai Tsing	88	59
Kwun Tong	122	76
North	58	67
Sai Kung	56	56
Sha Tin	82	56
Sham Shui Po	76	100
Southern	58	70
Tai Po	66	93
Tsuen Wan	50	99
Tuen Mun	78	75
Wan Chai	56	74
Wong Tai Sin	84	100
Yau Tsim Mong	58	74
Yuen Long	70	61
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>69</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0167****(Question Serial No. 0901)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) under this Programme:

(1) Please set out in the table below the relevant information:

	Number of places of HCCS & CCG	Number of child carers	Number of HCCS users	Number of CCG users	Average fees per hour of HCCS	Average hourly rate/incentive payment/ allowance, etc. of child carers	Government allocation/ expenditure
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							
Total							

Legend

HCCS – Home-based child care service

CCG – Centre-based care group

- (2) When compared with the previous year, how many additional subsidised places and how much additional resources will be provided for the relevant services in the coming year? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The relevant information on NSCCP for the financial year 2014-15 (from April to December 2014) is set out in the Annex.
- (2) In 2014-15, funding for NSCCP was increased for enhancing social work support for the service and for the addition of no less than 234 places. Operators also have the flexibility to increase the number of places based on the service demand in the district, and additional funding will be provided. NSCCP will involve a full-year expenditure of \$39.9 million in 2015-16. Operators may arrange suitable staffing according to their operational needs.

**Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project  
(April to December 2014)**

District	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG [Note 1]	Number of child carers (Dec 2014)	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2]		Incentive payment for child carer per hour [Note 3]	Revised Estimate in 2014-15 [Note 4]
			HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG		
Central & Western	53	60	352	5	24	24	20	\$37.4 million
Wan Chai	53	63	206	47	22	22	22	
Eastern	53	147	302	17	22	22	22	
Southern	53	37	266	19	20	12	20	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	183	687	188	20	13	20	
Sham Shui Po	53	97	630	132	20	13	20	
Kowloon City	53	369	504	125	20	13	20	
Wong Tai Sin	53	80	528	192	18	10	18	
Kwun Tong	53	53	498	135	20	13	21	
Kwai Tsing	53	82	587	347	18	13	21	
Tsuen Wan	53	55	371	38	20	13	20	
Tuen Mun	53	53	854	166	20	13	22	
Yuen Long	53	54	843	280	18	13	22	
North	53	89	338	61	18	13	20	
Tai Po	53	90	497	42	20	13	18	
Sha Tin	53	87	474	18	20	13	22	
Sai Kung	53	76	671	19	20	13	18	
Islands	53	21	266	13	22	15	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1 696</b>	<b>8 874</b>	<b>1 844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

[Note 1] With the additional resources provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), operators have the flexibility to increase the service capacity provided by child carers on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fee with reference to the circumstances of the respective districts. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for partial or full reduction of fee.

[Note 3] Child carers provide service as volunteers in the spirit of mutual help in the neighbourhood. Incentive payment is given as a token of appreciation.

[Note 4] The estimated expenditure for each financial year includes administrative expenses of service operators and subsidies to service users from low income families.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0168****(Question Serial No. 0908)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding day child care service, please advise –

1. The number of child care places, the number of service users and the waiting time for aided child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs), residential child care centres (RCCCs) and special child care centres (SCCCs) in the 18 districts over the past 3 years; and
2. It is stated in the Budget that the Government will strengthen child care services. How many additional places will each of the 18 districts get? How much expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 47)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places for and average utilisation rate/number of service users of aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and SCCC in the past 3 financial years in the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are set out in the Annex.  
SWD does not keep information on the waiting time for aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs and MHCCCs.  
Since the applicants of SCCC may indicate preference for more than 1 centre (the preferred centres may involve more than 1 district), the information system of SWD does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for SCCC in the past 3 financial years is listed below –

SCCC	2012-13	2013-14
Average waiting time (months) <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	16.9	18.5

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.



RCCCs are not district-based and SWD does not keep statistics on the average waiting time for admission to RCCCs by district. The number of places, number of service users and average waiting time for admission in the past 3 financial years are listed below –

<b>RCCC</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (Apr to Dec 2014)</b>
Number of places	212	212	212
Number of service users	282	259	247
Average waiting time (months)	2.2	2.6	Not readily available [Note 2]

[Note 2] The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not readily available at this stage.

2. To support women to achieve a work-family balance and further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. The items, numbers of places and full-year estimated expenditure involved are as follows –
  - (a) Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$127 million;
  - (b) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and
  - (c) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$1.4 million.

**Table 1 - Number of places and average utilisation rate in  
aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres,  
mutual help child care centres and special child care centres  
(April 2012 to March 2013)**

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places [Note 3]	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 4]
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	40	100	3 461	53	67	9	199	95
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	99	3 028	75	-	N/A	204	99.5
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	3 987	91	14	0.1	24	100
Kwun Tong	-	N/A	1 444	87	56	8	66	98.5
Sha Tin	70	99	1 897	87	-	N/A	138	100
Sham Shui Po	62	100	739	89	37	20	205	81.5
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 634	68	14	5	192	97.9
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 156	85	56	4	168	96.4
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 276	70	14	0.1	120	100
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	N/A	2 810	71	14	17	333	99.1
Yuen Long	64	100	1 157	94	42	3	108	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23 589</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>94.9</b>

[Note 3]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2012.

[Note 4]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCC are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2013 divided by the number of places.

**Table 2 - Number of places and average utilisation rate in  
aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres,  
mutual help child care centres and special child care centres  
(April 2013 to March 2014)**

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places [Note 5]	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 6]
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	40	100	3 904	52	67	8	199	91.7
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	100	3 461	78	-	N/A	204	100
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	144	100	4 351	87	14	0.1	24	100
Kwun Tong	-	N/A	1 456	87	56	10	66	100
Sha Tin	70	98	2 091	85	-	N/A	138	100
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	37	17	205	99
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 680	74	14	3	192	98.4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 282	85	56	4	168	98.8
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 481	72	14	0	120	100
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	N/A	3 050	73	14	15	333	99.4
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	42	4	108	98.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25 575</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>98.6</b>

[Note 5]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

[Note 6]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCC are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2014 divided by the number of places.

**Table 3 - Number of places and average utilisation rate in  
aided standalone child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres,  
mutual help child care centres and special child care centres  
(April to December 2014)**

SWD District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places [Note 7]	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Average utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 8]
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	40	100	3 904	54	67	6	199	95
Eastern/Wan Chai	112	100	3 789	77	-	N/A	216	99.6
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	152	100	4 970	84	14	0.1	30	100
Kwun Tong	-	N/A	1 555	91	56	11	66	98.5
Sha Tin	70	97	2 237	89	-	N/A	138	98.6
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	37	17	205	99.5
Tai Po/North	48	100	1 739	83	28	6	192	98.4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	102	100	2 377	86	56	6	168	97.6
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	-	N/A	120	100
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	N/A	3 128	74	14	16	333	99.7
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	42	3	108	99.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>27 012</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>98.7</b>

[Note 7]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

[Note 8]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCC are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-December 2014 divided by the number of places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0909)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services, please provide the current number of places for subvented extended hours service (EHS), subvented occasional child care service (OCCS) and aided "full-day" child care service, as well as their respective number of service users and waiting time in each of the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The number of places and average utilisation rate of subvented EHS, subvented OCCS and aided "full-day" child care services (including aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and CCCs attached to kindergarten-cum-CCCs (KG-cum-CCCs)) by district are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the waiting time for the above services.

**Number of places and average utilisation rate of  
aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs,  
EHS and OCCS  
(April to December 2014)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs		EHS		OCCS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <small>[Note]</small>	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	40	100	1 318	57	52	44	13	43
Eastern	64	100	3 040	77	96	74	22	56
Islands	-	N/A	1 094	38	14	3	13	78
Kowloon City	64	100	3 708	82	66	61	22	68
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 192	89	88	59	34	81
Kwun Tong	-	N/A	1 555	91	122	76	50	75
North	48	100	728	93	58	67	16	55
Sai Kung	-	N/A	2 321	68	56	56	20	50
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	82	56	30	55
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	76	100	26	85
Southern	-	N/A	1 492	62	58	70	18	100
Tai Po	-	N/A	1 011	76	66	93	17	74
Tsuen Wan	70	100	1 185	83	50	99	20	68
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	78	75	33	82
Wan Chai	48	100	749	80	56	74	10	67
Wong Tai Sin	-	N/A	807	92	84	100	34	87
Yau Tsim Mong	88	100	1 262	88	58	74	22	61
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	70	61	34	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>27 012</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>70</b>

[Note]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2419)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In view of the court judgment that the 7-year residence requirement for holders of one-way permit to be eligible to apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) is unconstitutional, does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have enough manpower and resources for processing relevant applications at present? Has the Government assessed in detail the impact on the manpower of SWD and the allocation of welfare resources if the requirement of 7 years is lowered to 6 years, 5 years, 4 years, 3 years, 2 years and 1 year respectively? Has the Government considered revising the years of residence requirement by way of legislation and public consultation instead of resorting only to administrative measures as is the case now?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the "1-year residence requirement" which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. From the date of the CFA judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD received about 8 600 applications which involved persons aged 18 or above and residing in Hong Kong for less than 7 years. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a discretionary basis had the "7-year residence requirement" still been effective, it is estimated that as at end-December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, and

the CSSA payment involved in 2014 was about \$175 million. After the judgment, SWD created 11 civil service posts to handle applications from those aged 18 or above and residing in Hong Kong for less than 7 years. At present, SWD has no plan to further increase the manpower or resources for handling such cases.

SWD has no plan to change the existing residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme or to assess any impact on manpower or welfare resources that may arise from a residence requirement different from the current one.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0564)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Despite the number of cases served estimated under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2015-16 remaining unchanged, and the number of cases served estimated under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in 2015-16 increasing by 29 000 when compared to 2014-15, there will be a net decrease of 14 posts for this Programme in 2015-16. Please give the details of and the reasons for the decrease in the number of posts.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

Under the Programme on Social Security, the net decrease of 14 posts will involve time-limited posts comprising Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades. The posts to be deleted mainly involve those who were responsible for planning and preparing for the implementation of the Guangdong Scheme under the SSA Scheme, handling work relating to the new Residential Care Supplement under the CSSA Scheme, and conducting the 2014-15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0567)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme). Last year the Government expected to provide 400 places under this scheme, but it also stated that the actual number of places bought would depend on the actual number of persons enrolled. Could the Government inform this Committee –

1. of the actual number of elderly persons enrolled for such places under the scheme and the expenditure involved last year?
2. of the estimated number of places bought under the scheme and the funding earmarked this year?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD has invited eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme since June 2014 and has arranged for the elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme to be admitted into the residential care homes concerned since September 2014. Up to end-February 2015, 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 12 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. The expenditure involved was about \$450,000.
2. While the Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the actual number of places bought and the expenditure incurred will depend on the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0569)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the financial provision for the coming year under the above programme, please advise –

1. the revised estimate for 2014-15 is 1.6% lower than the original estimate, what are the reasons;
2. provision for 2015-16 is 11.4% (\$682.3 million) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, please provide a breakdown of the increase in provision.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is 1.6% lower than the original estimate, mainly due to the fact that the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector and the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services are still in the process of selecting operators through tendering and invitation of proposals respectively. The expenditure items concerned will be incurred in 2015-16.
2. Estimate for 2015-16 is 11.4% (\$682.3 million) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. The increased funding is mainly for the provision of additional subsidised home care, day care and residential care places, the full-year effect of new initiatives which have been implemented in 2014-15, and the net increase of 4 posts in the Social Welfare Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0094)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 29 to 5 828 post as at 31 March 2016. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 29 posts is about \$9.9 million. Details of the posts are set out in the Annex.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number and type(s) of posts/ Nature of Work</b>	<b>Estimated annual expenditure/(savings) involved in net creation/(deletion) of posts (\$ million) <sup>[Note]</sup></b>
(1) Family and Child Welfare	<p>Net increase of 36 posts in the Social Work Officer grade and supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance community support services for children and families.</p>	12.7
(2) Social Security	<p>Net decrease of 14 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades.</p> <p>The posts to be deleted are time-limited posts mainly responsible for planning and preparing for the implementation of the Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, to handle tasks relating to the introduction of Residential Care Supplement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, as well as to conduct the 2014/15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.</p>	(7.4)
(3) Services for The Elderly	<p>Net increase of 4 posts in the Social Work Officer and Registered Nurse grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance the licensing services and monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.</p>	2.9
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	<p>Net increase of 3 posts in the Social Work Officer, Registered Nurse and Architect grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, as well as to support the implementation of works projects relating to welfare facilities under planning and in progress.</p>	1.7

[Note]

Based on notional annual mid-point salary of the posts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0104)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Director of Audit's report no. 63, the number of subsidised residential care services (RCS) places had only increased by 20% in 14 years from 21 600 as at end-March 2000 to 26 000 as at end-March 2014. This led to unacceptably long average waiting time for RCS. For instance the average waiting time for care and attention places/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and nursing home places as at August 2014 was at 36 and 32 months respectively. Worse still, 5 700 elderly on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised long-term care services passed away while waiting for RCS places in 2013-14. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee –

- (a) the enhanced efforts to be taken in 2015-16 for the provision of long-term care service for the elderly and the optimization of the effective use of the limited subsidised long-term care places available;
- (b) the resources, ancillary and support services to be provided in 2015-16 for the provision of community care services;
- (c) its plans and targets to shorten the average waiting time of the CWL for subsidised long-term care services in the short term (from now to 1 year), medium term (from 1 to 3 years), and long term (from 3 to 5 years); and
- (d) the latest progress of the preparation work on the Elderly Services Programme Plan taken up by the Elderly Commission?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Government has been adopting a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. In 2015-16, the Government will provide a total of 397 additional residential places for the elderly through 2 new contract homes, Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) and making better use of space in subvented homes.

To ensure the infirmity unit places in subvented RCHEs are put to optimum use, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to promote such places on a regular basis. SWD will also continue to coordinate with relevant service agencies/units for arranging elderly persons on CWL to be allocated with vacant places in the RCHEs concerned as soon as possible. And to make better use of the casual vacancies in subvented RCHEs, all the subvented RCHEs and RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) can utilise the casual vacancies of subvented places for residential respite service, so as to relieve the pressure on carers providing long-term care for elderly persons.

- (b) It is expected that 78 additional day care (DC) places will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts in 2015-16. Furthermore, the Government has provided an additional 1 666 places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services and has enhanced the service content, including elder sitting and on-site carer training, to further enhance the support for frail elderly persons living at home.
- (c) The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, we will purchase places from self-financing RCHEs through NHPPS and make better use of space in subvented and contract homes for provision of more residential care places for the elderly. In the medium-term, we will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher nursing care level. In this regard, SWD has earmarked sites in 15 development projects for construction of new contract homes. In the long run, we will continue to identify suitable sites for new homes. We will explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities for the elderly into redevelopment projects, and convert vacant buildings into RCHEs.

Regarding the provision of additional subsidised community care services places, the Government has earmarked sites in 9 development projects for construction of day care centres/units for the elderly.

In addition, the Government is actively implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme). More than 40 non-governmental organisations submitted over 60 applications in total. Based on the rough estimates of the participating organisations, if the preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 9 000 places for elderly services (and about 7 000 places for rehabilitation services) would be provided in the coming 5 to 10 years. These 9 000 places for elderly services, including DC places and residential care places for the elderly, will considerably relieve the pressure on service demand and shorten the waiting time.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for a particular elderly home and the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under EBPS/NHPPS, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, and the turnover rate of individual homes etc. Therefore, it is difficult to set a target for the waiting time for subsidised RCS places. We will continue to monitor the provision of services having regard to the service demand.

- (d) The Elderly Commission (EC) is formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) with the assistance of a consultant team which has an in-depth understanding of the subject. The consultant team is led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak,

Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong and comprised of members from other universities. The formulation of the Programme Plan will be conducted in 3 phases.

Stage 1 of public engagement was conducted from October to November 2014 to gather the views of stakeholders on the scope of the Programme Plan. The Government and the consultant team briefed the Panel on Welfare Services on the progress and listened to the deputations' views at the meetings in December 2014 and January 2015 respectively. Stage 2 of public engagement will commence shortly, which will further engage the public and stakeholders on the directions and possible alternatives for handling the key issues identified. EC is now working as scheduled and is expected to submit its report to the Government around mid-2016.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0116)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Social Welfare Department (SWD) administers the “Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance to Secure Employment” (the Incentive Scheme) with an aim to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of incentive payment as a means to further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and ultimately to leave the CSSA net. In this connection, please advise the following information:

- (a) the reasons of setting the number of participants of the Incentive Scheme at 2 050; whether it will consider enhancing the number of participants;
- (b) whether it had reviewed the method of selecting the participants to join the Scheme (i.e. on a random basis), given that the selected persons may not be found suitable; if yes, of the details; if not, of that reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The Community Care Fund has rolled out a 3-year pilot Incentive Scheme with effect from 1 April 2014. Administered by the SWD, the Incentive Scheme aims to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of incentive payment as a means to further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and ultimately to leave the CSSA net. The Incentive Scheme is a trial scheme. SWD randomly invites able-bodied CSSA recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance with different durations of receiving CSSA, including short term, medium term and long term, to participate in the Incentive Scheme. The aim is to obtain a diversified and indicative sample for exploring the effectiveness of the Scheme on different types of able-bodied CSSA recipients. In this connection, SWD had successfully invited 2 050 recipients to participate in the Incentive Scheme, which accounted for about 10% of all the unemployed CSSA cases. SWD has no plan to increase the number of participants during the 3-year implementation period of the Incentive Scheme. On the other hand, to evaluate the effectiveness of the Incentive Scheme, SWD had commissioned the Chinese University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study during the implementation period and within 1 year after the completion of the Incentive Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0124)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration will extend the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) for 2 years. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee -

- (a) whether it has reviewed the effectiveness of the IEAPS; if yes, please provide the details; the number of participants of the IEAPS who were able to secure employment and leave the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) net;
- (b) whether it will enhance the IEAPS in the new phase after the review; if yes, please provide the details;
- (c) the number of recipients having their CSSA payments terminated due to non-compliance with the requirements under the IEAPS as well as the relevant details.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS on 1 January 2013. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are commissioned to assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. From 1 January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 9 930 people had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS, among them, 1 870 had left the CSSA net. In the coming year, SWD will extend the IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017. At the same time, SWD will keep in view the operation of the IEAPS in considering the way forward for the programme.
- (c) From the launching of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2014, a total of 1 442 recipients had their CSSA payments terminated due to their failure to meet the requirements under the IEAPS. Of these recipients, 78 left the CSSA net, while the remaining 1 364 had their CSSA payments subsequently resumed after meeting the IEAPS requirements again.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2483)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many additional places in total for extended hours service (EHS) in aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) are being provided in 2014-15? How many EHS places are provided in each of the 18 districts?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The total number of EHS places provided by aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs was 1 230 in 2014-15. The breakdown of the number of places by district is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department will significantly increase in phases the total EHS places for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards in districts with high demand.

**Extended Hours Service (EHS)  
(2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
Central & Western	52
Eastern	96
Islands	14
Kowloon City	66
Kwai Tsing	88
Kwun Tong	122
North	58
Sai Kung	56
Sha Tin	82
Sham Shui Po	76
Southern	58
Tai Po	66
Tsuen Wan	50
Tuen Mun	78
Wan Chai	56
Wong Tai Sin	84
Yau Tsim Mong	58
Yuen Long	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1 230</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2484)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of supervision cases served under family and child protective services has been declining over the years and will further drop to an estimate of 7 813 in 2015-16. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The estimated number of supervision cases served by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) projected for 2015-16 is 7 813, a slight decrease of 63 (0.8%) over the revised estimate of 7 876 in 2014-15. The estimated number of supervision cases is projected with reference to the total estimated number of supervision cases served in 2014-15 and the average growth rates of new cases and closed cases during the same period. As the average growth rate of closed cases remained higher than that of new cases, the number of supervision cases for 2015-16 is therefore estimated to be slightly reduced.

The Social Welfare Department has introduced various service improvement measures in recent years to enhance the effectiveness of the FCPSUs in helping victims of child abuse cases or spouse/cohabitant battering cases, their families and the abusers. More cases were closed within a shorter time upon achievement of the treatment goals, which to some extent, offset the number of new supervision cases served.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2485)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2015-16, how many social workers will be employed by the government sector and the subvented sector respectively, and what is the average caseload per social worker? How many additional staff in total will be provided to IFSCs in 2015-16 and how will they be distributed?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

There will be 10 additional frontline social worker posts in the 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2015-16, and the total of such posts will then be 748. It is estimated that on average each social worker from SWD, IFSCs will serve 70 cases in 2015-16. The 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will also be allocated additional resources in 2015-16, for them to arrange manpower with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The estimated average caseload per social worker in IFSCs run by NGOs in 2015-16 is 78.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0181****(Question Serial No. 2486)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding social security, please provide details of the number of cases in which persons aged 65 or above receive Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), together with the annual expenditure involved, for 2014-15 and 2015-16 –

	<b>Category/Age</b>	<b>Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)</b>	<b>Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)</b>	<b>Aged 75 or above (Cases)</b>	<b>Total amount involved for the year (\$)</b>
SSA	Old Age Allowance (OAA)	N/A			
	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)				
	Guangdong (GD) Scheme				
	Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)				
	Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)				
CSSA	Able-bodied				
	50% Disabled				
	100% Disabled				
	Requiring constant attendance (CA)				
	Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme				

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

### SSA

The number of cases in which persons aged 65 or above receive SSA and the estimated expenditure incurred in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows –

Type of allowance	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)			2015-16
	Number of cases			Estimated number of cases
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above	
OAA	N/A	71 168	142 829	197 000
OALA	115 848	86 809	209 634	442 000
GD Scheme	2 938	4 626	9 937	19 000
HDA	1 297	1 392	11 233	No such information available
NDA	5 860	2 750	10 662	No such information available

Type of allowance	2014-15	2015-16
	(Revised estimate) (\$ million)	(Estimate) (\$ million)
OAA	2,939	3,428
OALA	12,397	14,878
GD Scheme	280	331
HDA	550	No such information available
NDA	363	No such information available

The revised estimate for 2014-15 includes the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance.

The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 has included (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of various payment rates by 4.7% according to the established mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payment would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) the 2 additional months of allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council).

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the estimated number of cases of the SSA Scheme for 2015-16 by age, nor the estimated expenditure incurred.

### CSSA

The number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA Scheme) recipients aged 65 or above in 2014-15 is as follows –



<b>Type</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December)</b>		
	<b>Number of recipients</b>		
	<b>Aged 65-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-74</b>	<b>Aged 75 or above</b>
Able-bodied/50% disabled	21 454	20 716	54 228
100% disabled	5 783	4 395	26 452
Requiring constant attendance	1 165	1 445	14 161

The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$9.316 billion (including the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate). SWD does not have information on the breakdown of expenditure incurred by CSSA recipients aged 65 or above by the said profiles, nor the estimated number of such recipients and the estimated expenditure incurred for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2487)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) conducted a review in 2014-15 on elderly persons who were granted the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the "Auto-conversion" arrangement. How many recipients in total were involved in the review? How many recipients had their OALA payment stopped for failing to meet the income and asset requirements? Has all the relevant work been completed?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

In 2014-15, SWD conducted a postal review for 263 404 OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – "Auto-conversion" arrangement. All the postal review cases had been completed by 30 November 2014. Of these cases, SWD had stopped OALA payment to 11 578 elderly persons for having income and/or assets exceeding the prescribed limits.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2488)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Is there any plan to conduct a review on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and to explore the feasibility of extending OALA to Guangdong (GD) this year? What are the details of the work arrangement in this regard?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

It has only been less than 2 years since the implementation of OALA in April 2013. While the Government has no plan to extend OALA to GD at this stage, we will continue to monitor the implementation of OALA in Hong Kong and pay regard to the operating experience gained from the implementation of the GD Scheme (i.e. the implementation of Old Age Allowance in GD). Besides, OALA is one of the important initiatives to address the issue of elderly poverty. We consider it more prudent to take account of the outcome of the current discussion on retirement protection in the review of OALA.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0184****(Question Serial No. 2489)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Under the Programme on Services for The Elderly, the Government will increase the provision to \$6,666 million to promote the well-being of the elderly in 2015-16. Please provide details of the respective provisions for residential care services and community support services for the elderly for 2015-16, as well as for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 42)Reply:

The respective provisions for residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2015-16 and the expenditure in the past 3 years are as follows –

<b>Financial Year</b> <b>Service</b>	<b>2012-13</b> <b>(Actual)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <b>(Actual)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(Revised</b> <b>Estimate)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <b>(Estimate)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>
Residential Care Services	3,062.8	3,409.5	3,924.0	4,255.3
Community Care and Support Services	1,529.0	1,606.1	1,862.6	2,150.9
Others (e.g. organising the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector, etc.)	302.8	265.8	197.5	260.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,894.6</b>	<b>5,281.4</b>	<b>5,984.1</b>	<b>6,666.4</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 2490)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many people are on the waiting list for various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2014-15 and what is the average waiting time? Is the average waiting time for various types of RCHEs expected to be shortened with the provision of additional residential care places in 2015-16? Please give the details in table form.

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 43)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

<b>Type of subsidised residential care places</b>	<b>Number of elderly persons on the waiting list (as at end-January 2015)</b>	<b>Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)</b>
Care-and-attention (C&A) home places	25 269 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
– Subvented/contract home		35
– Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) home		7
Overall		20
Nursing home (NH) places	6 384 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	32

[Note 1] Including about 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised C&A home places, but excluding the 6 553 elderly persons on the Central Waiting List (CWL) classified as inactive cases.

[Note 2] Including about 650 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised NH places, but excluding the 617 elderly persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have opted for a specific home, whether they have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the elderly home, whether they accept subsidised places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme/ Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of service places of individual homes, etc. We expect to provide 397 additional places in 2015-16. However, due to the above factors and as we are unable to estimate precisely the number of additional applicants in 2015-16, it is difficult for the Social Welfare Department to estimate the extent to which the waiting time may be shortened by the additional places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2491)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of nursing home (NH) places, the number of places could not be provided as planned every year since 2012. The original plan was to provide 1 954 places in 2014-15, but it has been reduced again to 1 789 in the revised estimate. What are the reasons? Has the Government conducted a review on its operational practices with a view to completing the plans in full steam so that more NH places could be provided?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

Among the 1 954 NH places planned to be provided in 2012-13, 380 were to be purchased from self-financing NHs and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) meeting the NH requirements under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). Due to the limited number of vacant NH places in those homes, as at 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) could only purchase 161 NH places. The purchase of the remaining 219 NH places had to be deferred to 2014-15. By 2014-15, SWD revised the original figure of 1 954 NH places to 1 789 due to the fact that the 126 places to be purchased under NHPPS could only be provided after the concerned RCHEs had enhanced their hardware and software to meet the NH requirements. It is estimated that the 126 NH places will be in service in 2015-16. SWD will continue to invite applications from RCHEs and self-financing NHs to provide the remaining NH places under NHPPS.

Apart from the provision of additional places through NHPPS, the Government will continue to provide additional NH places in new and existing contract RCHEs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2492)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average cost per place per month for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) rapidly increased by 20% in 2014-15. However, the estimate for 2015-16 will only increase by 4%, which is lower than the inflation rate of the past year. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The respective increase in the unit subsidy of EBPS places in 2012-13 and 2013-14 mainly followed the annual price level adjustment under the established mechanism. From 2014-15 onwards, the Government provides an additional annual funding of about \$122.7 million to raise the unit subsidy of all places under EBPS to strengthen the care and support of these homes for the elderly residents concerned. This accounts for the higher increase in unit cost in 2014-15. For 2015-16, the unit subsidy of EBPS places has resumed to be following the annual price level adjustment under the established mechanism.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2493)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There were 229 additional places in day care centres for the elderly in 2014-15, but there will be only 78 additional places in 2015-16. What are the reasons? How many people are on the waiting list for such places at present? What is the average waiting time? What is the geographical distribution of the additional places?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The additional 78 places for day care (DC) service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts in 2015-16. Apart from additional resources for increasing the 78 places for DC service for the elderly in 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department has also earmarked sites in new development projects for construction of new contract homes and day care centres (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs). It is expected that a total of 390 additional places for DC service can be provided in future in Kwun Tong, Kwai Chung, Tsuen Wan, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Sheung Shui, Fanling and Sha Tin districts.

There were 2 324 elderly persons waiting for DEs/DCUs as at end-January 2015, which did not include 295 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, and the average waiting time was 7 months (average from the past 3 months).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2494)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in table form the number of people on the waiting lists, the average waiting time and the funding for halfway houses for discharged mental patients (HWH), long stay care homes (LSCH), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB) in the past 2 years, as well as the estimated funding for 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The information sought is set out in the Annex.

Type of service	Number of applicants on the waiting list		Average waiting time <sup>[Note 1]</sup> (in months)		Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
HWH	714	627	8.2	7.2	162.9	178.4	181.9
LSCH	1 573	1 535	16.7	32.5	194.4	228.2	236.1
HMMH	1 694	1 781	83.8	119.5	197.9	235.7	254.1
HSMH	2 200	2 271	86.4	105.6	557.0	637.9	693.2
HSPH	516	556	26.6	142.2 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	101.6	113.6	116.7
C&A/SD	468	443	48.0	48.0	183.5	210.9	221.0
C&A/AB	120	130	5.4	8.4	124.5	135.0	136.2

[Note 1]

The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

[Note 2]

One of the cases waited for 9 years as the applicant originally waited for specific service unit(s) only and subsequently changed to wait for specific district(s). The waiting time in another case was 15 years as the applicant waited for specific service unit(s) only.

#### Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3090)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Estimates of last year, the number of places in hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) was originally planned to be increased to 3 652 in 2014-15. However, there are only 3 561 places in the revised estimate. Moreover, the 3 652 places to be provided in 2015-16 are barely able to meet what was planned for 2013-14. What are the reasons? Has the Government reviewed its operational arrangements in order to make full effort to complete the plan and further increase the number of such places?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

Some of the planned HSMH places have not come into operation as scheduled in 2014-15 mainly because of the delay in the construction work of some new projects and the longer than expected time required for conducting local consultation, seeking approval for change of land use, etc. The Government will continue to collaborate and liaise closely with the parties concerned at different planning stages and strive to expedite the process as far as practicable with a view to meeting the pledged targets. It is expected that these places having been delayed in 2014-15, will come into operation in 2015-16.

The Social Welfare Department will continue to proactively identify land and premises and steadily increase the number of subsidised residential care places. The Government is also implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses whereby non-governmental organisations are encouraged to better utilise their land by providing diversified subvented and self-financing services, including HSMH service, through redevelopment or expansion on their sites.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3091)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The cost per place per month for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) is \$8,237 in 2015-16, far lower by 17% than the \$9,938 for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). What are the reasons? Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) conduct a review sooner and increase the amount of subsidies to improve the service?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

There are 2 levels of places under EBPS for RCHEs, namely EA1 and EA2. As EA1 places are subject to higher standards and requirements, the cost of each EA1 place is higher than that of an EA2 place. Under BPS for private RCHDs, all the bought places are of the same standard and the average cost per place per month in 2015-16 is \$8,237, which is comparable to the cost of an EA2 place in private RCHEs under EPBS. The average cost per place under the EBPS is relatively higher than that under BPS because the former has taken into account the higher cost of EA1 places.

An overall review of the pilot BPS was completed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in mid-2014 and stakeholders showed support for the pilot BPS. SWD regularised the pilot BPS in October 2014 and has raised the amount of government subsidy.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3209)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For occasional child care service (OCCS), what is the number of places provided in each of the 18 districts in the Revised Estimate for 2014-15 and as estimated for 2015-16? What is the estimated expenditure for OCCS in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

To better utilise the resources in OCCS, after reviewing the service and consulting with operators, the Social Welfare Department has re-distributed the places for OCCS in different service units since September 2014 with reference to the utilisation of service in each district. The distribution of places by district is set out in the Annex. The total number of places in both 2014-15 and 2015-16 is 434.

The Revised Estimate in 2014-15 and Draft Estimate for 2015-16 for OCCS is \$25.2 million and \$26.5 million respectively.

**Number of Places for Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS)  
(2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	
	<b>Apr to Aug 2014 (before re-distribution)</b>	<b>Sep to Dec 2014 (after re-distribution)</b>
Central & Western	14	13
Eastern	19	22
Islands	12	13
Kowloon City	25	22
Kwai Tsing	37	34
Kwun Tong	49	50
North	20	16
Sai Kung	21	20
Sha Tin	29	30
Sham Shui Po	25	26
Southern	16	18
Tai Po	16	17
Tsuen Wan	18	20
Tuen Mun	30	33
Wan Chai	12	10
Wong Tai Sin	34	34
Yau Tsim Mong	22	22
Yuen Long	35	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>434</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3257)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding clinical psychological support service, why are the numbers of assessment cases and treatment cases increasing by 13% and 22% respectively in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

In 2012-13, some clinical psychologists (CPs) resigned and were on maternity leave or prolonged sick leave. This affected the rate of taking up new assessment cases. Starting from November 2013, the vacant posts have been filled, while the other CPs on maternity/sick leave have gradually recovered/resumed normal work. Therefore, it is estimated that the number of the assessment cases served in 2014-15 will pick up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0194****(Question Serial No. 0918)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services under this Programme, please advise –

1. how many children with special needs were assessed to be in need of pre-school rehabilitation services in each of the past 3 years;
2. the number of places, the number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time of various pre-school rehabilitation services in each of the 18 districts in the past 3 years;
3. the number of children receiving “training subsidy for children on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services” in each of the 18 districts and the amount of monthly allowance in the past 3 years;
4. the details of regularising the training subsidy in the coming year; whether there will be a review both on the amount of monthly allowance and the number of service hours; and the estimated recurrent funding involved upon the regularisation.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 35)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of children with special needs having been assessed and referred to wait for pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre, through the central referral system (CRS) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of new applications</b>
2012-13	4 033
2013-14	4 016
2014-15	3 231 (April to December 2014)



2. The numbers of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services by SWD administrative district in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex while the numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for respective services are set out in Tables 2 to 4 of the Annex.

SWD operates CRS for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. Since the applicants may indicate preference for more than 1 centre which may involve more than 1 district, CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for EETC, SCCC and IP in the past 3 years is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (Months) <sup>[Note]</sup>	
	2012-13	2013-14
EETC	15.2	19
SCCC	16.9	18.5
IP	12.7	14.1

<sup>[Note]</sup> The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.

3. Launched by the Community Care Fund in December 2011, the Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Training Subsidy) has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme with effect from October 2014. When the Training Subsidy was launched, the maximum monthly subsidy for each child was \$2,500. SWD has raised the maximum amount of subsidy to \$2,615 per month for each child since May 2013. A total of 2 840 children have received subsidy in the past 3 years. The number of children receiving subsidy in each of the 18 districts is provided in Table 5 of the Annex.
4. SWD regularised the Training Subsidy in October 2014 and raised the amount of subsidy. Each eligible child waiting for EETC or IP may receive a maximum monthly subsidy of \$2,763, while each eligible child waiting for SCCC or residential SCCC may receive a maximum monthly subsidy of \$3,867. It is estimated that around 1 500 children will receive subsidy each year.  
Each child receiving subsidy may receive not less than 4 sessions per month of pre-school training and parent support services, including individual or group training/therapy service provided by special child care workers, psychologists or occupational therapists/physiotherapists/speech therapists and family support services provided by special child care workers, psychologists, therapists or social workers. The estimated full-year expenditure for the services in 2015-16 is \$58.43 million. SWD has no plan to review the amount of subsidy for the services or the number of service hours at this stage.

**Table 1 – Number of places for pre-school rehabilitation services**

District	EETC			SCCC			IP
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	[Note]
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	199	199	199	132
Eastern/ Wan Chai	341	341	401	204	204	216	174
Kwun Tong	166	166	262	66	66	66	204
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	416	416	333	333	333	234
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	216	216	24	24	30	192
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	205	205	205	84
Sha Tin	191	191	291	138	138	138	156
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	192	192	192	168
Yuen Long	172	172	172	108	108	108	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	292	168	168	168	192
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	120	120	120	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>1 860</b>

[Note] There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014).

**Table 2 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for EETC**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list for EETC		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	377	358	323
Eastern/Wan Chai	427	441	364
Kwun Tong	419	391	285
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	590	558	424
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	369	453	432
Sham Shui Po	188	216	223
Sha Tin	464	472	367
Tai Po/North	337	350	297
Yuen Long	183	143	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	390	427	406
Tuen Mun	134	136	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 418</b>

**Table 3 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	103	105	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	126	122	93
Kwun Tong	136	121	95
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	191	185	153
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	131	135	138
Sham Shui Po	91	89	79
Sha Tin	157	140	128
Tai Po/North	134	104	102
Yuen Long	124	106	99
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	134	160	146
Tuen Mun	77	68	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 404</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 182</b>

**Table 4 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for IP**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list for IP</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	82	118	89
Eastern/Wan Chai	113	111	63
Kwun Tong	192	180	138
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	222	194	176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	117	156	128
Sham Shui Po	88	89	61
Sha Tin	218	258	217
Tai Po/North	284	263	211
Yuen Long	156	125	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	196	183	112
Tuen Mun	111	107	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>1 784</b>	<b>1 484</b>

**Table 5 – Number of children receiving the Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services by District Council district**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of children receiving subsidy</b>
Central & Western	41
Eastern	156
Southern	67
Wan Chai	43
Kowloon City	132
Kwun Tong	377
Sham Shui Po	201
Yau Tsim Mong	100
Wong Tai Sin	208
Islands	44
Kwai Tsing	208
North	234
Sai Kung	148
Sha Tin	274
Tai Po	142
Tsuen Wan	107
Tuen Mun	145
Yuen Long	213
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 840</b>

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0919)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the “training or vocational rehabilitation services” provided to persons with disabilities under this Programme, please provide the following information for the past 3 years –

1. the utilisation rate of the places provided by day activity centres, sheltered workshops, supported employment, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, integrated vocational training centres, On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway);
2. the total number of applicants and the average waiting time for the above services;
3. the proportions and numbers of new cases and existing cases among service users;
4. the number of job referrals and matching provided by the respective services and the number of cases successfully securing employment for more than 6 months through these services?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The utilisation rates of the places for various day training and vocational rehabilitation services are set out in Annex 1.
2. The numbers of applicants waiting for the above services and the average waiting time are set out in Annex 2.
3. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on the proportions and numbers of new cases and existing cases among service users of the above services.
4. The number of cases successfully securing employment for more than 6 months through vocational rehabilitation services is set out in Annex 3.

### Utilisation rates of the places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services

Type of service	Utilisation rate <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
DAC	99%	99%	98%
SW	102%	101%	99%
SE <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	122%	125%	129%
IVRSC	103%	105%	105%
IVTC (Day)	82%	85%	85%
OJT	105%	104%	97%
Sunnyway	94%	101%	96%

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the utilisation rate is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> SE primarily provides employment assistance for persons with disabilities so that they receive the necessary support to work in the open job market. Such kind of service is not confined by the physical setting. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, a lump sum grant is given to all subvented service units of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Hence, to allow more persons with disabilities to receive the SE service for enhancement of employment opportunities in the open market, some NGOs operating SE are admitting additional service users, resulting in the enrolment rate of SE being over 100%.

#### Legend

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

**Table 1 – Numbers of applicants waiting for day training and vocational rehabilitation services**

Service type	Number of applicants		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
DAC	1 257	1 293	1 336
SW	2 515	2 724	2 728
SE	79	96	83
IVRSC <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
IVTC (Day) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
OJT <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sunnyway <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 2 – Average waiting time for day training and vocational rehabilitation services**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) <sup>[Note 3]</sup>		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
DAC	44.4	57.6	57.6
SW	16.8	12.6	16.1
SE	2.2	2.1	2.2
IVRSC <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
IVTC (Day) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
OJT <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sunnyway <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A

[Note 1] There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

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

[Note 3] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. In addition, the figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

#### Legend

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**Number of cases successfully securing employment for more than 6 months  
through vocational rehabilitation services**

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Number of cases successfully securing employment for more than 6 months<sup>[Note]</sup></b>		
	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
SW	17	12	10
SE	435	418	412
IVRSC	129	172	164
IVTC (Day)	46	58	95
OJT	139	146	167
Sunnyway	43	155	107

<sup>[Note]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the number of cases successfully securing employment for more than 6 months is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

**Legend**

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0920)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Department will “provide additional Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) places”. In this regard, please advise:

1. The number of places, the number of service users, the average duration of using the services and the waiting time for new cases of EHCCS with a breakdown by District Council district over the past 3 years;
2. Last year, the Government mentioned that there would be an additional 1 500 places. Will the relevant places be available in the coming year? If yes, please provide the distribution of the additional places and the estimated reduction in waiting time in the coming year with a breakdown by District Council district;
3. How will the Government enhance the services under the scheme in the coming year? Will such enhancement involve an increase of cost per place? Please set out the cost per place in the past 2 years and the coming year;
4. In the past, the contracts of EHCCS were awarded through competitive bidding. However, given the high demand for relevant community care services, will the Government evaluate the overall effectiveness of the services, including the modes of awarding the contracts?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places and the number of cases handled under EHCCS with a breakdown by District Council district over the past 3 years (from 2012-13 to 2014-15) are set out at Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.  
Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may waitlist for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS.

The average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Average waiting time (in months) (Average waiting time in the past 3 months)</b>
2012-13 (As at end-March 2013)	3
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	7
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	9

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the average duration of using EHCCS of each case in each year.

2. The distribution of the additional 1 666 EHCCS places from March 2015, broken down by District Council district, is set out at Annex 3. Since the waiting time for EHCCS is affected by a number of factors such as the applicants' preference on service providers, change in service demand and different turnover rates in various districts, etc., it is difficult for the Government to estimate the waiting time to be shortened with the additional places.
3. EHCCS has been enhanced to include elder-sitting for service users and on-site carer training services since 1 March 2015.

The average cost per EHCCS place per month from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average cost per case handled per month (\$)</b>
2013-14 (Actual)	3,687
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	3,889
2015-16 (Estimate)	4,596

4. The aims of selecting EHCCS operators through competitive bidding are to enable the service providers to provide more flexible and innovative services and to re-engineer services as appropriate for service quality enhancement to meet the changing needs in the community. The Government will keep under review the overall effectiveness of the existing services and continue to maintain communication with the sector.

**Number of EHCCS Places**  
**(From 2012-13 to 2014-15)**

District	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at 28 February 2015)	
	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster
Central & Western	171	154	171	174	171	174
Wan Chai	154		154		154	
Eastern	206		206		206	
Southern	158		158		158	
Islands	124		89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	236	188	236
Kowloon City	290		290		290	
Sham Shui Po	255		255		255	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	428	406	428
Sai Kung	228		228		228	
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	336	421	336
Sha Tin	192	212	192	212	192	212
Tai Po	129		129		129	
North	141		141		141	
Yuen Long	163	256	178	256	178	256
Tuen Mun	160		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	235		235		235	
Kwai Tsing	336		336		336	
Sub-total	3 957	1 622	3 937	1 642	3 937	1 642
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 579</b>		<b>5 579</b>		<b>5 579</b>	

**Number of EHCCS Cases Handled**  
**(From 2012-13 to 2014-15)**

District	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	Service teams by district	Service teams by cluster	Service teams by district	Service teams by cluster	Service teams by district	Service teams by cluster
Central & Western	208	205	228	225	207	234
Wan Chai	204		194		178	
Eastern	278		264		270	
Southern	203		207		197	
Islands	96		112		105	
Yau Tsim Mong	267	327	253	323	234	309
Kowloon City	403		401		360	
Sham Shui Po	337		362		311	
Wong Tai Sin	544	549	533	585	527	523
Sai Kung	301		308		268	
Kwun Tong	547	429	587	461	515	408
Sha Tin	260	312	279	311	227	265
Tai Po	175		181		159	
North	184		189		172	
Yuen Long	227	326	224	343	240	331
Tuen Mun	207		214		197	
Tsuen Wan	321		315		277	
Kwai Tsing	466		453		417	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 376</b>		<b>7 552</b>		<b>6 931</b>	

**Distribution of the Additional EHCCS Places by District in 2015-16**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of places</b>
Central & Western	173
Wan Chai	
Eastern	
Southern	
Islands	
Yau Tsim Mong	156
Kowloon City	
Sham Shui Po	143
Wong Tai Sin	341 <sup>[Note]</sup>
Sai Kung	
Kwun Tong	161
Sha Tin	182
Tai Po	
North	
Yuen Long	150
Tuen Mun	
Tsuen Wan	360
Kwai Tsing	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 666</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including 177 places for Wong Tai Sin only.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0942)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the community care services for demented elderly persons, would the Government please advise:

1. the number of persons diagnosed with dementia and the number of new cases in Hong Kong in the past 2 years;
2. the number of service units providing specialised training and services for demented elderly persons among the existing elderly centres, day care centres for the elderly (DEs) and various home care services teams;
3. the number of elderly persons served by the above units in the past 2 years; whether additional waiting time was required for the relevant specialised services;
4. the number of service operators under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) providing specialised services for demented elderly persons; the number of elderly users since the implementation of the scheme;
5. whether the Government will enhance the community and family support for demented elderly persons by providing additional resources and supplements to the operators of services for the elderly and carers with reference to the provision of dementia supplement (DS) for residential care homes; moreover, what services will be specifically provided for the support of demented elderly persons and how much expenditure will be incurred in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 58)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of elderly persons diagnosed with dementia in Hong Kong. The Government supports frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community and their families through 70 DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs), 34 enhanced home and community care services teams, and 60 integrated home care services teams. Support services for the elderly persons and their families are also provided by 210 elderly centres. The services include training and counselling

services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. At present, elderly persons with dementia are served in an integrated manner in one care facility (i.e. in the same environment with which the elderly persons are familiar) in order to ensure that they can receive appropriate care services at different stages. SWD will continue its efforts in enhancing the support for these care units to enable them to provide appropriate services for elderly persons with dementia at different stages.

4. Under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, 6 Recognised Service Providers provide specialised day care services for demented elderly persons, providing a total of 97 service places. As at end-January 2015, there were a total of 158 elderly users of the services concerned.

5. Since 2011-12, DS has been provided to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more appropriate services to elderly persons with dementia who are living in the community. In 2015-16, the allocation of DS to DEs/DCUs will be about \$17.6 million. DEs/DCUs may deploy DS to employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as support services for their carers as necessary.

Since 2014-15, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been provided to 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0198****(Question Serial No. 0943)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the residential care services under this Programme, would the Government please advise:

1. the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in each of the past 2 years and the average amount of their CSSA payments (including various types of grant/allowance);
2. the number of complaints received and cases handled involving CSSA recipients in RCHEs in the past 2 years; and the figures with a breakdown by type of complaints;
3. the number of inspections on various RCHEs conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) in the past 2 years; and among them, the number of inspections specifically for finding out the fee-charging arrangements and the handling of property of elderly persons in RCHEs;
4. the manpower, estimated number of inspections and expenditure relating to the inspections of RCHEs in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 57)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2013-14 and 2014-15, the number of CSSA recipients in subsidised or non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the average amount of their CSSA payments per month are as follows –

Type of residential care places for the elderly	2013-14	
	No. of elderly recipients	Average amount of CSSA payments for a single elderly person per month (\$)
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	15 462	4,347
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	25 705	6,953



Type of residential care places for the elderly	2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	No. of elderly recipients	Average amount of CSSA payments for a single elderly person per month (\$)
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	15 556	4,489
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	25 544	7,262

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of complaints involving CSSA recipients in RCHEs.
3. LORCHE is responsible for monitoring RCHEs. The Social Work Inspectorate Team (SWIT) of LORCHE is responsible for inspecting the management of RCHEs, including the fee-charging arrangements and the handling of property of elderly residents, against the licensing requirements. LORCHE conducted about 5 254 and 4 509 surprise inspections on RCHEs respectively in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), with 1 809 and 1 475 of the surprise inspections conducted by SWIT.
4. In 2015-16, a multi-disciplinary team of 38 staff of LORCHE will conduct surprise inspections on licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance of statutory requirements. The average number of inspections by LORCHE each year is about 5 000. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$43.7 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0199****(Question Serial No. 0945)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Regarding various residential services for persons with disabilities under this Programme, please advise the respective enrolment rate, number of people on the waiting list, average waiting time and cost in the past 2 years.
2. Please provide a breakdown of the number of places and enrolment rate by government sector, subvented sector, self-financing homes and private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) for the past 2 years.
3. The cost per residential place of RCHDs operated by the subvented sector is over \$4,800 higher than that of RCHDs participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) in the coming year. What are the reasons for the difference of almost 40%? How can the quality of BPS places be ensured given the rather huge difference in costs?
4. Will the BPS be extended to self-financing homes operated by non-governmental organisations?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 46)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The average enrolment rates of residential services for persons with disabilities have already been provided in the Controlling Officer's Report. The numbers of applicants on the waiting lists, average waiting time and the cost per place per month of various residential services for persons with disabilities are set out in the Annex.
2. The information on the rehabilitation service places provided by RCHDs of the following 3 financing modes is provided in the table below –

Type of RCHD	Number of places		Average enrolment rate <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15
Subvented home	12 139	12 243	95% <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	N.A.
Self-financing home	419	425	81%	N.A.
Private home	3 775	3 897	79%	N.A.

[Note 1] The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average enrolment rate is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] A lead time is always required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises. Hence, the enrolment rate may not be 100% at any one time.

3. The cost per place per month of RCHDs participating in BPS in 2015-16 is \$8,237. Target users are applicants waiting for long stay care home and hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons. The cost per place per month of RCHDs operated by the subvented sector is \$13,089, covering residential services of different types and care levels, such as hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostel for severely physically handicapped persons, small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children, care-and-attention home for the aged blind, etc. Direct comparison between the 2 types of costs should not be drawn as their funding modes and types of services are different. The Social Welfare Department would ensure that services provided by BPS homes comply with the relevant requirements by monitoring the operations of RCHDs participating in BPS according to the standards under BPS, while these RCHDs are required to comply with the Service Quality Standards which are also applicable to subvented service units.
4. BPS primarily aims to encourage private RCHDs to upgrade their service standards and help the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities. The Government currently has no plan to extend BPS to self-financing homes operated by non-governmental organisations.

**Table 1 – Average waiting time and numbers of applicants on the waiting lists for various residential services for persons with disabilities**

Type of service	Average waiting time [Note 1] (in months)		Number of applicants on the waiting list	
	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
HWH	8.2	7.2	714	627
LSCH	16.7	32.5	1 573	1 535
HMMH	83.8	119.5	1 694	1 781
HSMH	86.4	105.6	2 200	2 271
HSPH	26.6	142.2 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	516	556
C&A/SD	48.0	48.0	468	443
C&A/AB	5.4	8.4	120	130
SHOS	26.0	16.5	1 340	1 474
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	12.4	18.8	80	93
RSCCC	13.4	17.5	42	30

[Note 1] The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] One of the cases waited for 9 years as the applicant originally waited for specific service unit(s) only and subsequently changed to wait for specific district(s). The waiting time in another case was 15 years as the applicant waited for specific service unit(s) only.

**Legend**

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children / integrated small group home

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

**Table 2 – Cost per place per month of residential services for persons with disabilities**

Cost per place per month of residential services for persons with disabilities (\$)	
2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)
11,906	12,835

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0959)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) under this Programme, would the Government please advise:

1. the number of places under IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) and (Frail Cases) (FC), the number of elderly persons being served and waiting for the services and the average waiting time by each District Council district in the past year?
2. whether enough places have been reserved in each district for providing emergency service for elderly persons who have short-term and unexpected needs? If yes, how many such places are provided in various districts and what is the utilisation rate?
3. whether in the long term the Government will consider setting up an emergency home care service team for the provision of time-defined care services for elderly persons who have recently been discharged from hospitals or have short-term needs?
4. the reasons for the increase of just 0.51% in the service cost per case from \$1,742 to \$1,751 in the coming year? How the percentage of increase was determined and what were the considerations? Have the relevant stakeholders been consulted?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places under IHCS(OC) and (FC) and the number of cases served as at end-December 2014 by District Council district are set out at Annex.  
There were 3 213 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) as at end-January 2015, excluding 98 elderly persons being classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, and the average waiting time was about 9 months (average from the past 3 months). Moreover, according to the record of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing the services, there were 4 678 persons waiting for IHCS(OC) as at end-December 2014. The Social Welfare

Department (SWD) does not capture the number of applicants waiting for IHCS(OC), IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time by District Council district.

2. If applicants waiting for IHCS(FC) can prove their urgent need for the services, SWD will give special consideration to the cases for arrangement of priority placement. Regarding applicants waiting for IHCS(OC), NGOs have the flexibility to decide on the maximum capacity of IHCS(OC) for meeting the service needs of the elderly persons as appropriate. After assessing the applicants' health conditions and other community support they are receiving, priority will be accorded by the NGOs to those in urgent need of services.
3. The Government launched the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the IDSP) in 2008 on a trial basis to provide "one-stop" support services (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support and carer training) to both the elderly patients discharged from hospitals as well as their carers, with a view to reducing the chance of unplanned re-admission and relieving the pressure on the carers. Since the IDSP was well received, the Government had regularised it in the first quarter of 2012 and extended its coverage to all districts in Hong Kong.
4. The subvention for emoluments in the 2015-16 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2014 while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC forms a relatively small part of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for IHCS place is not significant. If civil service pay were to be adjusted in 2015-16, the adjustment in the unit cost will be reflected in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate.

**Number of Places under IHCS and Number of Cases Served by District  
( As at end-December 2014 )**

District	No. of places		No. of cases served	
	FC	OC <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	FC <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	OC <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
Central & Western	40	585	47	716
Eastern	80	1 629	93	1 917
Wan Chai	30	507	35	633
Southern	80	1 020	91	1 197
Islands	20	246	22	306
Kwun Tong	150	1 942	179	2 270
Wong Tai Sin	100	1 440	122	1 551
Sai Kung	30	389	40	417
Kowloon City	30	1 337	38	1 558
Sham Shui Po	90	1 707	114	1 950
Yau Tsim Mong	40	921	53	1 087
Sha Tin	120	1 438	145	1 626
Tai Po	30	721	41	806
North	30	1 176	35	1 237
Yuen Long	90	1 231	111	1 398
Tsuen Wan	40	447	50	538
Kwai Tsing	90	1 164	104	1 359
Tuen Mun	30	1 282	33	1 428
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 120</b>	<b>19 182</b>	<b>1 353</b>	<b>21 994</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The number of cases served under IHCS(FC) includes cases of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. SWD does not capture the figure with a breakdown by cases of elderly persons.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The number of cases served under IHCS(OC) only includes cases of elderly persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0201****(Question Serial No. 0960)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding “continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)” mentioned in this Programme, would the Government please advise:

1. the number of service vouchers issued and the number of elderly persons benefited since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by district; and the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) in each district;
2. the number of elderly persons having withdrawn or switched to other community care service schemes since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme;
3. the distribution of the participants by the 5 levels of the co-payment amount; the number of elderly persons topping up their payment in addition to the value of service vouchers to purchase additional services; the average amount of their additional spending;
4. whether the Government will launch a new phase of the Pilot Scheme in the coming year? If yes, what are the details and the timetable?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 42)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. As at end-January 2015, the accumulated numbers of participants, service voucher holders and RSPs under the Pilot Scheme in each district are set out at Annex.
2. As at end-January 2015, a total of 785 service voucher holders had withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme, with 136 of them switching to other community care services.
3. As at end-January 2015, the co-payment position of the 1 217 service voucher holders is as follows –

Level	Amount	No. of participants	
I	\$500	869	71%
II	\$750	115	10%
III	\$1,000	109	9%



IV	\$1,500	25	2%
V	\$2,500	99	8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 217</b>	<b>100%</b>

Regarding the purchase of additional services, on top of the value of service vouchers, the average monthly numbers of elderly persons purchasing additional day care services and home care services are 82 and 19 respectively, with the average additional spending per person per month at about \$707 and \$250.

4. The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase launched in September 2013. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of possible areas for refinement for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

**Accumulated Numbers of Participants, Service Voucher Holders and RSPs  
under the Pilot Scheme by District**

<b>District</b>	<b>Accumulated no. of participants under the Pilot Scheme</b>	<b>No. of service voucher holders</b>	<b>No. of RSPs</b>
Eastern	322	203	9
Kwun Tong	298	178	12
Wong Tai Sin	329	188	6
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong)	225	136	9
Sha Tin	333	202	11
Tai Po	148	99	6
Tsuen Wan	149	94	4
Tuen Mun	198	117	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 002</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>62</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 0961)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory under this Programme, please advise –

1. the number of cases received by and the number of new cases of ICCMWs by service district in the past 2 years;
2. a breakdown of ex-mentally ill persons and persons with emotional and mental health problems using ICCMW services by age group;
3. what existing support services are provided in the community for ex-mentally ill persons and persons with emotional and mental health problems who are aged under 15, and for their family/carers;
4. the expenditure to be incurred by ICCMWs and community mental health services in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 44)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of new cases served by 24 ICCMWs by service district in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are provided below. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture information on the number of cases received by ICCMWs.

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of new cases in 2012-13</b>	<b>Number of new cases in 2013-14</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	683	644
Eastern/Wan Chai	897	835
Kwun Tong	675	614
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	797	800
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	813	626
Sham Shui Po	446	517
Sha Tin	611	547
Tai Po/North	694	534
Yuen Long	653	618

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of new cases in 2012-13</b>	<b>Number of new cases in 2013-14</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	968	911
Tuen Mun	498	434
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 735</b>	<b>7 080</b>

2. The numbers of members who are ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems in 24 ICCMWs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are set out below –

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of members in 2012-13</b>	<b>Number of members in 2013-14</b>
15 to 29	3 396	3 586
30 to 59	15 503	16 386
60 or above	3 684	4 211
Others (e.g. unknown, leave blank, etc.)	134	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 717</b>	<b>24 294</b>

3. The medical social workers (MSWs) of SWD stationed in public hospitals and psychiatric out-patient clinics provide psychosocial intervention for children and adolescents with mental health problems as well as their families/carers to help them cope with or solve problems arising from their illness. MSWs are also members of the multi-disciplinary team of the 7 Early Assessment Service for Young People Programme Service Centres of the Hospital Authority, and work closely with the medical and allied health professionals to offer one-stop support services with a view to facilitating early detection and intervention of mental health problems for young people. SWD also provides support services to parents and relatives/carers of ex-mentally ill persons through parents/relatives resource centres to facilitate their acceptance of their family members or relatives with mental illness and enhance their caring ability.
4. SWD will provide an additional recurrent expenditure to ICCMWs in 2015-16 to increase their manpower of social workers for providing more intensive counselling and support to families and carers of ex-mentally ill persons. The annual resources allocated to ICCMWs will be more than \$264 million. As for other community psychiatric rehabilitation services such as vocational rehabilitation services, residential care services and community support services, given that their target groups may cover persons with different types of disabilities, there is no breakdown of the expenditure for providing services to specific types of persons with disabilities, including ex-mentally ill persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0413)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is proposed in the Budget Speech that the Government will earmark \$220 million to extend for 2 years the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), which encourages employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. In this regard, would the Government advise the following –

1. What is the annual expenditure for IEAPS and how many employable able-bodied CSSA recipients could secure employment again with the assistance of IEAPS in the past 5 years?
2. Has any recipient, who had once secured employment, re-applied for CSSA afterwards? If yes, the number and the reasons; and
3. Has the outcome and cost effectiveness of IEAPS been evaluated? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Pei-chun, James (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has rolled out IEAPS since January 2013. The expenditure for IEAPS operated by non-governmental organisations for 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual) and 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) are \$27 million, \$93 million and \$83 million respectively. From January 2013 up to end December 2014, a total of 9 930 participants of IEAPS had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling, representing 32% of the 30 997 participants in total. SWD does not have a breakdown of the numbers of participants who had secured employment and of those who had returned to mainstream schooling by financial year. In the coming year, SWD will extend IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017, with a view to assisting able-bodied CSSA recipients to move towards self-reliance by enhancing their employability and by helping and encouraging them to secure employment. Meanwhile, we will continue to review the operation of IEAPS. Results from the review will be a useful reference for us to decide the way forward for IEAPS.

2. SWD does not capture information on the number of and the reasons for persons re-applying for CSSA, having once secured employment after participating in IEAPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2576)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. It is mentioned in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15” and the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16” in the Estimates for both last and this financial years that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Scheme). What is the implementation progress of the Scheme? How many young persons have participated in the Scheme in each of the 2 years? What is the percentage of young participants having continued to work in care services?
2. Has the Government designated any departments or manpower to follow up and monitor the implementation of the Scheme? If so, what are the departments? What is the amount of funding involved?
3. With the problem of ageing population starting to become serious, demand for healthcare manpower is bound to increase. Has this Scheme provided any extended in-service education or career enhancement for the young participants to strengthen their knowledge and skills?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To encourage young persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The Pilot Project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 training places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project, with all of them having been arranged to take up care work in RCHEs. Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked \$147 million for the Scheme to be launched and extended to rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 places in the coming few years. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is inviting

non-governmental organisations to submit proposals on the implementation of the Scheme. Enrolment of trainees is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015.

2. SWD is responsible for following up and overseeing the implementation of the Scheme. The manpower involved will be arranged through internal deployment.
3. The Scheme will retain the elements of the pilot project. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation services units, these young employees will be provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a 2-year part-time course. After successfully completing the first year of the course, they could apply to the SWD for registration as a Health Worker. After completing the second year of the course, young persons who are interested in developing their career in the care service and meet relevant eligibility requirements may, on the basis of their multi-skills qualification, pursue other training courses on their own initiative and move further up their career ladder in the care services sector.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2577)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will oversee the implementation of more cross-sectoral initiatives in after-school learning and support through matching grant under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD). What support and services have been launched under PFD over the past year (2014-15)? How many local students and cross-sectoral students have benefited respectively? How much has been spent on the programmes?
2. Will a publicity campaign be rolled out in the community to draw wider public participation in getting matching grant? How is PFD expected to be implemented in the future in order to achieve the effects of helping the disadvantaged and matching with the donations?
3. When will a mid-term review on the effectiveness of PFD be conducted?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. PFD was set up in 2005 to promote tripartite cross-sectoral partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support non-governmental organisations (NGOs) running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In the past year, PFD provided funding of about \$34.5 million to support NGOs to implement 55 after-school learning and support service programmes, including projects for secondary and primary school students from grassroots families on provision of activities for whole-person development, tutorial classes, diversified interest classes, life planning activities, after-school care service, etc., that run over a time span ranging from less than 1 to 3 years. The overall expenditure on the programmes, together with the donations from the business community, is \$74.5 million. About 600 primary and secondary school students have benefited

from each programme. SWD does not have breakdown figures on the students participating in PFD.

2. The Government plans to further inject \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which will be dedicated for the provision of after-school learning and support programmes (the Dedicated Fund), with a view to encouraging more business partners to collaborate with NGOs and schools in the promotion of whole-person development and provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families. To encourage more NGOs, schools and business corporations to participate in PFD projects, SWD has enlisted the support of various chambers of commerce, agencies, organisations, schools and business partners through briefings, issuing press releases and sharing sessions.
3. The PFD Secretariat will conduct an outcome review in due course having regard to the implementation of the first batch of Dedicated Fund projects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2579)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was proposed in last year's Budget to inject \$800 million for a pilot scheme on residential care service vouchers for the elderly and a total of 3 000 residential care services (RCS) vouchers would be issued in phases within 3 years from 2015-16. How is the scheme being implemented?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) is conducting a feasibility study on introducing RCS vouchers (RCS voucher scheme) for the elderly with the assistance of a consultant team which has an in-depth understanding of the subject, such as conducting public engagement sessions and surveys, etc. The consultant team is led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak, Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong and comprised of members from other universities. It is expected that EC will submit its recommendations by mid-2015. If it is considered feasible to run the RCS voucher scheme, the Government will take complementary measures. In this connection, about \$800 million has been earmarked to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2588)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is proposed in the Budget that \$130 million will be allocated to strengthen child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-life balance. Please advise –

1. Which department will be responsible for implementing the services with the allocation?
2. What is the implementation time frame of the services? When will the services commence? How many places will be provided? What is the cost for each subsidised case? To receive the services, will the families or women be subject to eligibility assessment? If yes, please state the eligibility.
3. How will the services be promoted in the community so that women or families from the grassroot level can receive such services in a timely manner?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government plans to allocate \$130 million to strengthen child care services. The Social Welfare Department will be responsible for the implementation.
2. The items, scale, implementation time frame and estimated full-year expenditure involved in the above additional resources are as follows –
  - (a) Significantly increase in phases the total number of places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$127 million;
  - (b) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service (OCCS) and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and

- (c) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$1.4 million.

Parents who are unable to take care of their young children at all times due to work or other emergency situations can apply to relevant service units for service of aided standalone CCCs, OCCS or EHS, depending on individual circumstances, without being required to meet eligibility criteria. In addition, service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for partial or full reduction of fees.

- 3. Service leaflets and posters are produced to encourage families in need to make use of the child care services and avoid leaving their children unattended at home. Publicity and promotion for child care services are also conducted at the community level through the 11 District Social Welfare Offices and their service units (including 65 Integrated Family Service Centres and units providing child care services, etc.).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2589)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many persons had applied for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) as at end-February 2015?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

There were 412 291 OALA cases (including applications approved and pending processing) as at end-December 2014. The figure as at end-February 2015 is not yet available at this stage.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0209****(Question Serial No. 2590)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out in the table the number of people on the waiting lists and the average waiting time for different types of homes in the Central Waiting List (CWL) for allocation of subsidised long-term care services as at end-February 2015.

	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes	Nursing homes (NHs)
No. of people on the waiting list		
Average waiting time		

How many elderly persons passed away while on the CWL for allocation of subsidised long-term residential care services from February 2014 to February 2015?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The number of elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised C&A places and NH places and the average waiting time for the 2 different residential care places as at end-January 2015 were as follows –

	<b>C&amp;A places</b>	<b>NH places</b>
No. of elderly persons on the waiting list	25 269 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	6 384 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)	20	32

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Including about 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the CWL for subsidised C&A places, but excluding the 6 553 elderly persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including about 650 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the CWL for subsidised NH places, but excluding the 617 elderly persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

5 568 elderly persons passed away while on the CWL for subsidised residential care places in 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0210****(Question Serial No. 2591)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out in the table the waiting list situation of community care and support services for the elderly as at end-February 2015:

	Elderly persons under Ordinary Cases (OC)		Elderly persons under Frail Cases (FC)		Persons with disabilities		Individuals with special needs	
	No. of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time	No. of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time	No. of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time	No. of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time
Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)								
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)								

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 44)Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed to be moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service may apply for the IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. As at end-January 2015, there were 3 213 <sup>[Note]</sup> elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about 9 months. Based on the records of the non-governmental organisations providing the services, as at end-December 2014, there were 4 342 elderly persons, 242 persons with disabilities and 94 individuals/families with social needs waiting for IHCS(OC). The Social Welfare Department does not capture the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

[Note] Excluding 98 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2592)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs),

1. how many elderly persons were on the waiting lists for the services as at end-February 2015?
2. base on 18 districts, where will the approximately 78 additional places be provided in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Based on available information, there were 2 324 elderly persons waiting for DEs/DCUs as at end-January 2015, which did not include 295 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
2. The 78 additional day care places in 2015-16 will serve applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0212****(Question Serial No. 2593)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out in the table the waiting time of persons with disabilities and the current number of places for different residential care services as at end-February 2015.

	Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)	Halfway house for discharged mental patients (HWH)	Long stay care home for ex-mentally ill persons (LSCH)
Current no. of places							
No. of people on the waiting lists							
Waiting time							

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 46)Reply:

The information sought is set out in the Annex.

Type of service	Number of places in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	Number of applicants in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	Average waiting time [Note 1] in 2013-14 (months)
HWH	1 509	627	7.2
LSCH	1 587	1 535	32.5
HMMH	2 384	1 781	119.5
HSMH	3 561	2 271	105.6
HSPH	573	556	142.2 [Note 2]
C&A/SD	991	443	48.0
C&A/AB	825	130	8.4

[Note 1] The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] One of the cases waited for 9 years as the applicant originally waited for specific service units only and subsequently changed to wait for specific districts. The other case waited for 15 years as the applicant waited for specific service units only.

#### Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1734)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the policies to encourage employment, the Financial Secretary said he would earmark \$220 million to extend the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). Would the Financial Secretary provide details of expenditure involved (including the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients that the IEAPS is planning to assist to secure employment, the number of Social Welfare Department (SWD) staff involved in the relevant work, how the participants will be assisted in securing employment, and what strategies will be in place to deal with able-bodied CSSA recipients who refuse to accept employment assistance)?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

In the coming year, SWD will extend the IEAPS for 2 years and continue to commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with employment assistance services, expecting to benefit 22 800 recipients. NGOs which operate the IEAPS may use the funding flexibly to arrange suitable manpower to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on family basis, including personal interviews, formulation of personal action plans for securing employment, provision of information on the labour market, career matching, career-related training, arrangement for acquiring work experience, post-employment support, short-term financial assistance, etc., in order to assist them in securing employment and achieve self-reliance.

Under the CSSA Scheme, all able-bodied applicants are required to secure full-time paid employment with working hours no less than 120 per month and earnings reaching the amount specified by SWD, in addition to meeting some other requirements. Able-bodied CSSA applicants failing to meet the above-mentioned requirements would have to seek full-time employment actively and participate in the IEAPS to receive employment assistance services, so as to become eligible for CSSA. Since the launching of the IEAPS on 1 January 2013 up to end-December 2014, a total of 192 persons had their CSSA cases closed after refusing to take part in the IEAPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1735)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

An Employment Assistance Coordinator who had once worked in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to help recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) secure employment told me that he strongly doubted the operation and effectiveness of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). According to him, IEAPS was unable to require young and able-bodied recipients, who had no motivation to find jobs, to secure employment; and most of the SWD staff members responsible for referring jobs for the recipients performed their duties in a perfunctory manner. Before implementing the Financial Secretary's proposal to extend IEAPS with the huge allocation of \$220 million in the coming 2 years, will the operation of IEAPS be reviewed so that the problems can be identified and the loopholes plugged? In addition, can a performance indicator be set for IEAPS, requiring disclosure to the public of its performance in the Estimates every year before providing formal allocation, so as to ensure proper utilisation?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

SWD launched IEAPS in January 2013 and commissioned non-governmental organisations to assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to seek employment so as to become self-reliant. Programme operators are required to provide recipients with employment assistance services according to the service capacity and to comply with the service performance requirements stipulated by SWD. From January 2013 to end December 2014, a total of 30 997 able-bodied CSSA recipients participated in IEAPS. Among these participants, 9 930 (32%) had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS, and 1 870 had left the CSSA net.

SWD will extend IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017 to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist and encourage them to secure employment to achieve self-reliance. Meanwhile, we will continue to review the operation of IEAPS. Results from the review will be a useful reference for us to decide way forward for IEAPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0381)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding domestic violence under this Programme, please advise the following –

1. The number of male victims and their percentage share in the newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in the past 2 years; among whom how many of them were 60 years old or above;
2. The number of males who participated in the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) and Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) and their percentage share in the respective programmes in the past 2 years;
3. The number of activities and publicity programmes specially organised for male victims by the Department and subvented organisations, and the number of male participants last year; how much expenditure was involved;
4. The number of dedicated hotlines providing support services for males, the services provided by the hotlines, the number of calls received and the number of cases handled last year;
5. The number of males admitted to the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) last year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, there were 3 836 and 3 917 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Among them, there were 692 and 655 male victims, accounting for 18% and 17% of the total number of newly reported cases in 2013 and 2014 respectively; and 156 and 136 male victims were 60 years old or above.
2. VSP mainly provides support services for victims, including child abuse victims. In 2013-14 and during the period from April to December 2014, there were 335 male

service users participated in VSP, accounting for 28% of the total number of participants.

In 2013-14 and during the period from April to December 2014, 109 male batterers participated in BIP, accounting for 92% of the total number of participants. In the same period, there was only 1 case under AVP but no male batterer was involved.

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented welfare organisations provide a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service, family support networking service, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support individuals, irrespective of their gender, and families in need. Individual service units may organise groups and activities for men to address their specific needs. There are no statistics available for the number of support programmes and events specifically provided for male, the number of male participants, or the expenditure incurred.
4. The Men's Hotline operated by Po Leung Kuk (PLK) aims to provide counselling and support services for men suffering from emotional problems and to prevent them from using violence to solve the problems. From April to December 2014, 3 688 calls for assistance were received by the Men's Hotline of PLK.  
Apart from the Men's Hotline of PLK, there are other hotlines operated by SWD or subvented non-governmental organisations which receive phone calls from both males and females. From April to December 2014, 74 099 calls were received by social workers of these hotlines. There is no statistical information on the callers' gender.
5. From April to December 2014, 122 and 45 men received short-term accommodation service in FCSC and MCISC respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0216****(Question Serial No. 0382)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government provides allowances for persons with disabilities (PWDs) by administering the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme under this Programme. Would the Government please advise the following –

1. The number of holders of Registration Card for PWDs registered with the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in the past 2 years with a breakdown by type of disability;
2. The number of recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) who were also holders of Registration Card for PWDs in the past 2 years;
3. The number of DA applications rejected due to various reasons, and the number of DA cases discontinued due to not being certified to be severely disabled in each of the past 2 years; and
4. Has the “Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of DA” (the Working Group) completed the review on DA, covering areas including whether people with loss of one limb can apply for DA? When will the outcome of the review be announced and the measures implemented? What is the time frame?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 15)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the records of CRR, there were 70 489 and 73 312 persons with disabilities registered and issued with the Registration Card for PWDs as at end-March 2014 and end-December 2014 respectively. A breakdown of these numbers by type of disabilities (regardless of the degree of disabilities) is set out in the following table –

	As at end-March 2014	As at end-December 2014
Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder	1 062	1 315
Autism	6 353	7 011



	<b>As at end-March 2014</b>	<b>As at end-December 2014</b>
Hearing impairment	9 037	9 250
Intellectual disability	21 468	21 879
Physical disability	12 087	12 605
Mental illness	15 890	17 325
Specific Learning Difficulties	831	965
Speech impairment	5 436	5 676
Visceral disability/ chronic illness	16 561	17 168
Visual impairment	4 329	4 435
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 489</b>	<b>73 312</b>

A PWD may have more than 1 type of disability. Therefore, the total number of PWDs registered with the CRR is less than the aggregate sum of the cases of each type of disability. These are cumulative figures, instead of the number of Registration Cards for PWDs issued in the respective year. The number of deceased cardholders has been discounted from the total.

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of recipients of DA who are also holders of Registration Card for PWDs.
3. SWD does not have the number of unsuccessful DA applications.
4. The Chief Executive stated in his Manifesto that “We will also allow people with loss of one limb to apply for DA”. To follow up on this, LWB set up the Working Group in 2013 to study the matter and reported progress to the Panel on Welfare Services on 9 March 2015. The Working Group is expecting to complete its work in 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 0248)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the residential care services under this Programme, please provide the following figures with a breakdown by type of elderly residential care places being applied for over the past 3 years –

- (1) the number of eligible elderly persons on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and the percentage change in the number of such elderly persons each year;
- (2) the number of elderly persons allocated places;
- (3) the number of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications;
- (4) the number of cases having been changed to “inactive” by Social Welfare Department for reasons such as applicants allocated other care services, etc.;
- (5) the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) As at end-January 2012, end-January 2013 and end-January 2014, the numbers of eligible elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised C&A places were 21 238, 22 400 and 23 558 respectively, increasing by 5.5%, 5.5% and 5.2% yearly.
- (2) to (5) Among the applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places, the numbers of elderly persons having been allocated places, having withdrawn their applications, whose cases changed to “inactive” and who passed away while on the waiting list from 2012 to 2014 are as follows –

	<b>No. of elderly applicants</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Allocated with places	4 420	4 166	4 311
Withdrawal	2 353	1 968	1 871
Cases changed to “inactive”	3 713	4 170	4 541
Deceased	3 184	3 290	3 657

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0218****(Question Serial No. 0430)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Government please provide the following figures broken down by the 18 districts:

	Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients aged 65-69	OAA recipients aged 70 or above	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65-69	OALA recipients aged 70 or above	Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 65-69	DA recipients aged 70 or above	CSSA recipients aged 65-69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above	Non-recipients of these social security benefits	Total no. of elderly population
Central & Western										
Wan Chai										
Eastern										
Southern										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Sham Shui Po										
Kowloon City										
Wong Tai Sin										
Kwun Tong										
Kwai Tsing										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Yuen Long										
North										
Tai Po										
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 9)Reply:

The numbers of OAA, OALA and DA cases as at end-December 2014 by age group and by district were provided as follows –

District	Number of cases				
	OAA cases aged 70 or above	OALA cases aged 65-69	OALA cases aged 70 or above	DA cases aged 65-69	DA cases aged 70 or above
Central & Western	11 805	1 624	6 053	282	1 207
Eastern	27 775	8 765	25 784	775	3 028
Islands	2 926	1 727	4 064	93	292
Kowloon City	17 642	5 293	15 510	410	1 738
Kwai Tsing	12 339	12 063	29 029	573	1 782
Kwun Tong	16 557	14 599	38 776	626	2 681
North	5 822	4 320	10 541	249	845
Sai Kung	8 457	6 533	14 066	323	1 147

District	Number of cases				
	OAA cases aged 70 or above	OALA cases aged 65-69	OALA cases aged 70 or above	DA cases aged 65-69	DA cases aged 70 or above
Sha Tin	15 740	12 397	26 167	766	2 281
Sham Shui Po	12 980	5 918	17 297	347	1 455
Southern	9 122	4 067	12 857	352	1 399
Tai Po	6 340	4 592	10 145	316	899
Tsuen Wan	9 224	4 189	11 687	271	1 034
Tuen Mun	7 813	9 753	16 395	542	1 027
Wan Chai	9 647	727	3 184	125	924
Wong Tai Sin	12 403	8 794	28 833	360	1 809
Yau Tsim Mong	13 292	3 057	9 204	274	1 176
Yuen Long	10 185	7 357	16 371	418	1 143
<b>Total</b>	<b>210 069</b>	<b>115 775</b>	<b>295 963</b>	<b>7 102</b>	<b>25 867</b>

The numbers of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) aged 65 or above as at end-December 2014 by age group and by district were as follows –

District	Number of recipients	
	CSSA recipients aged 65-69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above
Central & Western	245	1 645
Eastern	1 315	6 913
Islands	442	1 233
Kowloon City	1 376	6 363
Kwai Tsing	2 952	12 023
Kwun Tong	4 563	18 414
North	1 419	5 909
Sai Kung	962	3 344
Sha Tin	1 940	7 695
Sham Shui Po	2 409	10 807
Southern	681	4 221
Tai Po	874	4 774
Tsuen Wan	746	4 064
Tuen Mun	2 546	8 495
Wan Chai	144	757
Wong Tai Sin	2 202	10 351
Yau Tsim Mong	844	3 599
Yuen Long	2 670	9 034
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 330</b>	<b>119 641</b>

Based on Planning Department's information, the population aged 65 or above as at mid-2014 by age group and by District Council district were as follows –

District Council district	Population	
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70 or above
Central & Western	11 300	28 100
Eastern	30 900	71 700
Islands	5 300	11 500
Kowloon City	19 500	50 700
Kwai Tsing	26 200	57 300
Kwun Tong	31 600	79 500
North	11 500	25 500
Sai Kung	16 200	30 400
Sha Tin	31 200	55 600
Sham Shui Po	18 600	51 300
Southern	12 900	31 100
Tai Po	12 400	24 700
Tsuen Wan	13 300	30 900
Tuen Mun	23 200	35 700
Wan Chai	7 300	19 100
Wong Tai Sin	19 900	57 600
Yau Tsim Mong	15 100	35 700
Yuen Long	20 000	42 800
<b>Total</b>	<b>326 500</b>	<b>739 300</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0432)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As it is mentioned under this Programme that the Department will “continue to oversee the implementation of the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme)”, would the Government please advise:

1. Since the Pilot Scheme was launched, how many enquiries and applications relating to the Pilot Scheme has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received? How many of these elderly persons have since been admitted to the 2 residential care homes on the Mainland? What percentage of the places provided by the 2 residential care homes are being taken up by these elderly persons?
2. Regarding the above question, among the elderly persons who have applied and been admitted, how many of them were originally residing on the Mainland?
3. How much expenditure will be incurred under the Pilot Scheme in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

1. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme in June 2014 until end-February 2015, 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 12 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. According to the figures on the number of places submitted by the residential care homes concerned to SWD, the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme accounted for about 6% of the total number of places provided by the 2 residential care homes.
2. Among the elderly persons who had been admitted into the residential care homes concerned under the Pilot Scheme, 20 were originally residing on the Mainland.
3. The Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for implementation of the Pilot Scheme. The actual expenditure will depend on the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0220**

**(Question Serial No. 0433)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As it is mentioned under this Programme that the Department will “continue to oversee the implementation of the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme)”, would the Government please advise:

1. What had been done for promotion and publicity by the Government last year? Did Mainland organisations assisting Hong Kong people and the elderly on the Mainland receive targeted publicity? If yes, what were the details? If no, will any promotion and publicity efforts be made in this regard in the coming year for Hong Kong elderly persons who reside on the Mainland to become aware of and participate in the Pilot Scheme; and
2. Currently, how much does it cost the government to subsidise each place in the 2 residential care homes? What is the difference in cost when compared with similar places in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Pilot Scheme in June 2014 to provide an option for elderly persons who are currently on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places in Hong Kong to voluntarily choose to live in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation in Shenzhen or the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly run by Helping Hand in Zhaoqing. SWD has invited all the eligible elderly persons who are currently on the CWL for subsidised C&A places (including eligible elderly persons residing on the Mainland) via their Responsible Workers to join the Pilot Scheme. SWD has also publicised the details of the Pilot Scheme through press releases and the SWD Homepage. As from February 2015, new elderly applicants wait-listing for C&A places may also choose to join the Pilot Scheme.
2. Under the Pilot Scheme, the current unit rate of subsidy for each place ranges from HK\$7,100 to \$9,600, depending on the care level required by the elderly person concerned. Such amount of subsidy covers the basic fees charged by the 2 residential care homes on any service user for the same type of services, basic medical fees or medical insurance for the elderly person, and transportation and escort costs for the elderly person's return for periodic medical consultation in Hong Kong. As such arrangements have been made with due regard to the circumstances of the 2 residential care homes in Guangdong, no direct comparison of costs should be drawn between

such amount of subsidy and that provided by the Government for residential care places in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0221****(Question Serial No. 0467)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of CSSA households and recipients in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure incurred; and
- (b) the numbers and percentage of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates in Hong Kong, and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients by district as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

District	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Central & Western	3 143	3 816
Eastern	12 449	17 878
Islands	3 762	7 357
Kowloon City	13 948	19 592
Kwai Tsing	24 741	38 349
Kwun Tong	33 803	54 205
North	13 031	19 938
Sai Kung	8 054	12 701
Sha Tin	16 058	25 449
Sham Shui Po	23 680	33 910
Southern	7 883	10 597
Tai Po	8 559	12 759
Tsuen Wan	7 261	10 893
Tuen Mun	19 633	28 411
Wan Chai	1 606	1 787
Wong Tai Sin	19 448	29 625
Yau Tsim Mong	9 971	12 229
Yuen Long	24 010	39 956
<b>Total</b>	<b>251 040</b>	<b>379 452</b>

The estimated CSSA expenditure for 2014-15 (including the payment of 1 additional month of standard rates payment) is \$20.831 billion. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of expenditure by district. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme.



(b) The numbers of households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	510	12%	900	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	54	20%	68	11%
Broadview Garden	22	5%	36	3%
Butterfly	1 205	23%	1 868	16%
Chai Wan	405	25%	586	15%
Chak On	493	27%	768	19%
Cheung Ching	545	11%	1 001	7%
Cheung Fat	356	30%	537	19%
Cheung Hang	520	12%	845	6%
Cheung Hong	1 311	16%	2 175	10%
Cheung Kwai	52	11%	98	7%
Cheung On	466	37%	655	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	282	20%	489	15%
Cheung Shan	148	9%	316	6%
Cheung Wah	662	37%	1 056	23%
Cheung Wang	772	18%	1 304	10%
Ching Ho	1 857	26%	3 512	17%
Cho Yiu Chuen	218	9%	337	4%
Choi Fai	166	13%	280	7%
Choi Fook	698	20%	1 224	14%
Choi Ha	213	38%	311	23%
Choi Hung	1 308	18%	2 146	12%
Choi Ming Court	526	19%	873	10%
Choi Tak	1 008	18%	1 681	12%
Choi Wan (I)	685	12%	1 313	7%
Choi Wan (II)	363	12%	677	7%
Choi Ying	864	22%	1 463	14%
Choi Yuen	1 210	24%	1 976	15%
Chuk Yuen (North)	532	41%	794	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 387	23%	2 243	15%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	122	13%	180	7%
Chun Shek	386	18%	591	11%
Chung On	503	19%	885	10%
Clague Garden Estate	74	14%	126	8%
Easeful Court	47	9%	136	7%
Fortune	728	35%	917	19%
Fu Cheong	1 791	30%	2 458	15%
Fu Heng	637	38%	953	22%
Fu Shan	269	17%	445	11%
Fu Shin	691	30%	1 151	19%
Fu Tai	787	16%	1 618	9%
Fu Tung	157	9%	311	5%
Fuk Loi	509	16%	825	11%
Fung Tak	623	50%	853	33%
Fung Wah	125	33%	179	20%
Fung Wo	255	16%	427	12%
Grandeur Terrace	704	17%	1 866	12%
Hau Tak	599	14%	1 033	8%
Healthy Village	131	11%	196	7%
Heng On	351	41%	623	24%
High Prosperity Terrace	50	7%	141	5%
Hin Keng	337	49%	572	28%
Hin Yiu	190	24%	309	15%
Hing Man	257	13%	492	8%
Hing Tin	159	37%	295	22%
Hing Tung	279	13%	470	7%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Hing Wah (I)	412	18%	640	9%
Hing Wah (II)	728	21%	1 158	14%
Ho Man Tin	983	21%	1 435	11%
Hoi Fu Court	750	27%	1 192	15%
Hoi Lai	766	16%	1 771	10%
Hong Tung	217	47%	262	30%
Hung Hom	704	26%	1 088	16%
Jat Min Chuen	449	13%	674	6%
Ka Fuk	330	17%	537	9%
Ka Wai Chuen	289	18%	433	10%
Kai Ching	835	16%	1 415	12%
Kai Tin	492	22%	778	12%
Kai Yip	1 007	24%	1 551	17%
Kam Peng	48	19%	95	12%
Kin Ming	1 239	18%	2 455	12%
Kin Sang	167	30%	266	18%
King Lam	629	40%	851	27%
Ko Cheung Court	215	12%	573	8%
Ko Yee	274	23%	414	12%
Kwai Chung	2 790	21%	4 919	13%
Kwai Fong	1 036	17%	1 727	10%
Kwai Hing	140	42%	225	29%
Kwai Luen	454	16%	885	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 239	20%	1 943	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	706	14%	1 188	8%
Kwong Fuk	904	15%	1 638	9%
Kwong Tin	319	14%	571	8%
Kwong Yuen	540	43%	788	25%
Kwun Lung Lau	225	10%	390	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	664	14%	1 053	8%
Lai King	648	16%	1 049	9%
Lai Kok	748	26%	1 147	17%
Lai On	262	20%	392	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	215	8%	320	5%
Lai Yiu	404	15%	729	9%
Lakeside Garden	24	10%	46	6%
Lam Tin	647	21%	1 108	14%
Lee On	582	16%	968	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	572	47%	907	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 640	42%	2 901	30%
Lei Tung	676	30%	1 015	18%
Lei Yue Mun	717	23%	1 195	13%
Lek Yuen	538	17%	898	11%
Leung King	881	34%	1 329	21%
Lok Fu	677	19%	1 044	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	451	13%	696	7%
Lok Wah (North)	288	10%	608	6%
Lok Wah (South)	1 790	26%	2 691	19%
Long Bin IH	82	28%	110	21%
Long Ping	1 004	26%	1 770	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	655	15%	1 175	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	849	53%	1 256	33%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	826	13%	1 436	8%
Lung Hang	471	11%	916	7%
Lung Tin	96	25%	130	15%
Lung Yat	150	16%	310	12%
Ma Hang	87	10%	120	4%
Ma Tau Wai	384	19%	670	13%
Mei Lam	678	17%	1 135	11%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Mei Tin	1 312	20%	2 415	13%
Mei Tung	441	19%	756	13%
Ming Tak	249	17%	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	221	10%	310	5%
Model Housing	97	15%	189	8%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	120	13%	178	7%
Nam Cheong	264	38%	410	22%
Nam Shan	596	22%	978	14%
Nga Ning Court	50	12%	83	6%
Ngan Wan	57	13%	112	8%
Oi Man	772	12%	1 472	8%
Oi Tung	1 091	28%	1 543	17%
On Tin	96	13%	261	9%
On Ting	997	20%	1 545	12%
On Yam	751	14%	1 386	9%
Pak Tin	1 883	25%	2 883	14%
Ping Shek	572	13%	958	8%
Ping Tin	1 271	23%	1 877	12%
Po Lam	515	30%	866	18%
Po Tat	1 675	23%	2 919	13%
Po Tin	2 220	37%	2 606	29%
Pok Hong	426	37%	752	24%
Prosperous Garden	96	15%	103	6%
Sai Wan	54	9%	135	6%
Sam Shing	237	13%	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	831	21%	1 472	14%
Sau Mau Ping	2 752	23%	4 502	13%
Sha Kok	1 296	21%	2 104	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	60	9%	110	4%
Shan King	1 346	23%	2 239	15%
Shatin Pass	223	18%	363	11%
Shek Kip Mei	2 161	24%	3 531	16%
Shek Lei (I)	967	20%	1 588	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 797	22%	3 068	13%
Shek Mun	350	18%	632	13%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%	1 301	8%
Shek Wai Kok	923	15%	1 627	10%
Shek Yam (East)	485	21%	722	11%
Shek Yam	569	22%	989	12%
Sheung Lok	156	45%	184	32%
Sheung Tak	946	17%	1 620	9%
Shin Ming	379	19%	615	15%
Shui Pin Wai	647	27%	1 020	17%
Shun Lee	692	16%	1 173	10%
Shun On	600	20%	966	13%
Shun Tin	1 238	18%	2 149	11%
Siu Sai Wan	673	11%	1 294	7%
Sun Chui	957	14%	1 684	9%
Sun Tin Wai	435	13%	798	8%
Tai Hang Tung	593	30%	845	17%
Tai Hing	1 792	21%	2 825	14%
Tai Ping	82	29%	157	16%
Tai Wo	747	40%	1 109	24%
Tai Wo Hau	1 264	17%	2 171	10%
Tai Yuen	713	15%	1 451	10%
Tak Long	1 118	15%	1 951	11%
Tak Tin	943	46%	1 313	32%
Tin Chak	904	23%	1 630	13%
Tin Ching	1 564	25%	3 025	18%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Tin Heng	897	16%	2 459	11%
Tin King	199	22%	375	14%
Tin Ping	351	32%	591	18%
Tin Shui	1 044	13%	1 967	8%
Tin Tsz	745	23%	1 110	12%
Tin Wah	830	23%	1 354	12%
Tin Wan	631	20%	919	10%
Tin Yan	1 687	30%	2 523	23%
Tin Yat	504	15%	1 342	11%
Tin Yiu	1 190	14%	2 175	8%
Tin Yuet	977	24%	1 750	14%
Tsing Yi	274	40%	400	24%
Tsui Lam	302	19%	599	12%
Tsui Lok	131	41%	187	24%
Tsui Ping (South)	615	13%	972	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 476	45%	2 224	30%
Tsui Wan	199	35%	287	20%
Tsz Ching	1 883	24%	2 762	12%
Tsz Hong	307	15%	727	10%
Tsz Lok	1 200	20%	1 856	10%
Tsz Man	360	18%	659	11%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%	39	5%
Tung Tau	938	42%	1 351	26%
Tung Wui	412	31%	543	20%
Un Chau	1 759	23%	2 613	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 812	28%	2 660	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 171	24%	1 778	14%
Verbena Heights	190	20%	243	13%
Wah Fu	1 035	11%	1 805	7%
Wah Kwai	390	38%	512	21%
Wah Lai	217	15%	409	9%
Wah Ming	596	38%	925	21%
Wah Sum	293	20%	476	10%
Wan Hon	469	48%	660	33%
Wan Tau Tong	276	45%	392	27%
Wan Tsui	562	16%	998	10%
Wang Tau Hom	737	13%	1 247	7%
Wing Cheong	300	21%	543	15%
Wo Che	849	14%	1 671	8%
Wo Lok	371	19%	596	13%
Wu King	455	11%	955	7%
Yan On	455	18%	744	12%
Yat Tung	1 853	16%	4 501	11%
Yau Lai	1 754	21%	3 165	14%
Yau Oi	1 336	15%	2 453	9%
Yau Tong	842	24%	1 432	14%
Yee Ming	218	12%	453	9%
Yiu On	345	33%	557	19%
Yiu Tung	756	15%	1 140	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	69	8%	94	4%
Yue Wan	379	17%	683	11%
Yung Shing Court	370	22%	609	10%

SWD does not have the breakdown of expenditure by public housing estate. The above figures do not include the cases of the PCSSA Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0222****(Question Serial No. 0468)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) a breakdown of CSSA recipients and households by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) in each geographical district in Hong Kong and the expenditure incurred; and
- (b) a breakdown of CSSA recipients and households by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) in each public housing estate and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)(i) The number of CSSA cases by nature and geographical district as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

Geographical district	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 080	235	316	208	70	191	43	3 143
Eastern	7 949	1 200	879	1 188	359	649	225	12 449
Islands	1 687	191	395	643	282	421	143	3 762
Kowloon City	8 381	1 062	1 284	1 722	340	1 003	156	13 948
Kwai Tsing	14 793	2 246	2 181	2 614	907	1 620	380	24 741
Kwun Tong	21 306	1 493	3 003	4 197	1 165	2 167	472	33 803
North	7 504	1 005	1 225	1 769	320	879	329	13 031
Sai Kung	4 301	770	921	917	334	516	295	8 054
Sha Tin	8 864	1 414	1 908	2 159	438	866	409	16 058
Sham Shui Po	13 677	1 142	2 678	2 726	633	2 468	356	23 680
Southern	4 741	1 132	722	596	222	261	209	7 883
Tai Po	5 406	516	931	919	160	402	225	8 559
Tsuen Wan	4 644	492	541	843	221	403	117	7 261

Geographical district	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tuen Mun	11 283	2 124	2 183	1 979	461	1 246	357	19 633
Wan Chai	1 017	71	124	98	16	197	83	1 606
Wong Tai Sin	12 179	1 095	1 792	2 181	634	1 245	322	19 448
Yau Tsim Mong	5 197	414	1 075	1 103	202	1 758	222	9 971
Yuen Long	12 267	1 620	2 758	3 657	819	2 347	542	24 010
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 276</b>	<b>18 222</b>	<b>24 916</b>	<b>29 519</b>	<b>7 583</b>	<b>18 639</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>251 040</b>

(a)(ii) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature and geographical district as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

Geographical district	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 145	256	379	497	261	228	50	3 816
Eastern	9 466	1 667	1 409	2 867	1 164	1 055	250	17 878
Islands	2 194	326	848	1 612	1 045	1 120	212	7 357
Kowloon City	9 504	1 350	1 709	4 127	1 068	1 604	230	19 592
Kwai Tsing	18 661	2 971	3 527	6 349	3 147	3 082	612	38 349
Kwun Tong	28 501	2 132	5 139	9 925	3 582	4 104	822	54 205
North	9 196	1 381	1 924	4 292	964	1 688	493	19 938
Sai Kung	5 432	1 008	1 605	2 207	1 104	1 031	314	12 701
Sha Tin	11 308	1 948	3 430	5 164	1 355	1 496	748	25 449
Sham Shui Po	16 460	1 634	3 629	6 381	2 005	3 293	508	33 910
Southern	5 457	1 455	993	1 389	706	386	211	10 597
Tai Po	6 489	796	1 614	2 197	504	818	341	12 759
Tsuen Wan	5 696	699	858	2 011	742	687	200	10 893
Tuen Mun	14 248	2 582	3 123	4 625	1 486	1 898	449	28 411
Wan Chai	1 029	67	130	206	55	202	98	1 787
Wong Tai Sin	15 496	1 623	2 738	5 218	1 856	2 220	474	29 625
Yau Tsim Mong	5 431	454	1 230	2 398	648	1 776	292	12 229
Yuen Long	15 921	2 266	4 681	8 858	2 816	4 566	848	39 956
<b>Total</b>	<b>182 634</b>	<b>24 615</b>	<b>38 966</b>	<b>70 323</b>	<b>24 508</b>	<b>31 254</b>	<b>7 152</b>	<b>379 452</b>

The estimated expenditure on CSSA for 2014-15 (including the payment of 1 additional month of standard rates payment) is \$20.831 billion. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of the CSSA expenditure by case nature and geographical district. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme.

(b)(i) The number of CSSA households living in each public housing estate by case nature as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	510
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	54
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	22
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	1 205
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	405
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	493
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	545
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	356
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	520

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cheung Hong	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	1 311
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	466
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	282
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	148
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	662
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	772
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	1 857
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	218
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	166
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	698
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	213
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	1 308
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	526
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	1 008
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	685
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	363
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	864
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	1 210
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	532
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	1 387
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	122
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	386
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	503
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	74
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	47
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	728
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	1 791
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	637
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	269
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	691
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	787
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	157
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	509
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	623
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	125
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	255
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	704
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	599
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	131
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239
Kwai Shing (West)	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	904
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	319
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	540
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	225
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	664
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	648
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	748
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	262
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	215
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	404
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	24
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	647
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	582
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	572
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	1 640
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	676
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	717
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	538
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	881
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	677
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	451
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	288
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	1 790
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	82
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	1 004
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	655
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	849
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	826
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	471
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	96
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	150
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	87
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	384
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	678
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	1 312
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	441



	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	249
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	221
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	97
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	120
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	264
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	596
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	50
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	57
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	772
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	1 091
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	96
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	997
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	751
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	1 883
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	572
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	1 271
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	515
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	1 675
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	2 220
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	426
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	96
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	54
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	237
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	831
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	2 752
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	1 296
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	60
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	1 346
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	223
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	2 161
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	967
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	1 797
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	350
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	802
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	923
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	485
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	569
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	156
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	946
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	379
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	647
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	692
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	600
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	1 238
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	673
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	957
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	435
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	593
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	1 792
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	82
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	747
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	1 264
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	713
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	1 118

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	943
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	904
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	1 564
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	897
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	199
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	351
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	1 044
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	745
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	830
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	631
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	1 687
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	504
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	1 190
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	977
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	274
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	302
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	131
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	615
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	1 476
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	199
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	1 883
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	307
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	1 200
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	360
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	26
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	938
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	412
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	1 759
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	1 812
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	1 171
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	190
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	1 035
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	390
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>

(b)(ii) The number of CSSA recipients living in each public housing estate by case nature as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	330	124	107	190	91	37	21	900
Bo Shek Mansion	60	-	1	4	3	-	-	68
Broadview Garden	22	2	2	9	1	-	-	36
Butterfly	1 137	84	183	344	34	67	19	1 868
Chai Wan	319	33	58	114	17	30	15	586
Chak On	482	18	50	173	4	41	-	768
Cheung Ching	509	45	86	176	93	82	10	1 001
Cheung Fat	309	62	44	70	17	32	3	537
Cheung Hang	453	51	67	102	82	73	17	845
Cheung Hong	1 308	112	135	349	126	128	17	2 175
Cheung Kwai	44	3	8	17	11	15	-	98
Cheung On	420	51	51	74	12	38	9	655
Cheung Sha Wan	226	12	32	116	48	47	8	489
Cheung Shan	184	16	18	22	55	18	3	316
Cheung Wah	603	38	110	161	45	82	17	1 056
Cheung Wang	531	110	118	236	105	188	16	1 304
Ching Ho	1 223	95	389	1 040	267	436	62	3 512
Cho Yiu Chuen	236	13	18	18	32	18	2	337
Choi Fai	131	6	39	49	28	25	2	280
Choi Fook	530	34	77	352	85	138	8	1 224
Choi Ha	171	17	31	37	33	17	5	311
Choi Hung	1 186	72	197	410	120	140	21	2 146
Choi Ming Court	372	55	138	118	85	96	9	873
Choi Tak	781	38	103	515	99	112	33	1 681
Choi Wan (I)	598	68	142	280	83	120	22	1 313
Choi Wan (II)	352	18	72	124	42	53	16	677
Choi Ying	681	20	123	417	100	117	5	1 463
Choi Yuen	1 194	126	145	317	59	115	20	1 976
Chuk Yuen (North)	407	41	135	106	45	46	14	794
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 251	87	188	488	113	103	13	2 243
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	129	5	3	10	24	9	-	180
Chun Shek	323	27	77	105	29	23	7	591
Chung On	323	103	95	147	64	117	36	885
Clague Garden Estate	99	5	4	14	3	1	-	126
Easeful Court	25	6	14	35	28	18	10	136
Fortune	629	45	86	93	14	47	3	917
Fu Cheong	1 475	130	271	275	137	152	18	2 458
Fu Heng	462	84	200	106	19	68	14	953
Fu Shan	245	17	45	88	20	27	3	445
Fu Shin	570	68	168	184	43	74	44	1 151
Fu Tai	499	110	188	269	325	203	24	1 618
Fu Tung	105	17	47	83	35	24	-	311
Fuk Loi	492	49	79	150	18	25	12	825
Fung Tak	521	47	100	84	34	58	9	853
Fung Wah	90	15	22	23	9	13	7	179

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fung Wo	110	30	46	191	12	26	12	427
Grandeur Terrace	322	73	254	609	266	312	30	1 866
Hau Tak	466	66	135	159	82	106	19	1 033
Healthy Village	131	7	24	14	9	10	1	196
Heng On	260	49	92	114	36	35	37	623
High Prosperity Terrace	18	-	24	44	26	26	3	141
Hin Keng	302	26	73	77	39	44	11	572
Hin Yiu	132	17	52	81	17	10	-	309
Hing Man	184	35	34	100	90	47	2	492
Hing Tin	116	13	63	52	36	13	2	295
Hing Tung	207	48	47	92	47	27	2	470
Hing Wah (I)	320	83	60	80	63	33	1	640
Hing Wah (II)	662	78	77	233	56	47	5	1 158
Ho Man Tin	751	88	195	193	80	107	21	1 435
Hoi Fu Court	717	40	126	150	93	62	4	1 192
Hoi Lai	436	104	236	411	315	255	14	1 771
Hong Tung	228	12	7	13	-	2	-	262
Hung Hom	618	51	99	178	59	71	12	1 088
Jat Min Chuen	490	31	47	51	23	27	5	674
Ka Fuk	287	54	34	90	20	45	7	537
Ka Wai Chuen	300	20	43	34	9	25	2	433
Kai Ching	488	76	88	535	89	130	9	1 415
Kai Tin	367	45	124	104	73	55	10	778
Kai Yip	1 047	30	111	267	24	63	9	1 551
Kam Peng	45	3	10	17	-	16	4	95
Kin Ming	567	142	412	622	370	312	30	2 455
Kin Sang	133	23	26	47	16	20	1	266
King Lam	517	57	106	93	19	51	8	851
Ko Cheung Court	129	26	59	197	91	57	14	573
Ko Yee	245	22	28	76	26	17	-	414
Kwai Chung	1 709	269	593	1 169	543	555	81	4 919
Kwai Fong	759	118	221	205	212	189	23	1 727
Kwai Hing	120	15	18	39	15	16	2	225
Kwai Luen	256	28	89	302	92	102	16	885
Kwai Shing (East)	978	102	213	270	171	190	19	1 943
Kwai Shing (West)	645	65	97	206	76	81	18	1 188
Kwong Fuk	779	112	195	334	71	114	33	1 638
Kwong Tin	226	21	104	107	54	48	11	571
Kwong Yuen	335	90	119	123	25	42	54	788
Kwun Lung Lau	157	13	30	67	69	49	5	390
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	671	29	118	95	60	75	5	1 053
Lai King	626	51	54	177	76	53	12	1 049
Lai Kok	661	58	108	207	39	64	10	1 147
Lai On	196	39	58	60	11	27	1	392
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	14	41	21	7	19	-	320
Lai Yiu	335	46	76	97	86	78	11	729
Lakeside Garden	20	9	6	5	-	3	3	46
Lam Tin	553	29	117	225	104	68	12	1 108
Lee On	396	91	176	168	45	77	15	968
Lei Cheng Uk	471	46	74	177	41	86	12	907
Lei Muk Shue	1 178	196	318	614	311	237	47	2 901
Lei Tung	506	109	94	202	48	40	16	1 015
Lei Yue Mun	581	39	117	245	107	96	10	1 195
Lek Yuen	382	58	126	200	44	47	41	898

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Leung King	667	78	162	250	71	85	16	1 329
Lok Fu	468	71	119	222	65	93	6	1 044
Lok Man Sun Chuen	448	22	54	63	57	51	1	696
Lok Wah (North)	254	30	82	132	33	59	18	608
Lok Wah (South)	2 041	54	127	336	23	90	20	2 691
Long Bin IH	17	11	19	25	-	38	-	110
Long Ping	870	89	179	342	88	171	31	1 770
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	510	26	130	272	56	165	16	1 175
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	605	81	138	251	111	55	15	1 256
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	571	106	163	324	113	129	30	1 436
Lung Hang	342	25	146	238	82	51	32	916
Lung Tin	62	19	4	19	-	26	-	130
Lung Yat	85	15	23	120	30	28	9	310
Ma Hang	48	8	11	21	23	8	1	120
Ma Tau Wai	289	63	42	198	26	48	4	670
Mei Lam	565	42	149	276	31	49	23	1 135
Mei Tin	681	106	331	772	249	224	52	2 415
Mei Tung	341	46	57	167	58	74	13	756
Ming Tak	214	15	39	56	27	19	5	375
Ming Wah Dai Ha	225	19	17	18	15	14	2	310
Model Housing	60	22	26	30	42	7	2	189
Moon Lok Dai Ha	132	9	10	16	9	2	-	178
Nam Cheong	222	29	39	52	36	32	-	410
Nam Shan	481	48	87	260	25	75	2	978
Nga Ning Court	27	-	7	18	18	9	4	83
Ngan Wan	38	7	5	31	17	14	-	112
Oi Man	639	109	174	339	98	105	8	1 472
Oi Tung	916	150	113	219	84	54	7	1 543
On Tin	42	3	14	108	45	36	13	261
On Ting	857	88	123	288	66	104	19	1 545
On Yam	570	120	132	217	210	119	18	1 386
Pak Tin	1 607	99	319	459	155	218	26	2 883
Ping Shek	573	27	82	130	53	88	5	958
Ping Tin	1 043	89	189	305	92	132	27	1 877
Po Lam	421	65	99	170	51	50	10	866
Po Tat	1 391	115	264	461	280	352	56	2 919
Po Tin	1 432	177	377	281	49	269	21	2 606
Pok Hong	416	15	112	141	34	19	15	752
Prosperous Garden	92	-	6	2	-	-	3	103
Sai Wan	38	7	22	24	26	15	3	135
Sam Shing	210	37	27	76	19	45	12	426
Sau Mau Ping (South)	605	44	138	373	119	162	31	1 472
Sau Mau Ping	2 233	220	450	648	426	457	68	4 502
Sha Kok	1 015	110	323	439	70	90	57	2 104
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	52	6	14	18	6	14	-	110
Shan King	1 205	132	253	407	88	133	21	2 239
Shatin Pass	125	26	31	121	30	25	5	363
Shek Kip Mei	1 797	95	375	766	207	250	41	3 531
Shek Lei (I)	848	120	121	303	79	105	12	1 588
Shek Lei (II)	1 244	172	283	664	380	267	58	3 068
Shek Mun	156	16	105	218	55	47	35	632
Shek Pai Wan	578	115	128	193	174	78	35	1 301
Shek Wai Kok	832	123	151	321	83	95	22	1 627
Shek Yam (East)	401	58	72	83	54	48	6	722

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Yam	480	86	89	152	91	65	26	989
Sheung Lok	140	9	4	25	2	4	-	184
Sheung Tak	701	90	209	257	202	150	11	1 620
Shin Ming	248	30	74	173	46	43	1	615
Shui Pin Wai	607	37	91	165	40	70	10	1 020
Shun Lee	650	47	109	200	45	113	9	1 173
Shun On	595	54	72	143	38	59	5	966
Shun Tin	1 259	70	225	286	104	169	36	2 149
Siu Sai Wan	433	172	137	301	117	127	7	1 294
Sun Chui	825	93	185	312	129	107	33	1 684
Sun Tin Wai	377	61	83	164	54	50	9	798
Tai Hang Tung	513	23	83	120	54	49	3	845
Tai Hing	1 713	147	232	433	113	164	23	2 825
Tai Ping	60	14	23	30	5	23	2	157
Tai Wo	682	68	163	118	17	48	13	1 109
Tai Wo Hau	1 062	157	224	382	149	177	20	2 171
Tai Yuen	436	129	321	245	127	147	46	1 451
Tak Long	638	97	175	661	143	214	23	1 951
Tak Tin	816	48	179	119	57	74	20	1 313
Tin Chak	622	101	242	352	98	177	38	1 630
Tin Ching	1 020	120	313	936	195	366	75	3 025
Tin Heng	430	104	349	633	431	481	31	2 459
Tin King	134	43	31	111	29	22	5	375
Tin Ping	272	33	93	95	51	42	5	591
Tin Shui	797	104	245	399	184	206	32	1 967
Tin Tsz	616	58	142	158	52	73	11	1 110
Tin Wah	623	77	188	240	79	130	17	1 354
Tin Wan	468	94	102	106	96	43	10	919
Tin Yan	1 155	111	283	601	88	243	42	2 523
Tin Yat	296	54	182	358	187	245	20	1 342
Tin Yiu	919	78	330	437	141	234	36	2 175
Tin Yuet	655	62	204	325	257	228	19	1 750
Tsing Yi	215	25	33	62	21	37	7	400
Tsui Lam	225	26	85	172	46	40	5	599
Tsui Lok	150	10	4	17	2	4	-	187
Tsui Ping (South)	527	44	107	153	60	74	7	972
Tsui Ping (North)	1 253	102	264	304	133	157	11	2 224
Tsui Wan	160	36	18	43	12	16	2	287
Tsz Ching	1 531	126	254	406	200	227	18	2 762
Tsz Hong	198	31	64	183	94	146	11	727
Tsz Lok	1 005	98	165	272	106	188	22	1 856
Tsz Man	284	30	52	123	80	80	10	659
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	16	2	7	7	4	1	2	39
Tung Tau	783	63	118	213	65	96	13	1 351
Tung Wui	361	24	40	76	12	23	7	543
Un Chau	1 519	123	266	321	175	174	35	2 613
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 705	93	248	241	154	192	27	2 660
Upper Wong Tai Sin	993	127	136	243	144	122	13	1 778
Verbena Heights	182	6	19	14	-	19	3	243
Wah Fu	814	191	164	344	170	94	28	1 805
Wah Kwai	303	43	68	44	33	16	5	512
Wah Lai	133	36	52	91	56	40	1	409
Wah Ming	466	113	73	171	23	58	21	925
Wah Sum	238	54	46	57	31	48	2	476

	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
Public housing estate	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wan Hon	568	4	19	50	3	10	6	660
Wan Tau Tong	234	31	36	36	12	41	2	392
Wan Tsui	418	111	90	234	73	64	8	998
Wang Tau Hom	512	106	127	247	105	127	23	1 247
Wing Cheong	203	22	55	145	43	70	5	543
Wo Che	571	132	309	353	125	136	45	1 671
Wo Lok	323	39	63	108	25	26	12	596
Wu King	318	48	147	239	79	108	16	955
Yan On	237	32	103	248	30	84	10	744
Yat Tung	913	182	573	1 114	865	778	76	4 501
Yau Lai	1 388	56	317	876	245	254	29	3 165
Yau Oi	1 110	152	274	440	247	203	27	2 453
Yau Tong	708	59	163	214	176	92	20	1 432
Yee Ming	144	7	56	162	37	47	-	453
Yiu On	215	48	106	102	33	24	29	557
Yiu Tung	610	107	108	150	67	96	2	1 140
Yue Kwong Chuen	56	9	11	10	-	7	1	94
Yue Wan	291	44	61	210	31	44	2	683
Yung Shing Court	246	63	61	70	74	81	14	609
<b>Total</b>	<b>119 359</b>	<b>13 680</b>	<b>27 167</b>	<b>48 218</b>	<b>18 780</b>	<b>21 160</b>	<b>3 457</b>	<b>251 821</b>

SWD does not have the breakdown of the CSSA expenditure broken down by case nature and public housing estate. The above figures do not include the cases of the PCSSA Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0660)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16” that the Social Welfare Department will “provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes.” Would the Government please provide this Committee with –

1. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of sites for subsidised housing and redevelopment projects of the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) with floor area reserved for elderly services and homes at the design and construction stages in the past 3 years; the number of places for elderly services and residential care provided or to be provided by such projects; and the percentage of such projects out of the total;
2. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of private residential sites required under their Conditions of Sale at the time the Government invited tender to reserve floor area for elderly services (such as day care centres) and homes in the past 3 years; the number of places for elderly services and residential care provided or to be provided by such projects; and the percentage of such projects out of the total.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department will continue to identify suitable sites in close collaboration with concerned government departments, such as the Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Government Property Agency, for the construction/redevelopment of elderly service facilities, such as contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), contract RCHEs with day care units for the elderly (DCUs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in new development or re-development projects (e.g. public rental housing (PRH) and URA projects), or vacant buildings. The details of new contract RCHEs, contract RCHEs with DCUs and DEs commencing service in or after 2015-16 through the above arrangements are set out at Annex.

About 53% of the total number of places in new contract RCHEs will be provided by subsidised contract RCHEs in PRH developments, about 16% in URA developments, about 26% in private residential developments, and about 5% in Government joint-user complex developments. Regarding day care services for the elderly, about 56% of the estimated



number of day care service places will be provided in PRH developments, about 5% in URA developments, and about 39% in private residential developments.

### New Contract RCHEs, Contract RCHEs with DCUs and DEs

	District and location	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places) <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Estimated number of places of DEs/DCUs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
1	Eastern Government joint-user complex at Lei King Wan, Sai Wan Ho <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Government joint-user complex	100	-
2	Wan Chai Cross Street <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	URA development	93	DCUs: 20
3	Islands Tung Chung Area 56 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	-
4	Kwun Tong Anderson Road <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	DCUs: 20
5	Sham Shui Po Pratas Street <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	URA development	100	-
6	Sham Shui Po Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters	PRH development	150	-
7	Sham Shui Po Un Chau Street/ Hing Wah Street/ Fuk Wing Street <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	URA development	100	-
8	Yau Tsim Mong Hoi Fai Road	Private residential development	150	-
9	Sha Tin Shui Chuen O <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	-
10	Sha Tin Shek Mun Estate Phase 2 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	150	DCUs: 30
11	Sha Tin Area 16 and 58D, Fo Tan <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	DEs: 60
12	North Choi Yuen Road <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	DEs: 40
13	North Queen's Hill <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	DEs: 60
14	Yuen Long West Rail Long Ping Station (North), Long Ping <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private residential development	125	DEs: 60 DCUs: 20
15	Tsuen Wan West Rail Tsuen Wan West Station <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private residential development	120	DCUs: 20
16	Kwai Tsing Ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	PRH development	100	DCUs: 20
17	Tuen Mun Ex-Kwong Choi Market <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private residential development	100	DEs: 60
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1 888</b>	<b>410</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The number of residential and service places as indicated is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change as the details of the projects are being worked out.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The subsidised places under each project will include 1 designated residential respite place.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0661)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Guangdong (GD) Scheme (the Scheme) under this Programme, would the Government please advise –

1. How many GD Scheme applications have been received to date and how many of them have been approved?
2. What is the current percentage share of elderly recipients of allowance in the number of Hong Kong elderly persons residing in Guangdong?
3. In the first year of the GD Scheme, a one-off special arrangement was in place to allow elderly persons who did not meet the requirement of residing in Hong Kong continuously for 1 year immediately before the date of application, but had already moved to Guangdong and had satisfied all other eligibility criteria, to benefit from the Scheme without the need to return and stay in Hong Kong. How many applications have been received to date after the cessation of this arrangement? What is the percentage decrease in the number of applications received since the special arrangement was ended?
4. As the cessation of the special arrangement has a major impact on applications for allowance by elderly persons already residing in the Mainland, would the Government consider a discretionary grant of waiver on individual merits or rolling out the special arrangement again?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

1. The Scheme was rolled out in October 2013. As at end-January 2015, 20 707 applications had been received, with 18 401 of them approved.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the percentage share of recipients of Old Age Living Allowance in the number of Hong Kong elderly persons residing in GD.

3. & 4. When the Scheme was rolled out, it was clearly stated and explained by the Government that the arrangement for exempting applicants from the requirement of residing in Hong Kong continuously for at least 1 year before making application would only be effective in the first year of implementing the Scheme. This one-off special arrangement has expired since 30 September 2014. The Government has no plan at this stage to consider a discretionary grant of waiver on individual merits or to roll out this special arrangement again. In the year when this special arrangement was effective, SWD received a total of 20 464 applications, of which 16 708 were eligible for the special arrangement. Since the end of the one-off special arrangement, SWD had received a total of 243 applications in the 4-month period from October 2014 to January 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0225****(Question Serial No. 0662)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme and the Guangdong (GD) Scheme in the above programme, eligible elderly who choose to live in Guangdong or Fujian Province continue to receive cash assistance. Would the Government please advise –

1. the number of elderly persons under the PCSSA Scheme and the GD Scheme, and the amount of assistance paid over the past 2 years;
2. the number of elderly persons who left the schemes due to death and recipients who have returned to Hong Kong due to personal reasons over the past 2 years;
3. the provision of services and support to elderly persons under the schemes, apart from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and the manpower and expenditure involved over the past 2 years; if no, how are the needs for social welfare services (if any) of those elderly persons being addressed?
4. what kinds of publicity and promotion have been/will be conducted in the Mainland for the above 2 schemes over the past year and in the coming year? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 47)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of elderly recipients under the PCSSA Scheme and GD Scheme, and the expenditure involved in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

Year	2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme
No. of elderly recipients	2 096	17 194	1 951	17 501

Total expenditure (\$ million)	86	84	82	217
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2. The relevant statistics on the PCSSA Scheme and GD Scheme for 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

Year	2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
No. of cases of leaving the Schemes due to	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme
(i) Death	235	30	166	370
(ii) Return to Hong Kong due to personal reasons	111	46	56	379

3. SWD subvents the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) to operate Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework service to help people facing individual and family problems arising from geographical separation. Hong Kong residents, including elderly persons currently living on the Mainland, may approach ISS-HK for necessary assistance. Services provided include provision of information, counselling, emergency assistance, supportive groups, referral service, etc. Recipients under the PCSSA Scheme or GD Scheme who encounter difficulty in GD or Fujian may seek assistance from ISS-HK. Regarding the Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework service operated by ISS, the actual expenditure for 2013-14 and the revised estimate for 2014-15 are \$6.1 million and \$6.6 million respectively.
4. The PCSSA Scheme has been implemented for many years. Its features have not undergone significant changes and are well known to CSSA recipients. For the GD Scheme, SWD has publicised the scheme through the following means which are free of charge to elderly persons having moved to GD –
- creating a website for the GD Scheme featuring Frequently Asked Questions;
  - with the assistance of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in GD and the Information Services Department, issuing press release to GD mainstream media;
  - placing publicity materials in different locations in GD; and
  - setting up a link of the webpage for the GD Scheme in the homepage of the Department of Civil Affairs of GD Province and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of GD Province.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0226****(Question Serial No. 0663)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding recipients under the low-earnings category of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please provide information on the number of such recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, wage, as well as residential location in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 48)Reply:

As at end December 2014, the numbers of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, wage and residential location in table form are as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Male	5 972
Female	5 548
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by age group

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
15 – 19	455
20 – 29	1 571
30 – 39	1 919
40 – 49	4 449
50 – 59	3 126
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
1 year or less	776
More than 1 year-2 years	667
More than 2 years-3 years	689
More than 3 years-4 years	668
More than 4 years-5 years	711
More than 5 years	8 009
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by occupation

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Cleaner	1 271
Clerk	438
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	388
Delivery worker	634
Domestic helper/baby sitter	319
Driver	554
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	2 754
Salesperson	801
Waiter/waitress	815
Watchman/guard	662
Others	2 884
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by monthly earnings from employment

<b>Monthly earnings from employment</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Less than \$4,000	3 399
\$4,000 – less than \$6,000	3 688
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	2 174
\$8,000 or above	2 259
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by district

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Central & Western	93
Eastern	453
Islands	355
Kowloon City	533
Kwai Tsing	1 451
Kwun Tong	1 760
North	546
Sai Kung	442



<b>District</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Sha Tin	716
Sham Shui Po	996
Southern	246
Tai Po	273
Tsuen Wan	325
Tuen Mun	699
Wan Chai	30
Wong Tai Sin	873
Yau Tsim Mong	300
Yuen Long	1 429
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 520</b>

CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed, with monthly earnings from employment equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,920 as at end December 2014) and with no less than 120 working hours per month.

CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category could have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (e.g. ill health or being single parents). Not all recipients have all along been receiving CSSA because of low-earnings.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0227****(Question Serial No. 0664)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding recipients under the unemployment category of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please provide information on the number of such recipients, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, wage, as well as residential location in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 49)Reply:

As at end-December 2014, the numbers of CSSA recipients under the unemployment category, their gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, wage and residential location are as follows –

Table 1: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Male	9 960
Female	8 467
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 2: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
15 – 19	732
20 – 29	1 293
30 – 39	1 872
40 – 49	5 371
50 – 59	9 159
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 3: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of stay on CSSA (year)</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
1 or less	2 518
More than 1 -2	1 388
More than 2 -3	1 144
More than 3 -4	1 132
More than 4 -5	1 106
More than 5	11 139
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 4: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by past occupation

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Cleaner	250
Clerk	19
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	32
Delivery worker	197
Domestic helper/baby sitter	137
Driver	45
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	554
Salesperson	107
Waiter/waitress	113
Watchman/guard	14
Others	521
Jobless	16 438
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 5: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by earnings from employment

<b>Earnings from employment</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
\$0	16 438
\$1 – less than \$1,000	699
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 290
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 6: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

<b>Geographical district</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Central & Western	156
Eastern	760
Islands	465
Kowloon City	858
Kwai Tsing	1 512
Kwun Tong	2 507
North	863
Sai Kung	654
Sha Tin	960
Sham Shui Po	2 176

<b>Geographical district</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
Southern	353
Tai Po	439
Tsuen Wan	406
Tuen Mun	1 144
Wan Chai	128
Wong Tai Sin	1 374
Yau Tsim Mong	1 249
Yuen Long	2 423
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Unemployed recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parent) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have all along been receiving CSSA as a result of unemployment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0665)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. of the number of elderly persons who were receiving the OALA in the last 2 years; of the number of additional cases each year; of the percentage of these recipients among elderly persons over the age of 65;
2. of a breakdown of OALA applications rejected by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) by reason of rejection in the last 2 years;
3. of the number of spot checks of OALA cases conducted last year and of the number of such cases requiring in-depth investigation;
4. if the Government will consider allowing applications by individuals as some elderly persons pointed out that despite their meeting the eligibility of having reached the age of 65, they cannot apply for the allowance because their spouses were below 65 and are also required to go through the means test; when the OALA will undergo an overall review;
5. whether elderly persons residing in Guangdong of the Mainland can apply for the OALA next year; what is the timetable; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of OALA cases and additional cases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases (% among elderly persons over the age of 65)</b>	<b>Number of additional cases [Note]</b>
2013-14	416 166 (39%)	47 104
2014-15 (as at end December 2014)	412 291 (38%)	29 619

[Note] The number of additional cases refers to the number of new applications and re-applications, and does not include the OALA applications through Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion” and Phase 2 - “Postal Submission” in 2013-14.

- In 2013-14, 29 139 applications for OALA were turned down (including cases of “auto-conversion”, “postal submission” and “new application”) for reasons including applicants withdrawing the applications/opting not to join the OALA Scheme (applicable to “auto-conversion” only), failure of the applicants to pass the means-test, and applicants not meeting the age/residence requirement, etc. SWD does not have detailed breakdown by reasons for applications being turned down in the relevant year. The reasons for OALA new applications and re-applications being turned down and the breakdown for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2014 are as follows –

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
Assets over limit	94
Income over the limit	76
Not meeting the age requirement	19
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 317
Absence from Hong Kong [Note]	81
Withdrawal	755
Lost contact [Note]	140
Deceased [Note]	55
Converted to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	27
Other reasons	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 607</b>

[Note] These applicants failed to complete the application procedures so SWD could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

- SWD conducted a postal review in 2014-15 for all 263 404 OALA recipients at the time, who had been granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, in order to screen out recipients failing the means-test before the expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014.
- OALA is one of the important initiatives to address the issue of poverty among elderly persons. The Government considers it more prudent to take account of the outcome of the current discussion on retirement protection in the review of OALA.
- The Government has no plan to extend OALA to Guangdong (GD) at the present stage, but will continue to monitor the implementation of OALA in Hong Kong and consolidate the experience of implementing the GD Scheme (implementing Old Age Allowance in GD).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3042)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise –

- (a) the publicity and education expenditure involved in the prevention of domestic violence and sexual violence for the past 3 years;
- (b) the various measures to support victims of domestic violence and sexual violence and the number of persons receiving such support services over the past 3 years;
- (c) the details of the work to combat domestic violence and sexual violence and the expenditure incurred over the past 3 years; and
- (d) the details of support services in relation to handling domestic violence and sexual violence and the expenditure incurred in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2012-13 and 2014-15, the expenditure for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence and sexual violence was around \$5 million each year. In 2013-14, it was around \$7.9 million, which included a one-off allocation for the production of a series of docudrama.
- (b) to (d) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Since these services are also available for families in need and there is no breakdown of the user types, there is no statistical information on the number of victims of domestic violence and sexual violence receiving such services.

SWD's expenditure for the provision of the above services in the past 3 years and 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,628.7

Since these services are also available for families in need, SWD does not keep information on the expenditure specifically spent on the work for domestic violence and sexual violence.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3043)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) Please provide, by District Council district, the number of places, utilisation rate and number of children on the waiting lists for various child care services over the past 3 years.
- (2) It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 136) that the Government will “allocate \$130 million to strengthen child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-family balance”. Please inform this Committee of the specific details, staffing arrangement and specific time table for strengthening child care services.
- (3) It is mentioned in the Policy Address ((ii) of paragraph 137) that “the Government will, from 2015-16 onwards, gradually increase the subsidised places of extended hours service provided by child care centres and kindergarten-cum-child care centres to some 6 200”. Please advise the specific details and the staffing and financial arrangements, the proposed geographical distribution of the places and the implementation timetable.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of day child care services (including standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)) by district over the past 3 years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of children on the waiting lists for the above services.
- (2) & (3) To support women to achieve a work-family balance and further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate \$130

million to enhance child care services. The items and service enhancement involved are as follows –

- (a) Increase significantly in phases the total number of EHS places for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$127 million;
- (b) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing OCCS and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and
- (c) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$1.4 million.

**Table 1- Number of Places and Utilisation Rate/ Number of Service Users  
for Standalone CCCs, CCCs Attached to KG-cum-CCCs,  
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP  
(2012-13)**

(2012-13)

District	CCCs				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	Number of service users
Central & Western	300	[Note 2]	3 461	75	52	51	14	51	14	15.3	40	130
Southern					58	96	16	92	42	8.4	40	224
Islands					14	27	12	95	11	7	40	447
Eastern	489		3 028	75	96	68	19	58	-	N/A	40	313
Wan Chai					56	79	12	54	-	N/A	40	196
Kwun Tong	216		1 444	87	122	82	49	85	56	8.1	40	745
Wong Tai Sin	42		2 810	71	84	121	34	75	14	16.6	40	706
Sai Kung					56	47	21	55	-	N/A	40	631
Kowloon City	1 228		3 987	91	66	62	25	63	-	N/A	40	603
Yau Tsim Mong					58	91	22	68	14	0.1	40	1 034
Sham Shui Po	62		739	89	76	114	25	77	37	20.2	40	1 028
Sha Tin	70		1 897	87	82	79	29	55	-	N/A	40	447
Tai Po	48		1 634	68	66	83	15	90	-	N/A	40	504
North					58	81	20	40	14	4.9	40	334
Yuen Long	64		1 157	94	70	70	35	65	42	2.9	40	1 030
Tsuen Wan	298		2 156	85	50	112	18	95	14	2.4	40	323
Kwai Tsing					88	61	37	74	42	4.1	40	672
Tuen Mun	138		1 276	70	78	84	31	79	14	0.1	40	966
Total	2 955	-	23 589	77	1 230	81	434	71	314	8	720	10 333

[Note 1] Standalone CCCs include aided standalone CCCs and non-profit-making/ private standalone CCCs.

[Note 2] SWD only keeps record on the 100% utilisation rate of the 690 places for aided standalone CCCs of that year.

[Note 3] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2012.

[Note 4] The operator has the flexibility to increase the number of places provided by child carers on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

**Table 2- Number of Places and Utilisation Rate/ Number of Service Users  
for Standalone CCCs, CCCs Attached to KG-cum-CCCs,  
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP  
(2013-14)**

(2013-14)

District	CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places <sup>Note 3]</sup>	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	55	1 162	63	52	42	14	35	14	18.9	40	205
Southern	-	N/A	1 661	56	58	83	16	108	42	5.0	40	297
Islands	-	N/A	1 081	33	14	16	12	79	11	5.6	40	371
Eastern	449	60	2 713	79	96	70	19	56	-	N/A	40	402
Wan Chai	40	100	748	74	56	80	12	59	-	N/A	40	228
Kwun Tong	216	68	1 456	87	122	82	49	76	56	9.9	40	575
Wong Tai Sin	42	36	829	88	84	125	34	81	14	14.8	40	691
Sai Kung	-	N/A	2 221	67	56	51	21	64	-	N/A	40	888
Kowloon City	1 168	64	3 106	86	66	58	25	63	-	N/A	40	451
Yau Tsim Mong	88	94	1 245	90	58	98	22	68	14	-	40	824
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	76	116	25	84	37	17.1	40	1 035
Sha Tin	70	100	2 091	85	82	57	29	59	-	N/A	40	535
Tai Po	-	N/A	976	71	66	83	15	69	-	N/A	40	575
North	48	100	704	78	58	74	20	43	14	3.3	40	384
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	70	66	35	67	42	3.5	40	888
Tsuen Wan	238	84	1 144	83	50	98	18	77	14	3.2	40	428
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 138	88	88	60	37	71	42	3.8	40	719
Tuen Mun	138	88	1 481	72	78	77	31	83	14	-	40	1 098
Total	2 885	71	25 575	77	1 230	78	434	71	314	7.9	720	10 594

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The total number of places for CCCs include around 7 200 subsidised places.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The operator has the flexibility to increase the number of places provided by child carers on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

**Table 3- Number of Places and Utilisation Rate/ Number of Service Users  
for Standalone CCCs, CCCs Attached to KG-cum-CCCs,  
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP  
(April to December 2014)**

District	CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places <sup>Note 3]</sup>	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	69	1 318	57	52	44	13	43	14	23.1	53	352
Southern	-	N/A	1 492	62	58	70	18	100	42	1	53	266
Islands	-	N/A	1 094	38	14	3	13	78	11	2.1	53	266
Eastern	457	60	3 040	77	96	74	22	56	-	N/A	53	302
Wan Chai	48	100	749	80	56	74	10	67	-	N/A	53	206
Kwun Tong	216	69	1 555	91	122	76	50	75	56	11.6	53	498
Wong Tai Sin	42	69	807	92	84	100	34	87	14	15.6	53	528
Sai Kung	-	N/A	2 321	68	56	56	20	50	-	N/A	53	671
Kowloon City	1 144	72	3 708	82	66	61	22	68	-	N/A	53	504
Yau Tsim Mong	120	95	1 262	88	58	74	22	61	14	0.1	53	687
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	76	100	26	85	37	16.6	53	630
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	82	56	30	55	-	N/A	53	474
Tai Po	-	N/A	1 011	76	66	93	17	74	14	12.7	53	497
North	48	100	728	93	58	67	16	55	14	1.8	53	338
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	70	61	34	77	42	2.8	53	843
Tsuen Wan	238	84	1 185	83	50	99	20	68	14	7.8	53	371
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 192	89	88	59	34	81	42	5.5	53	587
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	78	75	33	82	-	N/A	53	854
Total	2 835	76	27 012	79	1 230	69	434	70	314	8.1	954	8 874

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The total number of places for CCCs include around 7 200 subsidised places.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The operator has the flexibility to increase the number of places provided by child carers on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0231****(Question Serial No. 3045)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list out the number of places provided by child carers and its average utilisation rate under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each of the past 3 years. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will enhance the service provision and social work support of NSCCP in 2015-16. How will NSCCP be enhanced? Has the SWD conducted a review to assess the effectiveness of NSCCP? Will the hourly wage under NSCCP be increased to a level not less than that of the minimum wage?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 9)Reply:

In the past 3 years, the number of places provided by child carers and their utilisation under NSCCP are as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 <sup>[Note]</sup> (Apr to Dec 2014)
Minimum number of places	720	720	954
Average number of children served per month	861	883	986

<sup>[Note]</sup> The minimum number of places has been increased to 954 since October 2014.

When the service contracts of NSCCP were renewed in 2014, SWD had evaluated the effectiveness of NSCCP with the operators in the 18 districts. The new service contracts have taken effect since October 2014, under which additional funding of \$4.8 million has been provided to enhance the service, enabling operators to increase the number of places to not less than 954, with social work support and training for child carers for NSCCP enhanced, and the age limit of children receiving the service extended from aged under 6 to aged under 9. Operators have the flexibility to increase the places to meet the demand in the respective districts, for which additional funding will be provided. Child carers provide service as volunteers in the spirit of mutual help in the neighbourhood. As the incentive payment they receive is not wages, no direct comparison should be made with the minimum wage.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3069)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides comprehensive of family and child welfare services and programmes. In this connection, has funding been earmarked in 2015-16 to examine whether cash allowance should be provided to family carers? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The Government has been attaching great importance to the service needs of family carers and has been providing a range of appropriate support services to help alleviate the pressure on different types of family carers. As regards child carers, the Government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) provide different forms of day child care services to assist parents who cannot take care of their young children temporarily due to work or other reasons. In addition, the 65 Integrated Family Service Centres and 2 Integrated Services Centres over the territory provide needy family carers with a spectrum of preventive, supportive and remedial family service, which include counselling service, supportive/mutual help group, developmental programmes, family aide service, family life education, parent-child activities, etc. They also refer needy persons to apply for supportive community services, financial assistance and child care services, etc., in order to enhance the skills of carers in handling stress and their capability in problem solving.

The Government has been promoting mutual support among family members, and contributions made by family carers to their family members are greatly valued. The various types of support services provided by the Government to family carers aim at helping them discharge their family responsibilities and alleviating their stress, rather than substituting family functions. We believe that our existing support services can reflect social values and, compared to the direct provision of subsidies to family carers, can better suit the circumstances and needs of society. Therefore the Government has not earmarked funding in respect of family and child welfare services and programmes for 2015-16 to examine whether cash allowance should be provided to family carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0233****(Question Serial No. 3070)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many street sleepers have been registered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) over the past 3 years and how is their geographical distribution? Please list the details of services provided for street sleepers. What are the actual expenditure in 2014-15 and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 respectively?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

The total number of street sleepers having been registered by SWD or the relevant NGOs by district over the past 3 years was as follows –

District	Number of registered street sleepers		
	2012-13 (end-Mar 2013)	2013-14 (end-Mar 2014)	2014-15 (end- Jan 2015)
Hong Kong Island and Outlying Islands	41	38	43
Kowloon	528	678	734
New Territories	26	30	29
Total	595	746	806

Details of the support services provided to street sleepers by SWD are set out in the Annex. The revised estimated expenditure in 2014-15 and estimated expenditure for 2015-16 on the support services provided to street sleepers by SWD is \$18.2 million and \$18.3 million respectively.



## Support Services Provided to Street Sleepers

Service	Content
Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers (IST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide subvention to 3 NGOs for each to operate an IST to provide one-stop services for street sleepers in Hong Kong, including day and late-night outreaching visits, emergency and short-term accommodation, counselling, employment guidance, personal care (e.g. bathing, haircut and meals), emergency relief fund to cover various expenses (e.g. short-term payment of rent, rental deposit, removal expenses, etc.) and service referrals, etc.</li> <li>- In addition to basic operating expenses, provide emergency relief fund to each IST to assist the street sleepers in need to tide over financial difficulties arising from emergencies and pay for various emergency expenses, including rent, rental deposit, other removal expenses and short-term living costs, etc.</li> <li>- According to individual circumstances, social workers would refer the street sleepers in need to apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or arrange for them to apply for charitable trust funds.</li> </ul>
Accommodation service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subvents NGOs to operate 5 urban hostels for single persons and 2 emergency shelters, providing a total of 202 accommodation places. Besides, there are other NGOs operating 7 hostels on a self-financing basis, providing a total of 397 places which serve as temporary accommodation for street sleepers.</li> <li>- For street sleepers who have genuine, imminent and long term housing needs but are not able to solve the problem by themselves, SWD would conduct evaluation and assessment from various perspectives with reference to the special circumstances of each case, including assessing whether there are sufficient medical or social grounds, and recommend eligible cases to the Housing Department for consideration of allocating public rental housing through “Compassionate Rehousing”.</li> </ul>
Mental health support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SWD has set up the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) in Hong Kong since October 2010 to provide community mental health support services for those in need and residents living in the serving districts. Social workers of both ISTs and Integrated Family Service Centres can refer suitable cases to ICCMWs in the respective districts.</li> </ul>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0822)**

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

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

Programme: (2) Low-income Working Family Allowance

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency  
(Mr Esmond LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2015-16, the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will devise the implementation details of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme which seeks to provide a new means-tested allowance to eligible low-income working families from 2016-17. What are the estimated administration expenses incurred in conducting the means tests? What will be the staff establishment involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

To implement the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme, there will be an increase of 343 posts progressively in 2015-16 in the Working Family Allowance Office under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency for taking forward the LIFA Scheme, processing LIFA applications, as well as relevant support duties. In addition, about 160 non-civil service contract staff will be employed in the first three years of the implementation of the LIFA Scheme. The total estimated expenditure for taking forward the LIFA Scheme in 2015-16 is \$177.9 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0235****(Question Serial No. 0566)**Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance AgencySubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Low-income Working Family AllowanceControlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency  
(Mr Esmond LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The provision for 2015-16 under this Programme is 3 388.2% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is due to an increase of 343 posts and related expenses for taking forward the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme. In this regard, would the Government please:

1. advise this Committee of the work nature, rank and salary of the 343 new posts; and
2. provide a breakdown of the estimated provision for the related expenses.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will create 343 posts progressively under Programme (2) in 2015-16. The posts to be created include (i) 20 Executive Officer Grade posts and 314 Clerical Grade posts, the main duties of which are to take forward the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme and to undergo training for effective processing of LIFA applications upon the roll-out of the Scheme; and (ii) 9 posts of other grades responsible for relevant support duties. The notional annual mid-point salary for the abovementioned staff ranges from \$144,480 to \$896,280.

2. The breakdown of the estimated provision for the related expenses is as follows -

	<b>2015-16 (estimated)</b>
Personal emoluments	\$89.82 million
Staff provident fund expenses	\$7.06 million
General departmental expenses	\$81 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$177.9 million</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0941)**

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Low-income Working Family Allowance

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency  
(Mr Esmond LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the “Low-income Working Family Allowance” under the Programme:

1. What are the details of the progress and estimated implementation timetable of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme?
2. Will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) need to redeploy its manpower for the new 343 posts under the Programme? What are the ranks, establishment, scope of work and employment terms of these 343 posts?
3. Apart from the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency, the SWD also provides grassroots families with various allowances. As such, will the data processing and computer records be shared between the two departments? Will the departments in the future be able to provide one-stop service to facilitate the processing of applications and provision of allowances for the applicant families?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the funding of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme on 16 January 2015. The Working Family Allowance Office under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) is working in full swing towards implementing the Scheme. Barring unforeseeable circumstances, the aim is to launch the Scheme within 15 to 18 months from the approval of funding.

2. The 343 additional posts under Programme (2) do not involve any manpower redeployment from SWD. The 343 posts are employed on civil service permanent terms, including (i) 20 Executive Officer Grade posts and 314 Clerical Grade posts, the main duties of which are to take forward the LIFA Scheme and undergo training for effective processing of LIFA applications upon the roll-out of the Scheme; and (ii) 9 posts of other grades responsible for relevant support duties.
3. The eligibility criteria and target recipients of the allowance schemes administered by WFSFAA and SWD vary. However, when the need arises, specific data and records of the two departments will be matched for verification purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0237****(Question Serial No. 1609)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Under the programme "Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme)", what were the respective subsidy amounts received by public transport operators in the previous financial year? Please provide a breakdown.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

For the provision of Rehabus services, the subvention for 2014-15 is estimated to be about \$69.18 million. The 2014-15 estimate for reimbursing the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is \$582 million, broken down as follows:-

Public transport operators	2014-15 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	169,204
Franchised bus operators	391,021
Ferry operators	20,722
Green minibus (GMB) operators (Note)	844
Total	581,791

Note: The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1610)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) will be extended to cover green minibuses (GMBs) this year. Please provide the details of the GMB routes and operators involved and a breakdown of the respective subsidy amounts to the operators concerned.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March this year. Currently, there are 159 GMB operators running 503 routes with 3 152 GMBs. 127 GMB operators providing 407 routes with 2 587 GMBs have joined the first phase of the extension. These routes cover all 97 routes serving the Hong Kong Island, 99 routes serving Kowloon, 176 routes serving the New Territories and 35 inter-district routes. The information paper submitted to the Legislative Council on Welfare Services by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on 16 March 2015 has provided in detail the GMB routes covered under the first phase of extension. The same information has also been uploaded to the LWB and the TD websites.

The 2015-16 estimate for reimbursing the GMB operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is about \$204 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0239****(Question Serial No. 0552)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise:

- a) the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities using Mass Transit Railway (MTR) services and franchised bus services in the past three years in a table with breakdowns by public transport operators:

Public transport operator	Financial year	Average daily passenger trips	
		Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
1. MTR Corporation Limited	2012-13		
	2013-14		
2. Kowloon Motor Bus	2014-15		
3. New World First Bus			
4. Citybus			
5. Long Win Bus			
6. New Lantao Bus			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are listed below:



Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	
		Elderly <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Eligible Persons with Disabilities <sup>(Note 3)</sup>
MTR Corporation Limited	2012	209 000	33 700
	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
Franchised bus operators	2012	355 400	40 900
	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR. Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, the New World First Bus Services Limited, the Citybus Limited and the Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and the New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited.

(Note 2) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0240****(Question Serial No. 2429)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to green minibuses this year, but trams are not covered yet. Under the Scheme, Elder Octopus and non-personalised Elder Octopus are accepted for fare payment while non-local residents are allowed to apply for Personalised Octopus as elderly and eligible persons.

According to recent news reports, some non-Hong Kong residents aged over 65 have exploited the loophole of the Scheme by taking cross-border buses such as route no. B1 of The Kowloon Motor Bus (1933) Limited (KMB), route nos. B2/B2P/B2X of New Lantao Bus Company Limited (NLB), and route nos. B3/B3A/B3M/B3X of Citybus Limited (CTB) for the purpose of parallel trading, resulting in the rise of the absurd phenomenon of using public money to fund parallel trading activities. This not only goes against the original intention of the Scheme, i.e. "to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging these groups to participate more in community activities", but also in effect spends Hong Kong taxpayers' money on subsidising non-local residents. On the other hand, local elderly and eligible persons with disabilities are unable to travel on trams at a concessionary fare.

In this regard, would the LWB please provide the following figures for the past five years:

a) Use of Elder Octopus

Year/ Figure	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on	Number of passengers travelling on KMB cross-border buses at concessionary	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on	Number of passengers travelling on NLB cross-border buses at concessionary	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on	Number of passengers travelling on CTB cross-border buses at concessionary

	KMB cross-border buses	fare	NLB cross-border buses	fare	CTB cross-border buses	fare
2012						
2013						
2014						

b) Local residents using Personalised Octopus with “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Status”

Year/ Figure	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on KMB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on KMB cross-border buses at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on NLB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on NLB cross-border buses at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on CTB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on CTB cross-border buses at concessionary fare
2012						
2013						
2014						

c) Non-local residents using Personalised Octopus with “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Status”

Year/ Figure	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on KMB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on KMB cross-border buses at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on NLB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on NLB cross-border buses at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on CTB cross-border buses	Number of passengers travelling on CTB cross-border buses at concessionary fare
2012						
2013						
2014						

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

Currently, the KMB, CTB and NLB all provide franchised bus services to the boundary control points at Lo Ma Chau or Shenzhen Bay Port (including route nos. B1, B2, B2P, B2X, B3, B3A, B3M and B3X<sup>(Note 1)</sup>). The average daily passenger trips of the above services provided by the franchised bus companies under the Scheme in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are as follows:

Franchised bus operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	
		Elderly <sup>(Note 3)</sup>	Eligible Persons with Disabilities <sup>(Note 4)</sup>
KMB	2012 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	2 640	180
	2013	3 070	240
	2014	3 870	300
CTB	2012 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	1 600	80
	2013	1 640	80
	2014	1 920	90
NLB	2012 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Not yet implemented	
	2013	1 060	80
	2014	1 290	110

(Note 1) Information of the routes is as follows:

B1: Tin Tsz Estate – Lok Ma Chau Station

B2: Yuen Long Station – Shenzhen Bay Port

B2P: Tin Tsz Estate Bus Terminus – Shenzhen Bay Port

B2X: Tin Yiu Estate Bus Terminus – Shenzhen Bay Port

B3: Tuen Mun Pier Head – Shenzhen Bay Port

B3A: Shan King Estate – Shenzhen Bay Port

B3M: Shenzhen Bay Port – Tuen Mun Station Public Transport Interchange (Circular)

B3X: Tuen Mun Town Centre – Shenzhen Bay Port

(Note 2) The Scheme was implemented in phases. For franchised buses, the Scheme was launched on 5 August 2012 covering 4 franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited), and launched on 3 March 2013 covering New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited.

(Note 3) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 4) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

Regarding the services above, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the relevant franchised bus companies under the Scheme is as follows:

Franchised bus operator	Financial Year	Elderly (\$'000)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (\$'000)
KMB	2012-13 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	2,246	399
	2013-14	4,522	865

Franchised bus operator	Financial Year	Elderly (\$'000)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (\$'000)
	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	4,427	826
CTB	2012-13 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	1,318	154
	2013-14	2,042	249
	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	1,913	211
NLB	2012-13 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	83	12
	2013-14	1,018	195
	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	977	208

To enjoy the concessionary fare under the Scheme, elderly people are required to use Elder Octopus or their Personalised Octopus whereas eligible persons with disabilities to use a Personalised Octopus with “Persons with Disabilities Status”. The Government does not maintain any information on whether the passenger trips taken by elderly people under the Scheme belong to local or non-local residents (be they use Elder Octopus or Personalised Octopus). For eligible persons with disabilities, they have to be recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme with 100% disabilities or recipients of Disability Allowance before they can apply for a Personalised Octopus with “Persons with Disabilities Status”. As such, they are all Hong Kong residents.

The design of the Scheme is to allow elderly people and persons with disabilities to travel on specified public transport modes at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip. However, if the fare for elderly people and persons with disabilities charged by the relevant public transport operators is lower than \$2, only the original fare which is below \$2 will be charged on them. Currently the tram fare for the elderly is \$1.1, which is lower than the concessionary fare of \$2. If the Scheme is to be extended to tram service, the fare for the elderly would still be \$1.1 whereas persons with disabilities aged below 65 would enjoy a reduced fare of \$2 from \$2.3 per ride with government subsidies. Although the Government has stated publicly that it is willing to consider extending the Scheme to tram service, according to the understanding of the Transport Department, the Hong Kong Tramways Limited has requested for government subsidies to allow free ride for elderly people and persons with disabilities. Such practice is not consistent with the arrangements under the Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 2596)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise:

- (1) Since the implementation of the Scheme in 2012, how many elderly and persons with disabilities have been using the Scheme each month?
- (2) What is the proportion of different public transport modes used by them?
- (3) What is the progress of the phased extension of the Scheme to green minibuses (GMBs)?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

- (1) and (2) Since the launch of the Scheme in June 2012, the average daily passenger trips taken and the proportion of different public transport modes used by beneficiaries under the Scheme are as follows:

Public transport operators	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme <sup>(Note 1)</sup>		Proportion of different public transport modes used by beneficiaries
	Elderly <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Eligible Persons with Disabilities <sup>(Note 3)</sup>	
2012			
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	209 000	33 700	38.0%
Franchised bus operators	355 400	40 900	62.0%
Ferry operators	Not yet implemented		
2013			
MTRCL	229 000	36 000	37.1%
Franchised bus operators	393 000	50 000	62.1%
Ferry operators	5 300	500	0.8%
2014			
MTRCL	263 000	42 000	38.6%
Franchised bus operators	422 000	57 000	60.6%
Ferry operators	5 400	600	0.8%

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR. Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, the New World First Bus Services Limited, the Citybus Limited and the Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and the New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited. .

(Note 2) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

- (3) The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March this year. Currently, there are 159 GMB operators running 503 routes with 3 152 GMBs. 127 GMB operators providing 407 routes with 2 587 GMBs have joined the first phase of the extension. The 407 routes cover all 97 routes serving the Hong Kong Island, 99 routes serving Kowloon, 176 routes serving the New Territories and 35 inter-district routes. The information paper submitted to the Legislative Council on Welfare Services by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on 16 March 2015 has provided in detail the GMB routes covered under the first phase of extension. The same information has also been uploaded to the LWB and the TD websites.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1301)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2015-16, the Transport Department (TD) will extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases. In this regard, please inform this Committee the estimated number of GMBs which will first participate in the Scheme, details of the routes involved and the implementation timetable.

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March this year. Currently, there are 159 GMB operators running 503 routes with 3 152 GMBs. 127 GMB operators providing 407 routes with 2 587 GMBs have joined the first phase of the extension. The 407 routes cover all 97 routes serving the Hong Kong Island, 99 routes serving Kowloon, 176 routes serving the New Territories and 35 inter-district routes. The information paper submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on 16 March 2015 has provided in detail the GMB routes covered under the first phase of extension. The same information has also been uploaded to the LWB and the TD websites.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0689)**

Head: (710) Capital Works Reserve Fund : Computerisation

Subhead (No. & title): (A012ZG) Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Subhead A012ZG "Replacement of Computerised Social Security System (CSSS)" under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710: Computerisation has already been delayed for more than 2 years and yet it seems the project still cannot be completed in the coming year. Would the Government please advise -

- (1) What are the latest progress and time frame for replacing the system? Just when can the replacement of the whole system be completed?
- (2) How is the delay in the replacement affecting the Department, its staff and the recipients? What are the additional waiting time, working hours and expenditure for the maintenance of the old system caused by the delayed replacement?
- (3) With the delay, can the new system still meet the original cost-benefit estimates? Please provide the latest cost-benefit analysis for the project.
- (4) How long is the serviceable lifespan of the new system? Is it possible that there will be a need to develop another new system soon after the present replacement?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill. Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund does **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) As the Contractor responsible for developing the new computer system had failed to deliver the computer system as required by the contract by the date stipulated in the contract (i.e. end March 2014), upon careful consideration and having sought legal

advice, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) terminated the contract with the Contractor on 11 July 2014 in accordance with the contract terms. After examining different options, SWD considered it more feasible to develop a new computer system through an in-house approach. As such, SWD has established the CSSS Project Development Office for developing a new computer system. The new system is expected to be rolled out in early 2018.

- (2) The delay in launching the new system will not affect existing social security services, frontline staff or recipients. To maintain stability and sustainability of the existing system, SWD is upgrading the backend infrastructure and the communication network of the existing system. The upgrade is expected to be completed in April 2015, and the expenditure incurred will be about \$19 million.
- (3) The CSSS is a mission-critical system for supporting the operation of social security schemes serving more than 1 million recipients. The system also provides management information to facilitate service monitoring and policy analyses and reviews, and supports the implementation of changes in policy. Since the CSSS has reached the end of its serviceable lifespan of 10 years, a new system must be developed to replace it in order to sustain the provision of social security services for financially vulnerable individuals and families and support continuous service enhancement.
- (4) It is expected that the new system will have a serviceable lifespan of 10 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0563)**

Head: (710) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Computerisation

Subhead (No. & title): (A012ZG) Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to develop a new computer system to replace the existing Computerised Social Security System (CSSS). Please advise –

1. the reasons for not completing the project as scheduled and the expected rollout date; and
2. the details of the estimated expenditure and the manpower for the project this year.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill. Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund does **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. As the Contractor responsible for developing the new computer system had failed to deliver the computer system as required by the contract by the date stipulated in the contract (i.e. end March 2014), upon careful consideration and having sought legal advice, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) terminated the contract with the Contractor on 11 July 2014 in accordance with the contract terms. After examining different options, SWD considered it more feasible to develop a new computer system through an in-house approach. As such, SWD has established the CSSS Project Development Office (PDO) for developing a new computer system. The new system is expected to be rolled out in early 2018.
2. The estimated expenditure for the project in 2015-16 is \$78.07 million, which includes the estimated expenditure of \$45.08 million under the subhead, as well as the expenditure incurred by the 47 civil service posts (including social security grades and technical grades) and rent of the PDO.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0245****(Question Serial No. 4533)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

As stated in the Programme, the estimated 104 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 will increase by one post to 105 posts as at 31 March 2016 in the Labour and Welfare Bureau. What are the type of post and job nature of the new post? Also, there are 14 directorate posts in the Bureau. Will the Administration advise this Committee of the type of posts, salaries, allowances and job natures of these 14 directorate posts, as well as the type and number of posts, salaries, allowances and job natures of the 105 non-directorate permanent posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 70)Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will create an additional post of Executive Officer II under Head 141 in 2015-16, mainly for providing administrative support for its Manpower Team.

Details of the directorate and non-directorate posts in the estimated establishment of the LWB are provided as follows:

## (1) 14 directorate post

<b><u>Post</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>
Permanent Secretary	1
Deputy Secretary	2
Commissioner for Rehabilitation	1
Administrative Assistant/Principal Assistant Secretary	8
Senior Principal Executive Officer	1
Principal Executive Officer	1

(2) 105 non-directorate posts

<u>Post</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Administrative Officer	9
Administrative Officer	5
Chief Executive Officer	5
Senior Executive Officer	4
Executive Officer I	7
Executive Officer II	3
Senior Official Languages Officer	1
Chief Management Services Officer	1
Senior Management Services Officer	2
Management Services Officer I	1
Senior Statistician	1
Statistician	1
Senior Statistical Officer	1
Statistical Officer I	1
System Manager	1
Analyst/Programmer I	1
Analyst/Programmer II	1
Information Officer	1
Assistant Information Officer	1
Personal Assistant	2
Senior Personal Secretary	2
Personal Secretary I	11
Personal Secretary II	6
Confidential Assistant	2
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	4
Assistant Clerical Officer	18
Clerical Assistant	3
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Office Assistant	3
Calligraphist	1
Workman II	1
Personal Chauffeur	1
Chauffeur	1
Motor Driver	1

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditures on pay and allowances (including job-related allowances) of the directorate posts in the LWB are \$25.53 million and \$2.23 million respectively, while the estimated expenditures on pay and allowances (including job-related allowances) of the non-directorate posts in the LWB are \$61.21 million and \$2.62 million respectively.

The directorate and non-directorate officers in the LWB are responsible for assisting in the formulation and implementation of policies on social welfare services, social security, poverty alleviation, labour, manpower, social rehabilitation services, care for the elderly, well-being and rights of women and persons with disabilities in Hong Kong, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4534)**

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare is responsible for providing support to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in undertaking political work. This includes the support provided by the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant. The work includes the planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions. Please set out in a table the time, venues, number of accompanying persons, expenses and details of the public and community functions attended by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

Information on the Secretary's participation in public, media and community events (referred to as "events" hereunder) is mainly disseminated through press releases and/or the Government website at <http://www.lwb.gov.hk/chi/press/content.htm>. The expenses incurred for the Secretary's participation in such events were absorbed within the Bureau's recurrent expenditure, and no separate breakdown is available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4853)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the estimates for the emoluments and allowances of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 105)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on salaries for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, and the Political Assistant to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare for 2015-16 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0248**

**(Question Serial No. 4904)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Government will help the elderly enjoy their retirement life through the Elder Academy Scheme and some 200 elderly centres in the territory, and encourage the elderly to actively take part in community activities by promoting senior volunteerism and other programmes. What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 156)

Reply:

To promote the message of active ageing, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Elderly Commission jointly launched the Elder Academy Scheme (the Scheme) in early 2007. School sponsoring bodies and organisations providing elderly services are encouraged to establish elder academies in primary and secondary schools, thereby enabling elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. The Scheme was subsequently expanded to tertiary institutions, so that elderly persons can study courses of a more academic nature and covering various disciplines.

In addition, the Scheme provides funding support for the setting up of district clusters in different areas of the territory. One of the clusters has collaborated with the Agency for Volunteer Service in forming an elderly volunteer services team. Elderly persons are encouraged to make good use of their retirement lives, participate in community affairs, help one another and contribute to society. The elderly volunteers, after training, have started providing volunteer services for the elderly centres within the cluster. At present, the team comprises 60 members and it is aimed at expanding to 150 members in the next three years.

Through elderly centres located in different districts, the Government also provides various support services for the elderly, encouraging and helping them develop a social life. At present, there are more than 200 subvented elderly centres located in the 18 districts



throughout the territory which offer a series of support services to the elderly at the district level. These services include arranging social and recreational activities, health education, emotional support and counselling services, etc. Elderly centres also provide reaching out service for the needy elderly to encourage and assist them in developing a social life, as well as referral and support services for those in need.

Since 2014-15, the Government has increased the annual recurrent funding by some \$160 million for the purpose of upgrading social centres for the elderly to neighbourhood elderly centres and enabling all subvented elderly centres to increase their manpower and programme expenses, with a view to enhancing information dissemination, volunteer mobilisation, counselling services and carer support, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0249****(Question Serial No. 4962)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests, (4) Manpower Development, (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres, (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory Service, (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the studies conducted by consultancy firms or research institutions commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau over the past three years, will the Bureau set out in the table below their details and estimated provisions?

Period	Study	Objective	Scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 90)Reply:

Details of the consultancy studies conducted by consultancy firms or research institutions commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau over the past three years are provided as follows:

Period	Study, objective and scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure (\$'000)
2008 to 2012	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	The consultant team has a total of 4 members.	3,500

Period	Study, objective and scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure (\$'000)
2010 to 2012	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	The City University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	The City University of Hong Kong: 9 members; The Hong Kong Polytechnic University: 3 members.	1,209
2013 to 2014	Household Survey for Manpower Projection to 2022	Policy 21 Limited	The research institution has a total of 41 members.	1,200
Since 2013	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	MOV Data Collection Center Limited	The research institution has a total of 58 members.	1,890
Since 2013	A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	The University of Hong Kong	The consultant team has a total of 10 members.	1,100
Since 2014	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	The consultant team has a total of 8 members.	130
Since 2014	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly	The University of Hong Kong	The consultant team has a total of 8 members.	1,400
Since 2014	Study on the formulation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan	The University of Hong Kong	The consultant team has a total of 9 members.	1,200

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3528)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the introduction of guide dogs to Hong Kong since 2011, please answer the following questions:

1. How many guide dogs are there in Hong Kong at present according to government records?
2. Under the existing legislation, guide dog puppies under training are not allowed to enter indoor public venues or take any means of public transport. This hampers their localised training. What measures does the Government have to facilitate such "localised" training?
3. Besides funding from charity organisations, how much government subsidy is provided each year for local training of guide dogs?
4. What initiatives does the Government have to promote local training of guide dogs to serve blind persons in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government does not keep statistics on the number of guide dogs in Hong Kong.
2. The objective of the Government's rehabilitation policy is to provide necessary support for persons with disabilities, including persons with visual impairment, to enhance their capacity to lead an independent life, thereby improving their quality of life and facilitating their integration into the community. To this end, the

Government has been making proactive efforts in developing the rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and creating a barrier-free living environment.

Under the existing Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) (the Ordinance), refusal to allow a person with visual impairment accompanied by a guide dog (including a guide dog undergoing training with a person with visual impairment) to enter any premises that the public is allowed to enter, or refusal to provide that person with services or facilities, may be construed as a contravention of the Ordinance.

3. Given that the introduction of guide dogs to Hong Kong is at its initial stage of development, our priority at present is to support its development and promote public awareness of the use of guide dogs. The Government welcomes views from various sectors of the community on guide dog services and will continue to maintain contact with the rehabilitation organisations, government departments and stakeholders to monitor the development of guide dog services in Hong Kong.
4. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will earmark about \$13.5 million in 2015-16 to enhance public understanding of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities, including persons with visual impairment, through public education on rehabilitation in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee. Apart from territory-wide publicity activities, the LWB will also continue to subsidise the 18 District Councils and non-governmental organisations in organising public education activities in order to spread the message of barrier-free living environment and inclusive society to the community at large.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3935)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Shine Skills Centres under this Programme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. their number of intake, the number of graduates and the waiting time for course enrolment in the past year;
2. the placement rate of trainees after graduation, the number of employers hiring them and their average salaries in the past year;
3. the performance indicators show that the number of vocational assessments made in 2013-14 is higher than that in the estimates for both 2014-15 and 2015-16. What are the reasons for the expected drop in the number of assessments to be made;
4. the Government has indicated that it will develop new courses and modify existing ones to meet the changing needs of the open employment market. What are the newly developed courses and modified courses in the past 2 years and for the coming year for enhancing the employability of the trainees;
5. as the unemployment rate of persons with disabilities is generally higher, by what ways and encouragement measures will the Government increase the placement rate of the trainees and help them stay employed?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In the 2013-14 academic year, there were 656 full-time trainees (including those undergoing the first and second years of training in respect of two-year full-time training courses) and 385 part-time trainees enrolled to the Shine Skills Centres (the Centres); and 263 full-time and 344 part-time graduates. The waiting time ranged from 2 to 5 months for full-time training courses while there was no waiting list for part-time training courses.

2. In the 2013-14 academic year, the placement rate of the graduates was 94% and there were 114 employers hiring the graduates. The average income of graduates was about \$5,000 per month.
3. Through a series of comprehensive assessment, the vocational assessment service aims at evaluating the physical fitness, mental condition, education level, vocational capabilities, potential, interests and limitations of persons with disabilities, so as to help them set their future direction in respect of open employment, supported employment, sheltered work and vocational training.

In the 2013-14 academic year, the actual number of vocational assessments made was higher than expected. It was mainly because the Centres assisted some non-governmental organisations in implementing non-recurrent projects and special programmes. The Centres made non-routine manpower deployments and assessment arrangements to cope with these one-off special demands as far as possible. In view of the actual demand for assessment service under normal circumstances (including factors like the estimated number of special school leavers), downward adjustments were made to the estimated numbers of vocational assessments to be made for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years accordingly.

4. In the face of a rapidly changing society, the Centres review and assess the effectiveness of vocational training every year, and will optimise and enhance the courses when necessary to meet the requirements of the open employment market and strengthen the competitive edges of the trainees by updating course contents and teaching materials in a timely manner.

To boost the trainees' employability, the Centres enhanced the course on "Programme Assistant Practice" and introduced a module on "recreation and sports event preparation" in the 2013-14 academic year in response to the latest development in the sports and recreation employment market. Besides, in view of the increasing demand for beauty and care services in the community, a module on "healthy life style" was introduced under the "Basic Health and Beauty Care" programme, and the module on "social service and event preparation" was modified as "residential home activity organisation", so that trainees may work in the fields of residential homes, care and beauty, or other relevant industries upon completion of courses.

In the 2014-15 academic year, modules on "smart gear application" and "on-line store practice" were introduced under the "Design and Desktop Publishing" programme and the "Computer and Networking Practice" programme respectively to help the trainees build up their knowledge on information and communications technology, and learn how to install and operate common smart gear applications as well as set up and operate on-line stores, so that they may choose to work in the fields of photography, desktop publishing, computer and networking etc. upon completion of courses.

To meet the huge demand for cleaning workers in the labour market, the Centres will add new modules of "office cleaning", "household cleaning", "kitchen equipment cleaning" and "commercial building cleaning", etc to the existing course on "Integrated Service" in the 2015-16 academic year. A new module of "popular

photography” will be introduced under the course on “Design and Desktop Publishing” to give trainees a better idea of the latest trend and creative techniques of photo shooting, thus enhancing their skill levels and employability in this area. Moreover, the Centres are exploring the feasibility of introducing a new course on “Recreation and Sports Services” which will cover modules related to “venue management”, “camp site operation” and “general study on sports” so that trainees may work as venue management assistant, sports event assistant or activities assistant upon completion of courses.

5. The courses offered by the Centres place emphasis not only on technical knowledge but also lifelong learning skills to foster a holistic and balanced development, thus upkeeping the employability and competitiveness of the trainees. The full-time “Whole person development programme”, for example, offers a range of training related to “confidence building”, “emotion management”, “stress management”, “interpersonal communication”, “career development” and “life planning” to facilitate lifelong learning and personal development so that the trainees will be able to make contribution to society in the future.

In order to enhance the placement rate of graduates, career guidance services are provided by vocational counsellors and social workers in the Centres. The services includesourcing career opportunities for trainees, provision of career support in the first 6 months of employment to help graduates settle in their workplace, and ongoing support thereafter for individuals on a need basis. The Centres also provide and tailor-make technical aids and workplace equipment for trainees in need with a view to helping them overcome obstacles in the work environment.

Large-scale activities, such as the Inclusive Fun Day jointly held with the Youth Committee of the Chinese Manufacturers’ Association, **“Youreable” Fashion Design 2015** and the Guangzhou/Hong Kong/Macao/Chengdu Youth Skills Competition cum Carnival, are organised or co-organised by the Centres from time to time to showcase the work abilities of persons with disabilities as well as their integration abilities, with a view to promoting public respect, acceptance and care, thus enhancing the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. To give due recognition and encouragement to employers for hiring more persons with disabilities, the Enlightened Employers Award presentation ceremony is organised every year to commend employers who offer job opportunities to graduates with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3937)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under this Programme, it is stated that the Bureau will “contribute to the work of the Commission on Poverty in considering poverty alleviation policies and measures in the area of social welfare”. As such, would the Government please advise this Committee of:

1. the number and names of programmes under the Community Care Fund which were regularised in the past 2 years; and
2. further to the above part of the question, details of the latest progress of these regularised programmes, their target groups, number of beneficiaries, and the related recurrent expense.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. For the past 2 years, a total of 4 assistance programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF) administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) were regularised. These programmes were “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme Flats”, “Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services”, “Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment” and “Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment”.
2. Since the regularisation of the CCF programme “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme Flats” in 2014-15, the SWD has been providing rent allowance for eligible recipients of

Comprehensive Social Security assistance (CSSA) who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years to meet the cost of accommodation. As at end-December 2014, a total of 495 CSSA cases and 1 003 CSSA recipients were involved. The average amount of allowance for each case was \$907.

Under the CCF programme “Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services”, training subsidy is provided for eligible pre-school children from low-income families who are in need of rehabilitation services, so that they can acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers while waiting for subvented services. The programme was regularised on 1 October 2014 and it is expected that some 1 400 children will be supported each year. Since the implementation of this regularised programme in October 2014 and up to end-December 2014, a total of 1 172 children received the subsidy. The estimated expenditure for the service in 2015-16 is \$58.43 million.

The SWD launched the “Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS)” in November 2014 to regularise 2 CCF programmes that support persons with severe physical disabilities (i.e. “Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment” and “Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment”), and to provide one-stop integrated home based support services coordinated by case managers. It is expected that the ISS will benefit about 900 persons with severe physical disabilities each year. Since the implementation of the ISS in November 2014 and up to end-December 2014, a total of 321 applications were received by the service providers. The total estimated expenditure for the ISS in 2015-16 is \$110 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3938)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated that the Government will “work with the Elderly Commission (EC) to explore the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly”. In this connection, please advise on the following:

1. It is mentioned in the Policy Address that the Government will “issue a total of 3 000 service vouchers in the 3 years from 2015-16 to 2017-18. This will provide about 5 000 additional subsidised residential care places within the current term of the Government.” Approximately when will these service vouchers be issued in the coming year?
2. It is noted that the Government has earmarked about \$800 million for this project. If the EC does not recommend the implementation of this project, will the \$800 million earmarked for that purpose still be used for the provision of elderly care services in the future?
3. Regarding the co-ordination between the residential care vouchers and the existing community care service vouchers, on what areas will the EC conduct its study? How will the EC consult the industry, stakeholders and users in the future? What will be the expenditure for the entire study?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) is conducting a feasibility study on the Voucher Scheme on Residential Care Services for the Elderly (the Scheme), and has engaged a team of consultants who have an in-depth understanding of the subject to provide assistance. The consultant team, led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak, Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong and comprising members of other universities, is expected to submit its report in mid-2015. If

EC considers it feasible to run the Scheme on a pilot basis, the Government will provide the necessary resources. In this connection, the Government has earmarked about \$800 million to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 residential care service vouchers in phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

In conducting the feasibility study and making recommendations on the Scheme, EC and the consultant team assisting in carrying out the study will take into account the status of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. The consultant team organised public engagement sessions in mid-February this year to consult the sector, users and their family members as well as other stakeholders on the preliminary features of the Scheme. The Government and the consultant team also attended the meetings of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services in February and March 2015 respectively to report to the Panel the progress of the feasibility study and listen to the views of Members and deputations. The expenditure involved for the whole feasibility study on the Scheme was \$1.4 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4024)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What does it mean by overseeing the implementation of the Child Development Fund (CDF)? Given that the CDF has been developed for several years, has any detailed review been conducted on its effectiveness? With respect to the idea of encouraging savings by families, does it mean that children from families receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance are excluded from the CDF?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 773)

Reply:

The Child Development Fund (CDF) was set up in 2008. Each CDF project which lasts for 3 years aims to help primary or secondary students aged 10 to 16 (or from primary four to secondary four). These students come from underprivileged families, including those receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or full grant under student finance schemes, or other low-income families.

All CDF projects have 3 key components, namely targeted savings, mentorship programme and personal development plan (PDP). A participant is required to learn how to formulate a PDP and pursue targeted savings up to \$200 per month under parental support for 2 years. During the period, the operating non-governmental organisation (NGO) or school is required to seek donations from the business sector and other enthusiastic donors to match the participant's savings at a ratio of 1:1, while the Government provides a special financial incentive of \$3,000 for each participant who has completed the targeted savings programme. In other words, each participant can accumulate a maximum of \$12,600 to implement the PDP formulated. During the process, each participant is accompanied and encouraged by a mentor. Mentors, participants and their parents will also participate in the training programmes or other activities provided by the operating NGO or school.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau earlier commissioned the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (the Consultant) to conduct a longitudinal study to evaluate the first batch CDF

projects. The study was completed in end-2012. The Consultant is of the view that the CDF has helped create favourable conditions for participants to overcome inter-generational poverty. Specifically, with the formulation and implementation of PDP, participants have been induced to conduct longer-term planning for their future development. They have higher expectation of their academic performance, less delinquent behaviour and exhibited better time management. The mentorship programme has enlarged participants' social network by availing them of exposure to environment and opportunities not provided by their respective families. The process of accumulating savings and implementing PDP has helped participants prepare for their future personal and career development. The Consultant also suggests that a follow-up study on participants' personal development upon the completion of projects should be conducted. We plan to commission a consultancy study in the second quarter of 2015, which is expected to be completed in mid-2016.

Since the establishment of the CDF, nearly 7 000 children, including 570 children with disabilities, of ethnic minorities or living in cubicle apartments, have participated in the projects. Among the participants who had completed the 3-year programme in the first 3 batches of CDF projects, over 98% successfully completed their targeted savings programmes. This shows that children from underprivileged families (including those receiving CSSA) have not been excluded from the CDF due to the need to accumulate savings. On the contrary, these children and their families can learn and pursue targeted savings under the projects, which helps them meet future challenges in life.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4562)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Hong Kong Government published its last white paper on social welfare in 1991, and since then, no planning for or review of social welfare development has been undertaken on a regular basis. It was not until 2010 that the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) issued a consultation paper on long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong to facilitate extensive consultation on social welfare issues. The SWAC published the Report on Long-term Social Welfare Planning in Hong Kong in 2011.

Social welfare development should keep pace with the needs of social development and changes in population structure. The lack of long-term planning and regular review over the past ten years or so has rendered our social service development unable to meet the needs of society.

1. Will the Government consider reinstating the mechanism of undertaking regular planning for our social welfare services and canvassing views from service users of various sectors and community groups?
2. Within the existing advisory framework and with the advisory committees in place, will the Government consider enhancing the transparency of and public involvement in the consultation process?
3. Will the Government consider whether to reinstate the publication of white papers on social welfare which will serve as guiding documents for the formulation of social policies?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) after consultation with the social welfare sector. The mechanism provides for an annual platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level and advisory committees level on a yearly basis. LWB and the Social Welfare Department hold working meetings with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) and its member organisations to discuss and exchange views on the priorities of welfare services for the coming year, following which HKCSS puts forward its submission to the Government. Under the mechanism recommended by SWAC, LWB consults relevant committees, including the Elderly Commission, the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee and SWAC after consolidating all the views collected to ensure that the committees can review the planning and provision of welfare services from holistic and strategic levels. The Government will take into account the comments made by the committees and collected from other sources in formulating policies and measures.
2. The above process involves extensive consultations and is a transparent one.
3. The Government currently has no plan to reinstate the publication of white papers on social welfare.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4564)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With an ageing population, what is the Government's manpower planning for social welfare services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The Government has been keeping in view the manpower demand of the welfare sector. A series of measures have been put in place to increase manpower supply and enhance their professional skills.

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of some 1 800 training places. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming few years. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for two consecutive years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% have joined the social welfare sector upon graduation.

As regards professional therapists, with the support of the University Grants Committee, the student intakes of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physiotherapy programmes have increased by 44 places (i.e. from 46 to 90 places) and 40 places (i.e. from 70 to 110 places) per cohort respectively in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also increased by 40. To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry-level Master in Physiotherapy programme since

January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these two programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these two programmes. A total of 59 students of the first cohort have joined the Scheme and undertaken to serve the sponsoring NGOs for no less than two consecutive years immediately after graduation. 58 sponsored students have completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort, with 57 students joining the Scheme, has started in January 2014.

From 2014-15 onwards, the Government has also increased the annual recurrent funding for NGOs to enable them to recruit and retain paramedical staff or procure paramedical services more effectively. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

For front-line care workers, the Government launched a "first-hire-then-train" pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund to encourage young persons to join the long-term elderly care service sector. Young people were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly. The Pilot Project was implemented in two phases, providing a total of 200 training places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project. Given the positive response to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked some \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme). The Navigation Scheme will be expanded to cover rehabilitation care services as well. Under this scheme, a total of 1 000 training places will be provided in the coming few years.

Moreover, the Elderly Commission is in the process of formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan and is expected to submit its report to the Government in mid-2016.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5414)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The rank of the Commissioner for Rehabilitation was officially upgraded from Executive Officer to Administrative Officer last year, but the post is still under the establishment of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

1. What functions and roles of the Commissioner for Rehabilitation have been changed after the upgrading of rank? What is the actual effectiveness?
2. The Commissioner for Rehabilitation is responsible for co-ordinating all departments in the formulation of policies for persons with disabilities and implementation of disability mainstreaming. Is the present post of Commissioner for Rehabilitation capable to take up such an important role? If yes, what are the details? If no, will the Government consider transferring it to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. To enhance the co-ordination of the government's efforts in promoting the well-being of persons with disabilities, the post of Commissioner for Rehabilitation (C for R) was upgraded from Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) rank to Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) rank with the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2014. The current major duties and responsibilities of C for R include:
  - (a) To formulate and review the overall development strategy for rehabilitation policies and programmes;

- (b) To oversee and enhance the co-ordination among government bureaux/departments, public bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, including monitoring the delivery of rehabilitation services by government departments;
- (c) To oversee and co-ordinate as required cross-bureau issues pertaining to the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities;
- (d) To provide policy input in the formulation and review of policies and programmes on social rehabilitation, barrier-free environment and employment of persons with disabilities etc. and to oversee and co-ordinate for their effective implementation by relevant government departments;
- (e) To review and monitor the application of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance; Part IVB of the Mental Health Ordinance; Building (Planning) Regulations under the Buildings Ordinance; and the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance;
- (f) To attend and prepare submission for the meetings of the Legislative Council and its committees, sub-committees and panels on rehabilitation policy matters and take necessary follow-up actions; and
- (g) To represent the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on boards, committees, international and regional conferences, meetings and events, etc. with regard to rehabilitation issues.

Since her assumption of office in September 2014, C for R has been effectively discharging her duties, including maintaining close and good working relationship with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) and actively listening to their views on the provision of rehabilitation services, transport services, training, employment and barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities; and enhancing co-ordination among relevant bureaux and departments on cross-bureau policies and measures to ensure that these government's policies and measures can suitably cater for the needs of persons with disabilities and help them fully integrate into society. Details of some of her work are as follows:

#### Promoting the use of sign language

To participate in and follow up discussions conducted by the RAC on fostering barrier-free communication for the hearing impaired and promoting the development and use of sign language in Hong Kong. The Chief Executive announced in the 2015 Policy Agenda that the Government would actively explore the inclusion of sign language courses in the funding scope of the Continuing Education Fund.

### Taking forward the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme

To keep on promoting the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme jointly implemented by the LWB, RAC, Hong Kong Council of Social Service and Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities, so as to mobilise the business sector, public and subvented bodies, NGOs and government departments to make collective efforts to create more employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and provide a barrier-free workplace as well as a caring and supportive society for them through a host of sustainable measures commensurate with their modes of operation. As at end-March 2015, the number of participating organisations has increased from about 190 a year ago to more than 380.

### Enhancing Rehabus service

To follow up the enhancement of Rehabus service. In 2015-16, the Government plans to allocate funding of \$11.85 million to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) for procuring 12 rehabuses (6 for providing new services and 6 for replacing existing ones of higher vehicle age), thus increasing the total number of rehabuses from 141 to 147. Besides, the Government will provide recurrent funding of about \$2.17 million for HKSAR to cover the operational expenses of the 6 new rehabuses, and to increase the ratio between new rehabuses and drivers from 1:1 to 1:2. The Government is also assisting HKSAR in conducting a consultancy study on the enhancement of service efficiency, with a view to further raising the service level of Rehabus through internal business process re-engineering and other enhancement measures.

### Co-ordinating the implementation of the Seminar-cum-Field Study Programme of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

To co-ordinate the implementation of the Seminar-cum-Field Study Programme of the UNESCAP in Hong Kong from 17 to 19 December 2014 to promote the provision of barrier-free environment and public transport services for persons with disabilities in the Asia Pacific region. A total of ten UNESCAP members attended the activities.

### Monitoring the rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for persons with disabilities

To co-ordinate the provision of SWD's rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and the implementation of new measures developed by SWD, including regularising the assistance programme of "Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services" under the Community Care Fund in October 2014, launching the "Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities" in November 2014, and implementing the respective pilot projects as announced in the 2015 Policy Address to strengthen the support for persons with autism, provide on-site rehabilitation services for children with special needs who are studying in ordinary kindergartens or

kindergarten-cum-child care centres, and have trained ex-mentally ill persons to serve as peer supporters in community psychiatric service units.

Assisting in co-ordinating the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses

To assist in co-ordinating the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses; to encourage NGOs to put their land to better use through in-situ expansion or redevelopment for providing diversified subsidised and self-financing services (in particular the 39 projects that involve the provision of additional rehabilitation service places).

2. Policies on matters concerning persons with disabilities fall within the purview of different bureaux and departments as different areas of work are involved. C for R is responsible for co-ordinating with bureaux and departments in formulating cross-bureau policies and measures to promote the well-being of persons with disabilities. For example, C for R co-ordinates with the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the Transport Department (TD), the Highways Department, the Architectural Services Department and the Housing Authority (HA) in implementing the “Universal Accessibility” policy and taking forward the retrofitting programme to upgrade the barrier-free facilities in existing government and HA premises and public connecting road facilities; co-ordinates with the THB and the TD in building a barrier-free transport system to cater for the needs of various passenger groups, including persons with disabilities; and collaborates with the Buildings Department to follow up the review of the “Design Manual - Barrier Free Access 2008”. Moreover, C for R will co-ordinate with the relevant bureaux and departments in fully consulting persons with disabilities on the government’s plans of providing barrier-free facilities for major infrastructure projects (e.g. the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and the West Kowloon Cultural District).

The C for R post, created under the establishment of the LWB, is responsible to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare for co-ordinating with bureaux and departments in handling matters relating to the services for and the rights of persons with disabilities. In discharging the duties mentioned in (a) to (g) above, C for R has effectively encouraged and supported bureaux and departments to take into account the needs of persons with disabilities as well as duly consult these people and other stakeholders when formulating and implementing policies and measures. We consider that the work involved can be effectively dealt with under the existing organisation structure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 5415)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of beneficiaries per year (with the respective numbers of the elderly and persons with disabilities) since the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), the financial resources allocated so far and the Government's assessment on the effectiveness of the Scheme.
2. Currently, "eligible persons with disabilities" are defined as "recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (CSSA) aged between 12 and 64 with 100% disabilities or recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) in the same age group". As the current disability allowance system is outdated, many disabled persons ineligible for DA and CSSA cannot benefit from the Scheme. As such, does the Government have any plan to amend the existing eligibility criteria of the Scheme so as to benefit more persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the Mass Transit Railway (MTR). Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering four franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited.

To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around 1.2 million, with about 1.07 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 140 000 eligible persons with disabilities<sup>1</sup>. Since the implementation of the Scheme and up to

10 March 2015, the Government has reimbursed the following amounts to the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme:

Public Transport Operator	Reimbursement Made by the Government (Up to 10 March 2015) (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	392,006
Franchised bus operators	830,261
Ferry operators	37,923

2. The Scheme now covers all persons aged 65 or above (regardless of whether they have a disability or not) and eligible persons with disabilities aged below 65. Presently the Government has no plan to revise the criteria of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme.

<sup>1</sup> Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5416)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Chief Executive proposed in his Manifesto that people with loss of one limb would be allowed to apply for Disability Allowance (DA). In this connection, the Labour and Welfare Bureau has established an inter-departmental working group to conduct a review. Will the Government clarify the following:

1. The work progress and overview of the working group, such as the number of meetings held, whether views of various stakeholders have been sought, and the expected completion timetable;
2. Apart from people with loss of one limb, many people with visceral disabilities or “invisible disabilities”, who are also in grave need, are ineligible to apply under the existing regime. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health has already been adopted internationally for assessing the needs of people with disabilities. Will the Government consider adopting the relevant international requirements and reforming the DA scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 84)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Chief Executive stated in his Manifesto that the Government would allow people with loss of one limb to apply for the Disability Allowance. To take this forward, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) set up an inter-departmental working group in 2013.

The working group has since held 11 meetings, and has listened to the views of various stakeholders (including persons with disabilities (PWDs) and parents). LWB

also reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on the progress of the working group on 8 July 2013 and 9 March 2015 respectively. The working group is examining the findings of the consultancy study on the practices of other places on the provision of financial assistance for PWDs, the results of the latest survey on PWDs released by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in end-December 2014, and the poverty situation report on PWDs issued by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office together with C&SD in end-December 2014, etc. The working group hopes to complete its work by the end of this year.

2. Based on the information provided by the above-mentioned consultancy study, the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) published by the World Health Organisation is a classification system instead of an assessment tool. According to the observations of the consultancy study, Taiwan prepared for the implementation of the ICF-based classification system, as well as the development of the assessment model suitable to the local situation, between 2007 and 2012. However, the relevant arrangements are expected to be in full implementation only in 2019, and the effectiveness has yet to be assessed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5417)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The current service arrangement and classification for persons with disabilities involve many different definitions and tools, such as the registration card for people with disabilities, disability allowance, and accommodation assessment mechanism for persons with disabilities, which are very much disorganised and unable to holistically meet their needs. Will the Government consider developing an integrated assessment mechanism or tool for a comprehensive analysis and arrangement of the support services required by persons with disabilities in terms of financial assistance, long-term care, employment and education?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 85)

Reply:

Government bureaux and departments generally make reference to the definition of disabilities under the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, which is in line with article 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in formulating policies and services relating to persons with disabilities. Given that service needs vary among persons with different category and severity of disabilities, appropriate assessment tools are used and target service users are suitably defined by bureaux and departments in formulating policies and service programmes. The Government will continue to keep in view the international trends and developments on this aspect and carry out further refinements to existing arrangements where applicable and appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5418)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It has been 7 years since the promulgation of the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 and some of its contents have become outdated. Does the Government have any plan for a comprehensive review and update of the Design Manual with a view to keeping pace with social development and promoting barrier-free accessibility?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

To keep pace with the advancement in building technology and social development, the Government has been conducting reviews on the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 ("Design Manual") regularly with a view to continually enhancing the barrier-free design standards. The Buildings Department ("BD") also set up a Technical Committee on the Design Manual ("Technical Committee") in June 2014 to collect and listen to the views from the building sector and relevant organisations with regard to their practical experience in the use of the Design Manual, advancement in building designs, technologies and construction methods, as well as the latest relevant overseas regulatory controls and standards, and make recommendations. The BD will take into account the recommendations of the Technical Committee and continue to conduct reviews/updates on the Design Manual. Subject to the progress of the work mentioned above, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will consider conducting a comprehensive review of the Design Manual together with the BD, and consult the Legislative Council, persons with disabilities, the building sector and other stakeholders in due course.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5419)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The latest Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) was drawn up in 2007. As a result, there exists a large discrepancy between the policy directions of the RPP and the real life situations of persons with disabilities. As a policy guiding document, the RPP should have covered a planning period of five years. However, as the RPP has not been further reviewed for more than six years, there is now an urgent need to plan for the future. In fact, according to the concluding observations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Committee) released in September 2012, formulating a policy on the basis of medical and rehabilitation models is an outdated practice. As recommended by the Committee, a right-based model should be adopted for the formulation and implementation of policies. From this we can see that the RPP is in outright contradiction to the provisions and spirit of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. As such, does the Government have any plans to conduct a comprehensive review? If yes, please provide details on such plan and its implementation timetable. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The development direction of our rehabilitation policy as mapped out in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) is to help persons with disabilities develop their potential and build a barrier-free environment with a view to enabling them to participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in their social life and personal growth. These objectives are consistent with the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The scope covered by the RPP is not confined to healthcare and welfare. It covers various aspects of life, such as education, employment, access and transport, application of information and communications technologies, recreation and sports, cultural and arts activities, public education etc., with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to enjoy

equal opportunities and rights, participate in full in social life and integrate into the community through a holistic strategy.

To ensure that our services keep pace with social development and meet the needs of the users, the Government has, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee after consultation with the social welfare sector. The mechanism provides for an annual platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level, and advisory committee level on a yearly basis. The Government will continue to plan the priorities for rehabilitation services and implement various specific measures every year through the said planning mechanism according to the policy objectives and development direction set out in the RPP, having regard to the changing circumstances and service demand and taking into account also the views of the stakeholders.

The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission would be tasked with completing the formulation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years. The Government will make timely reference to the experience of preparing the Plan when considering the tasks relevant to the next revision of the RPP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5424)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme, an additional flat-rate allowance will be provided for children in poverty. However, no additional allowances will be provided for chronic patients and persons with disabilities.

1. Will the Government consider revising the policy, so that additional allowances can be provided for chronic patients and persons with disabilities to meet their additional medical and rehabilitation expenditures?
2. It will be difficult for chronic patients and persons with disabilities, who have physical limitations, to meet the working hour requirements of 144 or 208 hours for applicants of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme. Also, their carers can hardly meet the working hour requirements due to their care-giving role. Will the Government consider relaxing the requirements for chronic patients and persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 92)

Reply:

The Government introduced the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) with an aim to relieve the financial burden of low-income working families not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (especially those with children), as well as to promote self-reliance and upward social mobility. According to this principle, the two-tiered working hour requirement for a LIFA applicant is 144 and 192 hours per month. An overall policy review of the scheme would be conducted one year after LIFA's implementation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5428)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many resources are allocated for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities each year? What is the effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 97)

Reply:

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

To this end, a wide range of diversified services and support from bureaux, departments and organisations has been provided for persons with disabilities and additional resources have been allocated for the continuous enhancement of the rehabilitation services having regard to the demand for services and changing circumstances.

Since the application of the Convention to Hong Kong in August 2008, the overall recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities has increased from \$16.6 billion to \$26.9 billion in 2014-15. It is estimated that the recurrent expenditure will continue to rise to \$28.6 billion in 2015-16. Meanwhile, to promote public awareness of the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention, the Government has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from about \$2 million to about \$13.5 million.

As an ongoing measure, the Government will continue to keep in view the demand and effectiveness of the rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5807)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the studies on retirement protection, please provide information about:

1. the expenditure spent on such studies in the past five years; and
2. the funding available last year for Professor Nelson CHOW Wing-sun's Study on the Future Development of Retirement Security in Hong Kong, which was commissioned by the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force of the Commission on Poverty.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 185)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. A Thematic Household Survey on "Retirement Planning and Financial Situation in Old Age" was conducted by the Census and Statistics Department at the request of the Central Policy Unit in 2011. The total expenditure involved was \$1.17 million. The report was provided to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services in June 2013.
2. In 2013, the Commission on Poverty commissioned a consultancy team, with Professor Nelson Chow as the chief consultant, to conduct a study on the future development of retirement protection in Hong Kong. The total expenditure involved was \$1.43 million. The report was released in full in August 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5808)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Labour and Welfare Bureau be responsible for vetting applications for the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA)? What are the estimated annual administrative costs and staffing establishment for that scheme? Will the Government consider disbursing the allowance to eligible persons by cheque through the Inland Revenue Department based on the particulars provided in tax returns?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 186)

Reply:

The Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) under the newly-established Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) will be responsible for the operation of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme. The full-year recurrent expenditure for the administration of the LIFA Scheme is estimated to be \$184 million per year, of which \$118 million will be used for the staff cost of 376 civil service posts to be created in the WFSFAA, with the remaining for other recurrent administrative expenditures such as office accommodation, general departmental expenses and IT support. Besides, the WFAO will employ about 160 non-civil service contract staff in the first 3 years of the implementation of the Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5823)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has provision been reserved to subsidise grassroots women's participation in important international conferences?
- (b) If yes, what is the amount of provision? How are the participants selected?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 203)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not subsidised grassroot women to attend important international conferences.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5824)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are many views in the community criticising the Government of having appointed too many pro-government persons to its advisory and statutory bodies. By comparison, appointment of women from pressure groups, grassroots and vulnerable groups is rare. Please advise this Committee of the current proportion of members from these two groups. What supporting measures are taken to ensure equal participation by women from pressure groups and vulnerable groups, and what are the details? What are the expenditure and estimated expenditure for the past 5 years and for the next financial year respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 204)

Reply:

The Government makes appointments to Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned, taking into account a candidate's talent, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service, and with due regard to the functions and nature of business of the ASBs concerned, and the relevant statutory provisions of statutory bodies. In the meantime, there is no lack of women in the community with talent, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service who are willing to serve on Government ASBs.

Since 2004, the Government has introduced a 25% gender benchmark of appointing female members to Government ASBs as a working target. The overall percentage of women's participation in ASBs as non-official members had already exceeded 25% in 2010. On the recommendation of the Women's Commission (WoC), the Government raised the benchmark to 30%. As at December 2014, the overall percentage of women's participation in the ASBs with Government-appointed non-official members was 32%.

The Chief Executive has announced in his 2015 Policy Address that the Government will accept the latest recommendation made by WoC to further raise the gender benchmark to 35%. The relevant initiative will be implemented on 1 April this year. From this day

onwards, all policy bureaux and departments should take the 35% gender benchmark of appointing female non-official members to Government ASBs as a working target. However, the overarching principle for making appointments should still remain on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned. When appointing non-official members, the policy bureaux and/or departments concerned should take into account the circumstances of individual ASBs, with a view to meeting the gender benchmark as far as practicable.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5825)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- a. When will the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist be applied to review the impacts of the existing legislation and policies on women?
- b. What are the specific details of the work in this respect and the estimated expenditure in the next financial year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 205)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. It is mentioned in the 2015 Policy Address that the Chief Executive has accepted the recommendations of the Women's Commission that, starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming to formulating major government policies and initiatives.
- b. The resources involved will be absorbed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau as well as relevant bureaux and departments

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5826)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The United Nations (UN) has made the following concluding observation on the Hong Kong Government's Second Report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the Convention): the Government should allocate sufficient resources to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, and provide details of budget allocation in the next report.

Please provide details of the resources allocated for the past 5 years and to be allocated for the next financial year for the promotion and publicity of the Convention. Will resources be allocated to women's groups for publicising the Convention and the UN concluding observation? Please give specific information on the additional manpower involved and list the relevant posts in a table. If resources are not so allocated, what are the reasons?

How are children who witness domestic violence helped in their physical and psychological development?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 206)

Reply:

The Government is committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with relevant bureaux and departments, has put in place various policies and measures to fulfill the objectives under CEDAW. On-going efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. These include organising conferences and seminars, and roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government premises, distributing bilingual booklets on the text of CEDAW and on HKSAR's reports submitted under CEDAW, etc. LWB has also supported a series of community activities organised by local women's groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW. The manpower and resources involved in the

implementation of CEDAW are absorbed by relevant bureaux and departments and are not separately accounted for.

Regarding support provided for children witnessing domestic violence, the Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence, including children witnessing domestic violence. The units providing the relevant services include the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, refuge centres for women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Apart from individual counselling provided by social workers, they also organise developmental/supportive groups for children witnessing domestic violence to help them tide over the difficult period and lessen their trauma associated with witnessing domestic violence. If children concerned present symptoms of psychological or psychiatric problems, they will be referred to clinical psychologists or psychiatrists for service or treatment as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5856)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Special Topics Report No.62 on persons with disabilities published by the Census and Statistics Department at the end of 2014, the population of persons with disabilities increased from 361 300 in 2007 to 578 600 in 2013, representing a growth of about 60%. This is closely related to the ageing population. The trend of population ageing in the coming years will further increase the population of persons with disabilities. In this connection, will the Government take any response measures, including the formulation of a new rehabilitation programme plan for policy planning?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 241)

Reply:

It has all along been the Government's rehabilitation policy to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities as well as to build a barrier-free living environment, with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to fully participate in social life, pursue personal growth, and enjoy equal opportunities. To this end, the Government implements multi-pronged initiatives to address the distinctive needs of persons with different type and level of disabilities so as to help them develop their capabilities and fully integrate into society.

To ensure that our services can keep pace with social development and meet the needs of the users, the Government has, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee after consultation with the social welfare sector. The mechanism provides for an annual platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level and advisory committees level on a yearly basis. The Government will continue to plan the priorities for rehabilitation services and implement various specific measures every year through the said planning mechanism according to the policy objectives and development direction set out in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP), having regard to the changing circumstances and service demand and taking into account also the views of the

stakeholders.

The RPP was revised in 2007-08. The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission would be tasked to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan within 2 years. The Government will make timely reference to the experience of preparing the Plan when considering the tasks relevant to the next revision of the RPP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5857)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the "Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report on Disability 2013" released in late 2014, the poverty rate of persons with disabilities was 45.3% before policy intervention and 29.5% after policy intervention. During the same period, the poverty rate of the overall population was 19.9% before policy intervention and 14.5% after policy intervention. This reflects the serious poverty situation of persons with disabilities.

1. The poverty situation of the 1 375 200 people with chronic illness, 71 000 to 101 000 persons with intellectual disabilities, over 70 000 persons with disabilities living in residential care homes was not analysed in this report. How will the Government address the poverty situation of these people?
2. What are the analysis and policy implications of the overall poverty situation of persons with disabilities?
3. Will the Government consider introducing an employment quota system for persons with disabilities, offering tax concession and improving the social security system for them?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 242)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. and 2. In the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report on Disability 2013 (the Report), the analysis of the overall and poverty situation of persons with disabilities did not include persons with intellectual disabilities because intellectual disability is a sensitive topic to some respondents. Therefore, the survey results may indicate an underestimation of the number of persons with intellectual disabilities.

Persons with disabilities residing in institutions and persons with chronic diseases were also not included according to the definition of disability adopted in the analytical framework of poverty line. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the poverty line is not a “poverty alleviation line”. The Government would continue the efforts to provide appropriate assistance to the persons with disabilities with different needs, regardless of whether they are covered by the Report or not.

The Government’s rehabilitation policy has all along been to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities as well as to build a barrier-free living environment with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate in full both in social life and personal development, and enjoy equal opportunities. The Government has put in place multi-pronged measures such as financial assistance, pre-school rehabilitation, school education, community support, residential care and employment support, to meet the specific needs of persons with different type(s) and varied degrees of disabilities.

3. According to studies on promotion of employment of persons with disabilities undertaken by the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation, a mandatory employment quota system has not been proven successful overseas in helping persons with disabilities secure employment. Some countries have already abolished the quota system. The prevailing trend is putting in place anti-discrimination legislation and enhanced support measures for persons with disabilities, instead of establishing an employment quota system.

The Government does not support the proposed use of tax incentive for encouraging employers to hire more persons with disabilities, mainly due to the fact that with our low tax rates, most corporations in Hong Kong are not paying taxes. Hence, the effectiveness of the proposal in encouraging corporations to employ more persons with disabilities is in doubt.

At present, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme provides financial assistance for means-tested families in need to meet their basic needs. Taking into account the special needs of persons with disabilities, higher standard rates, special grants and supplements are provided for them under the CSSA Scheme. On the other hand, the non-means-tested disability allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme also helps persons with severe disabilities to meet their special needs.

The Government considers that persons with disabilities should be given assistance to find appropriate jobs on the basis of their abilities so as to foster an inclusive society. In this regard, apart from providing vocational training and employment support for persons with disabilities, the Government will continue to take positive measures to encourage employers to offer persons with disabilities more job opportunities, such as giving due recognition to good employers and providing them incentive and assistance for hiring persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5858)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Report No. 62 of the Census and Statistics Department, 106 000 (or 18.3%) of the 578 600 persons with disabilities indicated that they had a lot of difficulties in day-to-day living due to their disabilities. Of all aspects in day-to-day living, the item which the largest proportion of persons with disabilities claimed to have difficulties in handling is doing housework, with a total of 107 000 persons with disabilities (or 19.2%) claimed that they had a lot of difficulties in doing housework or could not do it at all.

1. According to the report, 106 000 persons with disabilities had a lot of difficulties in day-to-day living. What measures will the Government adopt to cater for the needs of these persons and what are the implications of the report on policy formulation?
2. According to the report, 107 000 persons with disabilities claimed that they had a lot of difficulties in doing housework or could not do it at all. While the existing Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities and the Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities do not provide household cleaning and regular meal delivery services, these services are provided to the elderly through home care services. Regarding the significant differences between the services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, will the Government consider re-planning the services to meet the needs of service users? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 243)

Reply:

The Government has been providing a wide range of diversified services and support for persons with disabilities, and allocating additional resources for continuous enhancement of rehabilitation services having regard to service needs and changing circumstances.

The Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities and the Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities provide a package of professional and integrated home-based care services, including personal care, escort, occupational therapy/physiotherapy rehabilitation training and nursing care service, for persons with disabilities through case managers in service teams. The case managers will co-ordinate and mobilise community resources according to actual circumstances of individual cases to meet the needs of service users. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the implementation of these 2 services.

In addition, recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have obtained medical certification and social workers' recommendation, may apply for a care and attention allowance under the CSSA Scheme to cover the costs of care and attention services, including the actual cost of hiring a carer.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5859)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is commendable that this year's Budget Highlights used simple and comprehensive charts and graphics, which are very helpful for the elderly and persons with dementia or intellectual disabilities. Will the Government consider using such easy-to-read graphics in the design of public consultation documents in the future to allow easier access of information to different community groups, fulfilling the obligation of providing accessible information as stipulated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 244)

Reply:

It is the Government's established policy objective to create a barrier-free environment and promote barrier-free communication, thereby facilitating full integration of persons with disabilities and the elderly etc. into the community. The Labour and Welfare Bureau, in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, will encourage and help policy bureaux and departments to publish easy-to-read versions of their consultation documents and information papers, etc. as appropriate, having regard to the actual needs and circumstances, and provide assistance where necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5860)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In late January 2015, the police detected a case of using an unlicensed rehabilitation vehicle for carriage of passengers for reward. The case reflects that those licensed rehabilitation vehicles operating in an authorised manner are falling short of demand. According to the written reply given by the Transport Department, there are currently a total of 923 registered vehicles which are permitted by law to carry people with disabilities on hire in Hong Kong. These vehicles include rehabuses, school buses of special schools, and vehicles of the Hospital Authority, social welfare organisations or residential care homes. Given the shortage of rehabuses, does the Government have any policy to improve the transport service currently provided for people with disabilities? For example, will the Government optimise the use of those vehicles operated by different social welfare organisations and special schools?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 245)

Reply:

The Government has been encouraging public transport operators to enhance their service facilities to cater for the needs of persons with disabilities. Since July 2008, a transport supplement has been provided for eligible persons with disabilities to facilitate their integration into society. Moreover, the Government started to launch the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in phases since June 2012 so as to enable eligible passengers to travel on the general Mass Transit Railway lines, franchised buses and ferries at any time at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip (the Scheme has been extended in phases to green minibuses since 29 March 2015). This can encourage them to use public transport services on the one hand, and meet their needs for transport services on the other.

The Government also provides subvention to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) to operate rehabuses service to offer special transport services to persons with disabilities who have difficulties in using general public transport. Moreover, efforts have



been made to bid for additional resources through the annual Resource Allocation Exercise for HKSR to purchase new vehicles, replace old ones and strengthen its operational manpower. In 2015-16, the Government plans to allocate funding to HKSR for purchasing 6 new rehabuses and replacing 6 existing ones of high vehicle age, thus increasing the size of the rebus fleet to 147. This will involve a capital expenditure of about \$11.85 million. The recurrent provision for rebus services is about \$61.6 million, accounting for over 80% of the operating cost.

In the meantime, rebus service will be further enhanced through rationalisation of routes and other management measures, such as increasing the number of feeder routes to and from hospitals<sup>1</sup>, enhancing the pooled dial-a-ride service<sup>2</sup>, employing part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use rebus service where applicable, with a view to fully utilising the rebus fleet and provide services for more persons with disabilities in need.

Furthermore, with the Government's subvention, HKSR has commissioned a consultancy study on improvement of its operational efficiency, aiming to further enhance the level of service and passenger capacity of the rebus fleet through internal business process re-engineering and other improvement measures. The study is expected to be completed in 2015.

Taking account of the prevailing social conditions and transport service needs of persons with disabilities, the Government will review from time to time the size of the rebus fleet, routes and mode of operation, and continue to work in close collaboration with various public transport operators with a view to improving the accessibility of public transport facilities to persons with disabilities. Labour and Welfare Bureau and Transport Department, together with Education Bureau, Social Welfare Department and Hospital Authority, will endeavour to explore feasible ways to encourage special schools, social welfare organisations and hospitals to provide special transport services for users with disabilities, thus alleviating their demand for rebus service.

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<sup>1</sup> Since 15 April 2013, rebus has been providing hospital feeder service between Princess Margaret Hospital and Mei Foo, Lai King and Kwai Fong MTR stations to facilitate passengers with mobility difficulties to travel to and from Prince Margaret Hospital. To further improve the transport service for persons with mobility difficulties to attend follow-up consultations at Queen Mary Hospital as well as other hospitals and rehabilitation centres in Sandy Bay, a new feeder route has been operating on a trial basis since 2 February 2015 between Kennedy Town MTR station, Queen Mary Hospital, Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital and Aberdeen Centre.

<sup>2</sup> To benefit more passengers and optimise the use of resources, shared-use dial-a-ride service has been provided on a trial basis since 3 June 2014 to facilitate persons with disabilities to attend follow-up consultations at 6 public hospitals, namely Queen Mary Hospital, Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital and MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre on the Hong Kong Island; and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kwong Wah Hospital and Kowloon Hospital on the Kowloon side.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6238)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) how policies and services related to women are to be reviewed, what models of other countries will serve as reference and whether pressure groups and human rights organisations will be consulted;
- (b) the specific details; and
- (c) the expenditures for the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for the next financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 233)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) & (b) The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was extended to Hong Kong in 1996. In response to the recommendation of the CEDAW Committee, the Women's Commission (WoC) was established in January 2001 as a high-level central mechanism to advise the Government on policies and initiatives which are of concern to women, and develop a long-term strategy for the development of women in Hong Kong. A three-pronged strategy, namely the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education has been adopted by the WoC. Researches and surveys are also conducted from time to time to gain a better understanding of women's needs and situation which will shed light on the policies relating to women's development. The WoC is chaired by a non-official and comprises 20 non-official members with diverse backgrounds. It seeks to advance women's status and enhance gender awareness through collaboration with different sectors of the society, and maintains close liaison with other women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in and outside Hong Kong.

One of the major tasks of the WoC is to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, government policies and services and offer advice from gender perspectives as appropriate. Over the years, the WoC initiated discussions with different bureaux and departments to review key policies and services for women, including review of legislation (e.g. amendments to the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, review of the Control of the Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance), population policy, women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies, services for new arrival women, correctional services for female offenders, promotion of breastfeeding, handling of domestic violence and sexual violence cases, childcare and after-school care services, primary care development strategy, stalking, tackling of municipal solid waste, Review of Family Procedure Rules, Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families, welfare sector's recommendations concerning welfare services (for families, children and youth), and Equal Opportunities Commission's Public Consultation on Discrimination Law Review, etc.

In addition, as announced in his 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive accepted the recommendation made by the WoC earlier that starting from April 2015, all bureaux and departments should refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist drawn up by the WoC and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. Gender mainstreaming is a global strategy advocated by the United Nations for the promotion of women's advancement and gender equality. It makes women's, as well as men's, concerns and experiences an integral dimension in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all legislation, public policies and programmes. Through such gender sensitive decision-making processes, gender mainstreaming seeks to ensure that women and men have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities, with the aim of achieving women's advancement and gender equality. Also, as announced in his 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive accepted the WoC's recommendation that starting from April 2015, the benchmark for appointment of women to government advisory and statutory bodies be raised by 5% from 30% to 35%, so as to enhance women's participation in the work of these bodies. With more female members appointed to government advisory and statutory bodies, it is believed that women's views will be more fully reflected in government policies and initiatives. The two recommendations put forth by the WoC have taken into full account local and international situations, including the views of local women's groups and organisations.

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) has been implemented by the WoC since 2004. It is a flexible and large-scale learning programme with a focus on women's needs and interests. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face, and is also available on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. Courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life. Since its implementation, the CBMP has encouraged women of different backgrounds and education levels to

pursue life-long learning and self-development. Up to now, the cumulative number of enrolment for the CBMP was over 75 000, not to mention the large audience who had listened to CBMP radio programmes. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Government turned it into a recurrent programme with an annual funding of around \$8 million starting from 2012-13 onwards.

- (c) In 2015-16, the LWB provides the WoC with funding to implement its work. The general provisions for subheads are as follows:

<b>Subheads</b>	<b>Provision (\$ '0,000)</b>
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	800
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and other tasks on encouraging women's employment	230
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	390
Enhancing the liaison and exchange with women's groups in Hong Kong, the Mainland and other regions	70
Salaries, allowances and other personnel-related expenses	1,430
Other activities/work	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,220</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6246)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the annual amount allocated to the Child Development Fund (CDF)? How many children and youngsters have been benefited since the establishment of CDF? What are the details of the composition of beneficiaries (including the number of students who are beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, those receiving full rate or half rate grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme and other students)? How effective are those projects? How much provision will be made in the future? Please provide information on the co-organisers involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 593)

Reply:

The Government set up the \$300-million Child Development Fund (CDF) in April 2008. As the funding for the CDF is a general non-recurrent expenditure item, we have no statistics on the annual amount of funding allocated to the CDF.

Each CDF project lasts for 3 years. Since the establishment of the CDF, 4 batches of 61 projects operated by 21 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and 7 school-based pilot projects operated by 10 schools have been rolled out, benefitting around 7 000 underprivileged youngsters. The distribution of participants by batch and by region is shown in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively. The names of the operating NGOs/schools are shown in Table 3. The Government does not keep any breakdown of the types of assistance that the participants are receiving.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau earlier commissioned the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (the Consultant) to conduct a longitudinal study to evaluate the first batch of CDF projects. The study was completed in end-2012. The Consultant is of the view that the CDF has helped create favourable conditions for participants to overcome inter-generational poverty. Specifically, with the formulation and implementation of

personal development plans (PDPs), participants have been induced to conduct longer-term planning for their future development. They have higher expectation of their academic performance, less delinquent behaviour and exhibited better time management. The mentorship programme has enlarged participants' social network by availing them of exposure to environment and opportunities not provided by their respective families. The process of accumulating savings and implementing PDP has helped participants prepare for their future personal and career development. The Consultant also suggests that a follow-up study on participants' personal development upon the completion of the projects should be conducted. We plan to commission a consultancy study in the second quarter of 2015, which is expected to be completed in mid-2016.

The Chief Executive announced in the 2014 Policy Address that the Government would earmark an additional \$300 million to ensure the sustainability of the CDF. Hence, the total commitment for the CDF will increase to \$600 million. The funding is included in the 2015-16 Estimates for consideration by the Legislative Council in the context of the Appropriation Bill.

Table 1: Distribution of participants by batch

Batch	Implementation Period	No. of Participants
First batch	2009 to 2012	728
Second batch	2010 to 2013	1 454
Third batch	2012 to 2015	2 039 (as at end-Dec 2014)
Fourth batch	2014 to 2016	2 229 (as at end-Dec 2014)
School-based pilot projects	2014 to 2017	451 (as at end-Dec 2014)

Table 2: Distribution of participants by region in which CDF projects were rolled out

Region in which CDF project were rolled out	No. of Participants
Hong Kong Island	778
Kowloon East	938
Kowloon West	1 167
New Territories East	1 388
New Territories West	2 630

Table 3: Names of the operating NGOs/schools

<u>NGO</u>	<u>School</u>
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Islamic Kasim Tuet Memorial College
Christian Action	Lions College
The Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship	SKH All Saints' Middle School
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	SKH St. Simon's Lui Ming Choi Secondary School
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School
The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	Tin Ka Ping Secondary School
Lok Kwan Social Service	Po Leung Kuk Tin Ka Ping Primary School
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	The Salvation Army Lam Butt Chung Memorial School
The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship Limited	
Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	
Caritas - Hong Kong	
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	
Po Leung Kuk	
Neighbourhood and Worker's Education Centre	
Yan Chai Hospital	
Yan Oi Tong	
Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	
Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	
Hong Kong Playground Association	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 6283)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The Government set the first official poverty line in 2013, pegging it at 50% of the median monthly domestic household income before policy intervention (i.e. before tax and social benefits transfers). However, a single poverty line may not be effective in reflecting the conditions of people of different degrees of poverty and changes in their conditions. Will the Government set additional poverty lines to monitor the changes of the poor? If yes, how will such lines be set? If no, what are the reasons?
2. The Government's studies on poverty tend to focus on the income of poor households, and use it to define the poverty conditions of poor households and to identify the poor population for policy intervention. However, other countries have long adopted the relative deprivation approach to study poverty issues. For example, Australia has engaged academics and members of the public in the discussions on ways to live with dignity and set its subsistence living protection line based on the views of the majority of the public. In this connection, will the Government conduct a study on the basic requirements for a living with dignity which are agreed by the public, with a view to setting a subsistence living protection line and using it as a reference for the formulation of welfare policies? If yes, how will it be set? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 642)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

There are generally two mainstream approaches in setting the poverty line, namely "absolute poverty" and "relative poverty". In short, the former defines "the poor" as those who cannot achieve a level of minimum subsistence or basic needs, while the latter considers those whose living standards are comparatively lower than the general public as "the poor".



The adoption of the concept of “relative poverty” is in line with the international practice of most developed economies, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Union (EU). In addition, in a developed economy like Hong Kong, it might be difficult to canvass broad-based community support to only regard those not meeting the level of basic needs as “poor”. Therefore, the Government sets the poverty line at 50% of the median monthly household income. This is also a common practice both internationally and locally. For instance, the OECD adopts 50% of median household income as the main poverty threshold. In Hong Kong, non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service have been estimating the size of poor population for years based on 50% of median household income.

Notwithstanding, Box 3.1 of the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2013 uses 60% of median household income in an attempt to briefly analyse within the existing analytical framework the poverty risk and socio-economic characteristics of households with income below 60% of median household income (i.e. at-risk-of-poverty households). The analysis shows that the trend of at-risk-of-poverty rate in recent years was similar to that of the poverty rate both before and after policy intervention. It should be noted that if the poverty line is set at 60% of median household income, many more households with higher income would be included. These households not only have a higher labour force participation rate but also have better employment conditions and educational attainment.

The Government has already put in place the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme to act as a safety net to meet the basic needs of families which are unable to support themselves financially due to old age, ill health, disabilities, single parent status, unemployment and low income, etc. The standard payment rates under the CSSA Scheme are adjusted annually according to an established mechanism to maintain their purchasing power. As a matter of fact, when the average CSSA payments are compared with the average expenditure of non-CSSA households in the lowest 25% expenditure group in Hong Kong, it is found that the former is higher than the latter in all household sizes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6287)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The working-poor families have benefitted from the minimum wage policy and their household incomes have increased. According to the LC Paper No. CB(2)298/13-14(01), there are still over 150 000 working-poor households after policy intervention. In addition to the erosion of incomes by high inflation, the extra cost of raising children has brought financial pressure on working-poor families. In this regard, please advise on the following:

- (a) Has the Government studied the daily expenditure pattern of grassroots families, especially those that need to take care of children, elderly members and members with disabilities? If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Information on all kinds of subsidies and services provided for grassroots families by the Government, and the eligibility criteria for application for the services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 650)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Census and Statistics Department conducts an Household Expenditure Survey (HES) once every 5 years to collect up-to-date information on the overall expenditure patterns of households in Hong Kong for updating the expenditure weights of the Consumer Price Indices. The results of the HES can be used to analyse the expenditure patterns of households in different expenditure ranges (including lower-income households). Subject to sufficient sample size, analysis can also be made at disaggregate levels by household characteristics. A new round of 2014/15 HES has been commenced in end-September 2014, and its major results will be announced in mid-2016.

- (b) The Government provides various subsidy schemes and services for grassroots families in the areas of education, healthcare, housing and other social welfare. The major subsidies and services related to the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) which specially target low income individuals/families and their main application criteria are set out in **Annex**. LWB and its departments also provide various non-means-tested schemes (for example the Disability Allowance, Old Age Allowance, different elderly and rehabilitation services). These schemes can also address the needs of grassroots individuals/families.

In addition, the Community Care Fund provides assistance for people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered.

**Major subsidies and services related to the Labour and Welfare Bureau  
which specially target low income individuals/families**

<b>Scheme/Service</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Main application criteria</b>
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	To provide the last safety net to meet the basic needs of the daily life of households who cannot support themselves financially because of old age, ill health, disability, being a single parent, unemployment and low income, etc.	<p><u>Means-test</u> Applicants must pass both the income and asset tests.</p> <p><u>Residence requirement</u> Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be a Hong Kong resident;</li> <li>(b) have held the Hong Kong resident status for not less than 1 year; and</li> <li>(c) have resided in Hong Kong for at least 1 year since acquiring the Hong Kong resident status.</li> </ul>
Old Age Living Allowance	To supplement the living expenses of Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who are in need of financial support.	<p><u>Means-test</u> Applicants must pass both the income and asset tests.</p> <p><u>Age requirement</u> Applicants must be aged 65 or above.</p> <p><u>Residence requirement</u> Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be a Hong Kong resident;</li> <li>(b) have been a Hong Kong resident for at least 7 years; and</li> <li>(c) have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least 1 year immediately before the date of application.</li> </ul>
Low-income Working Family Allowance <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	To relieve the financial burden of non-CSSA low-income working families (especially those with children), to promote self-reliance and upward social mobility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) family applicants must consist of two or more members;</li> <li>(b) meeting the monthly income and asset limits;</li> <li>(c) one member in the family has worked for at least 144 hours per month (to receive a Basic Allowance), or has worked for at least 192</li> </ul>

Scheme/Service	Objective	Main application criteria
		<p>hours per month (to receive higher Basic Allowance);</p> <p>(d) eligible family can receive Child Allowance based on the number of eligible children.</p>
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme	To help low-income earners reduce their cost of travelling to and from work and encourage them to secure or stay in employment.	<p>(a) being employed or self-employed, and lawfully employable in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(b) incurring travelling expenses in commuting to and from work;</p> <p>(c) meeting the monthly income and asset limits; and</p> <p>(d) working no less than 72 hours per month (if applying for full-rate subsidy) or working less than 72 hours but at least 36 hours per month (if applying for half-rate subsidy).</p>
District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development: Cash Assistance	To meet the developmental needs of children and youth in disadvantaged circumstances at district level which cannot be covered by mainstream education system, other funds and financial assistance. The cash assistance is categorised to meet the learning and education needs, job skills training and employment needs, and social exposure and potential developmental needs.	<p>Children and youth between newborn and under 24 years of age in disadvantaged circumstances who are Hong Kong residents may apply for assistance. They include:</p> <p>(a) children and youth from CSSA/non-CSSA families with financial difficulties (e.g. those receiving assistance under the After School Care Programme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, various financial assistance schemes for primary and secondary students administered by the Student Finance Office);</p> <p>(b) children and youth with difficulties in schooling and learning;</p> <p>(c) non-engaged youth;</p> <p>(d) youth at risk/young offenders; and</p>

Scheme/Service	Objective	Main application criteria
		(e) other disadvantaged groups (e.g single-parent families, new arrivals and ethnic minority families).
Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme under After School Care Programme	To help parents take care of their children aged 6 to 12, so that they can continue to work, seek jobs or attend retraining courses/job training with a view to enhancing self-reliance.	<p>The service targets are children aged between 6 to 12 whose parents are unable to take care of them during after school hours because of work or other reasons.</p> <p>Families with monthly income at or below 55% of Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) will receive full fee-waiving. Families with monthly income above 55% but not exceeding 75% of MMDHI will receive half fee-reduction. Single-parent families joining the New Dawn Project Services under the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance run by Social Welfare Department may also receive full fee-waiving.</p>
Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project	To provide flexible child care service and promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood. The service targets are children aged below 9.	Children aged below 9 may apply for the service. Low-income families in need may apply to the service units for fee subsidies.
Extended Hours Service (EHS)	EHS was set up in view of the need of parents for longer hours of child care centre service. This service enables parents to work, or participate in retraining programmes, hence enhancing their job-seeking abilities.	Children may apply to the respective service units for the service. Priority will be given to families receiving CSSA or eligible for the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and with social needs. The needy low-income families may apply to the service units for fee subsidies.
Mutual Help Child Care Centre Service	To promote the spirit of mutual help, service units arrange volunteers and/or parents to take care of the children in a group setting. The service hours are flexible, covering weekday evenings, or some weekends and	Children aged below 3 may apply for the service. Service units may provide services for children aged between 3 and below 6 on a need basis. The needy low-income families may apply to the service units for fee subsidies.

Scheme/Service	Objective	Main application criteria
	public holidays.	
Child Development Fund (CDF)	To support the longer-term personal development of children from a disadvantaged background, with a view to reducing inter-generational poverty. The CDF encourages participants to formulate and implement their personal development plans, develop an asset-building habit and accumulate non-financial assets (such as right attitudes and a proper mindset, personal resilience and capacities as well as social networks).	Children aged 10 to 16 may join CDF projects if:  (a) their families are receiving CSSA or full grant under the student finance schemes administered by the Student Finance Office; or  (b) their household income is less than 75% of the MMDHI.
Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects	To provide short-term food assistance for people who temporarily cannot cope with basic food expenses.	Individuals or families having proven difficulties in temporarily coping with basic food expenses. These include the unemployed, low-income earners, new arrivals and street sleepers, as well as those encountering sudden changes and facing immediate financial hardship.

[Note 1] The funding proposals of the Low-income Working Family Allowance were approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee on 16 January 2015. Barring unforeseeable circumstances, the scheme will be launched within 15 to 18 months from the date of the funding approval.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6604)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory ServiceControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide the number of cases handled by the Guardianship Board in the past year and a breakdown by type of case.
2. Is there any plan to initiate a review on the purview of the Guardianship Board? If yes, what is the timetable?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 738)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of cases handled by the Guardianship Board (GB) in 2014 is tabulated by type below:

Type	Number of cases
Review	273
Finance	188
Financial Abuse	2
Conflict	24
Welfare/Protection	11
Consent to treatment	7
Residence	4
Access	1
Discharge	9
Other abuses	1
Adjourned cases	11
Emergency guardianship	14
Others/Unclassified	4
<b>Total number of cases</b>	<b>549</b>



2. The Department of Justice (DoJ) will conduct a public consultation in 2015 on a draft Bill to implement the recommendations proposed in the report “Enduring Powers of Attorney: Personal Care” published by the Law Reform Commission (LRC) in July 2011. One of the LRC’s recommendations is to extend the powers of the GB in relation to enduring power of attorney (EPA), for example, the GB should be given power to give directions to and remove a power from an EPA attorney. Subject to the result of the public consultation, the DoJ plans to introduce the Bill into the Legislative Council in the 2015-16 legislative session. The Government will continue to keep in view the work of the GB and conduct reviews in a timely manner.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0281****(Question Serial No. 6715)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding foreign domestic helpers, will the Government advise this Committee of:

- (a) the abuse cases of foreign domestic helpers received in the past 5 years (up to 2013-2014);
- (b) how the Government handled the above cases;
- (c) the expenditure involved and specific details of the publicity and education work on this front in the past 5 years;
- (d) the estimated expenditure and specific details of the publicity and education work in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 749)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Police do not keep statistics on abuse cases involving foreign domestic helpers (FDHs). From 2010 to 2014, the number of reports on wounding and serious assault involving FDHs being attacked by their employers and the number of cases detected are tabulated as follows:

	Reports on wounding and serious assault involving FDHs being attacked by employers	Number of cases detected
2010	53	41
2011	56	46
2012	40	35
2013	37	31
2014	38	31

- (b) Upon receipt of a reported case of suspected wounding and serious assault, the Police will, first and foremost, ensure the victims' personal safety in a bid to protect them from further harm and arrange medical treatment for the victims. The Police will promptly refer the case to the appropriate crime formation for follow-up actions and take statements from the victims as soon as practicable. If appropriate, victims may be accompanied by their family members, friends or representatives of their employment agencies during the statement-taking process. If required, the Police may, in co-ordination with the Social Welfare Department, non-governmental organisations and employment agencies of the FDHs, provide emergency assistance for the victims. If there is sufficient evidence, the Police will institute prosecutions in accordance with relevant ordinances.

If an FDH has been criminally intimidated or abused and is required to remain in Hong Kong for assisting in investigation or acting as a witness, etc. after the termination or expiry of his/her contract; or the FDH is awaiting the hearing of the Labour Tribunal or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board owing to a labour dispute, the Immigration Department (ImmD) may, based on individual merits, exercise discretion to allow the FDH to extend his/her stay in Hong Kong as a visitor. If the FDH wishes to continue to work in Hong Kong, he/she may apply for change of employer. The ImmD will assess the FDH's application in accordance with the current policy and procedures. If there is evidence that the FDH has been abused or exploited, or if there are other compassionate grounds, the ImmD may exercise discretion to approve the application for change of employer in Hong Kong. Under normal circumstances, if an employer is found to have any adverse records or breaches, or where there is evidence that the employer has abused or exploited his/her FDH(s), the ImmD may refuse the employer's application for employment of FDH in the future.

- (c) The Labour Department (LD) has organised various publicity and education activities for FDHs and FDH employers to promote their awareness of their rights and responsibilities under the Employment Ordinance and standard employment contract, as well as the consequences of non-compliance. These activities include publication of practice guides, leaflets and posters in FDHs' mother languages, and distributing relevant materials in different locations such as the airport (through non-governmental organisations to newly-arrived FDHs), relevant consulates and government offices. These materials have been uploaded to the website of LD for public reference. The LD has also staged roving exhibitions, produced leaflets specifically for employers and broadcast Announcements of Public Interest (APIs) by television and radio to enhance employers' understanding of their responsibilities.

The LD has since last year stepped up its publicity and education efforts. Apart from placing more advertisements in local Filipino and Indonesian newspapers and increasing the frequency of staging information kiosks at FDHs' popular gathering places on Sundays, the LD also includes in its publicity and education materials information on ways FDHs should handle situations of intrusion of personal safety and details about various complaint channels. New APIs have been broadcast by television and radio to remind employers to be aware of their responsibilities and to treat their FDHs well.

The LD has been strengthening collaboration with the consulates of major FDH-exporting countries in Hong Kong by participating from time to time in briefings for newly-arrived FDHs and cultural events organised by the consulates so as to disseminate important messages such as employment rights and channels for seeking assistance, and distribute information packs, pamphlets and information cards containing points to note for FHDs working in Hong Kong. In addition, the LD has established regular liaison mechanisms with the relevant consulates for sharing information and co-ordinating education and publicity activities. The expenditures incurred by the LD for organising publicity and education activities in the 5 years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were \$1.17 million, \$1.17 million, \$1.16 million, \$1.36 million and \$2.28 million respectively.

- (d) The estimated expenditure incurred by the LD for organising publicity activities in 2015-16 is \$2.29 million. Extra resources will be allocated to meet additional expenditure as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6730)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the Estimates, it is mentioned that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will oversee the implementation of a pilot project on providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation service to children with disabilities in kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres. What specific actions will be taken to monitor the project and what criteria will be used? Through which channels will parents with disabled children be consulted? How can members of the public access the monitoring report to understand the situation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 769)

Reply:

To facilitate children with special needs or suspected to have special needs in ordinary kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres to receive the timely training they need, and provide professional advice to kindergarten teachers/child care centre workers and counselling and support to the parents concerned, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a pilot project of pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities (pilot project) with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. The Government is drawing up the specific implementation details of the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting stakeholders.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6736)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Is there any difference between the estimated resources deployed by various departments for handling sexual violence and the actual expenditure involved last year (2014/15)? If yes, what is the difference between the estimated and actual expenditures? Please also provide details of the difference between the estimated and actual expenditures for individual work items, and the reasons for such difference.
2. If the resources allocated by various departments for handling and preventing sexual violence for the coming year are different from that for the previous year, please explain the reasons and considerations for the increase or decrease in the estimates.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 776)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary efforts in handling sexual violence cases. Under the service model, designated social workers are assigned to provide a range of services including 24-hour outreaching and immediate support, counselling services, reporting to the Police, arrangement of medical treatment and forensic examination, as well as escorting and accompanying the victims to go through all necessary procedures. This service model enables victims to receive service and go through all relevant procedures in a convenient, safe, confidential and supportive environment and minimises the need for the victims to repeat their unpleasant experience. The resources required by the SWD to provide the services are absorbed from within the existing provision.

The SWD commissions the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to run the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre) which provides crisis intervention and support services, including short-term accommodation, for victims of sexual violence and their family members. Due to annual adjustments arising from changes in salary and

prices, the revised estimate for CEASE Crisis Centre in 2014-15 is \$0.5 million higher than the original estimate. The estimated provision for CEASE Crisis Centre in 2015-16 is comparable to the revised estimate for 2014-15.

The SWD actively promotes the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” and relevant public education activities every year, including the promotion of sexual violence prevention. The estimate and expenditure for 2014-15 were both about \$5 million. In 2015-16, the SWD has set aside \$5 million to continue promoting the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” and relevant public education activities.

The expenditure for handling cases of sexual violence is part of the total expenditure under the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. The Police does not maintain a breakdown of expenditure in this respect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0284****(Question Serial No. 4250)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format. Please provide details of the public policy studies and strategic public policy studies commissioned with funds allocated from 2007-08 to 2010-11.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 86)Reply:

The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the departments under its purview on public policy and strategic public policy with funds allocated from 2007-08 to 2010-11 were as follows:



Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study on the design and effectiveness of the New Dawn (ND) Project for single parents/ child carers under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	1,250	2006	Completed (9/2009)	With the positive findings of the consultancy study, the Social Welfare Department has launched the new phase of ND Project from 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2011.	The study report and findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 14 December 2009.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Skills Upgrading Scheme (SUS) (Phase 3)	1,242	2007	Completed (3/2008)	The operations of the SUS have been enhanced in light of the findings of the study.	The major findings of the study have been uploaded onto the SUS website for public information.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open for application (Note)	A study to investigate factors that affect long-term care use in Hong Kong	437	2007	Completed (2/2009)	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report has been uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Open for application (Note)	A study about the preference of old age home residents in receiving end-of-life care	754	2007	Completed (5/2009)	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report has been uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open for application (Note)	A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitalisation	1,208	2007	Completed (10/2009)	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report has been uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund (CDF) Pioneer Projects	3,500	2008	Completed (12/2012)	The findings and recommendation have been used as reference in formulating enhancement measures for CDF projects.	The consultancy report has been uploaded onto the LWB's website for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy study on residential care services for the elderly	1,289	2008	Completed (12/2009)	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies. In view of the study recommendations, the Elderly Commission (EC) has initiated another study on how to strengthen community care services for the elderly.	The study report and findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 January 2010. The study report was uploaded onto the website of the EC for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Elderly Commission's consultancy study on community care services for the elderly	1,398	2010	Completed (6/2011)	The findings were used as reference in formulating relevant policies. The Government accepted the study's major recommendation on community care service voucher for the elderly, and launched a pilot scheme in September 2013.	The study report and its findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 July 2011. The study report was uploaded onto the website of EC for public information.
Mercado Solutions Associates Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Establishment Survey for the Manpower Projection	946	2010	Completed (3/2011)	The survey findings were used for the compilation of Manpower Projection to 2018.	The Report on Manpower Projection to 2018 was published and uploaded onto the LWB's website in April 2012 for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	1,209	2010	Completed (9/2012)	The findings have been taken into account for enhancing the administration of CIIF.	The final reports have been uploaded onto the CIIF website for public information.
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative Study of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) to review the effectiveness of the PFD and to suggest the future direction of the Fund	735	2010	Completed (2/2012)	The recommendations of the consultancy study were taken forward in the subsequent rounds of PFD application from 2012-13 onwards.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of PFD for public information.

Note: Applications were received and processed by the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0285****(Question Serial No. 7039)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills CentresControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What were the number of courses provided by the Vocational Training Council specifically for persons with disabilities and the number of persons with disabilities (different types of disabilities) enrolled in the respective courses in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 800)Reply:

The Vocational Training Council provides, through the Shine Skills Centres, vocational training for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above for the purpose of improving their employment prospects and preparing them for open employment.

By offering full-time and part-time training courses which cover modules in commerce, information technology, and service industry, the Shine Skills Centres aim at equipping trainees with work skills and helping them secure open employment in the future.

The numbers of courses organised for persons with disabilities in the past 5 academic years are given as follows:

Academic Year	Full-time course	Part-time course
2010/2011	11	20
2011/2012	14	24
2012/2013	13	14
2013/2014	12	18
2014/2015	10	20

The numbers of trainees enrolled on full-time courses by type of disability for the past 5 academic years are tabulated as follows:

Sector	Course	Visual impairment					Hearing impairment					Intellectual disability				
		10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Commerce	Office Practice	3	1	1	1	2	6	7	12	12	11	46	27	32	34	38
	Commercial and Retailing Service	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	31	30	43	43	45
	Programme Assistant Practice	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	16	21	25	24	33
	Business and Computer Practice	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Information Technology	Computer and Networking Practice	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	12	13	13	10	12
	Design and Desktop Publishing	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	4	8	6	5	10	12	30	29
Service Industry	Packaging Service	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	48	40	52	65	64
	Integrated Service	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	1	-	92	61	71	78	79
	Catering Service	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	5	5	3	52	48	67	79	87
	Health and Beauty Care	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	10	11	13	13
	Massage Service	9	6	10	4	N/A	-	-	1	-	N/A	-	-	-	1	N/A
	Catering and Housekeeping Practice	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Printing	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	1	-	-	N/A	N/A	8	6	6	N/A	N/A
	Housekeeping and Cleaning Practice	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Logistics Service	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	9	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		13	8	12	7	3	27	20	27	31	23	319	275	332	377	400

N/A = No course offered

Sector	Course	Autism					Speech impairment					Mental illness				
		10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Commerce	Office Practice	18	9	10	16	25	3	2	2	2	2	7	9	12	3	6
	Commercial and Retailing Service	2	4	5	3	5	-	1	1	1	2	8	9	5	6	5
	Programme Assistant Practice	2	4	8	9	5	1	-	2	1	5	4	10	8	2	2
	Business and Computer Practice	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	13	9	10	11
Information Technology	Computer and Networking Practice	3	7	11	8	5	1	1	-	2	4	8	6	7	7	3
	Design and Desktop Publishing	5	4	9	18	15	1	2	1	9	8	6	1	5	3	2
Service Industry	Packaging Service	1	1	1	2	5	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	5	2	-
	Integrated Service	9	10	4	13	20	-	-	2	-	-	10	6	3	7	6
	Catering Service	10	7	12	16	19	3	3	3	8	13	6	3	3	7	5
	Health and Beauty Care	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
	Massage Service	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	1	-	-	N/A
	Catering and Housekeeping Practice	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	11	N/A
	Printing	3	2	1	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	8	4	1	N/A	N/A
	Housekeeping and Cleaning Practice	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Logistics Service	1	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		54	51	61	85	99	10	9	11	24	35	60	77	68	58	40

N/A = No course offered

Sector	Course	Visceral disability/Chronic illness					Physical disability					Specific learning difficulties				
		10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Commerce	Office Practice	3	7	5	3	2	9	4	5	6	8	-	-	-	-	1
	Commercial and Retailing Service	5	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	1	-	1	1	1	2	3
	Programme Assistant Practice	1	3	1	-	-	6	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
	Business and Computer Practice	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-
Information Technology	Computer and Networking Practice	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	3	-	-	1	2	4
	Design and Desktop Publishing	1	-	-	5	5	4	2	-	5	6	-	-	-	4	3
Service Industry	Packaging Service	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	6	5	-	-	-	1	1
	Integrated Service	3	1	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	6	4
	Catering Service	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	3	4	4	5
	Health and Beauty Care	N/A	-	-	1	1	N/A	1	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	1
	Massage Service	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	1	4	N/A	-	-	-	-	N/A
	Catering and Housekeeping Practice	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Printing	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	1	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	1	N/A	N/A
	Housekeeping and Cleaning Practice	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Logistics Service	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		17	18	14	14	14	25	16	18	28	23	5	5	15	20	23

N/A = No course offered

Sector	Course	Attention deficit/Hyperactivity disorder				
		10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Commerce	Office Practice	1	2	1	1	-
	Commercial and Retailing Service	-	-	1	1	-
	Programme Assistant Practice	-	-	1	1	1
	Business and Computer Practice	N/A	-	-	-	-
Information Technology	Computer and Networking Practice	1	-	-	1	-
	Design and Desktop Publishing	1	1	2	1	2
Service Industry	Packaging Service	1	-	-	1	1
	Integrated Service	3	3	2	3	3
	Catering Service	1	2	3	2	6
	Health and Beauty Care	N/A	-	1	1	-
	Massage Service	-	-	-	-	N/A
	Catering and Housekeeping Practice	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Printing	2	1	1	N/A	N/A
	Housekeeping and Cleaning Practice	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Logistics Service	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		10	9	12	12	13

N/A = No course offered

The Shine Skills Centres do not keep the statistics on the number of trainees enrolled on part-time courses by type of disability.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4691)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the records management work of your bureau and the departments under its purview over the past year:

1. Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;

2. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not having been transferred

3. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

4. Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Names of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 189)

Reply:

The information sought in respect of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, Social Welfare Department and Labour Department is provided at Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3 and the corresponding Appendices, respectively.



## Records Management in the Labour and Welfare Bureau

1. In the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), 1 Departmental Records Manager (DRM) (at Chief Executive Officer rank) and 1 Assistant DRM (at Executive Officer II rank) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their bureau administration duties in the Administrative Unit. In addition, staff in different divisions, teams, units and registries are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of LWB's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.
2. Closed records pending transfer to the Government Record Service (GRS) for appraisal in 2014-15 are as follows :

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and linear metres (LM) of records</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>	<b>Reasons for not having been transferred</b>
Administrative Records	-	-	-	-	-
Programme Records	1951 to 1983	34 (1.57 LM)	25 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are confidential records	Date of transfer pending confirmation from the GRS

3. Records which have been transferred to the GRS for retention in 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	1962 to 2007	81 (5.18 LM)	2014 to 2015	2 to 4 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are confidential records
Programme Records	-	-	-	-	-

4. Details of the records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are tabulated below:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>List of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	See Appendix for details	1962 to 2007	503 (25.1 LM)	N/A (Records concerned were destroyed by the Bureau upon GRS' approval given)	2 to 4 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records		-	-	-	-	-

LWB records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are listed below:

**Administrative Records**

- Administration
- Finance
- Personnel
- Information System and Services

## Records Management in the Social Welfare Department

1. In the Social Welfare Department (SWD), 1 DRM (at Chief Executive Officer rank) and 11 Assistant DRMs (at Senior Executive Officer rank or equivalent) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their own spheres of work in their respective offices. In addition, staff in different offices are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of SWD's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.
2. Closed records pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal in 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and linear metres (LM) of records</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>	<b>Reasons for not having been transferred</b>
Administrative Records	1964 to 2015	53 298 (819.07 LM)	3 months to 7 years	Most of them are open records	Upon consolidation and stocktaking, the closed records will be transferred to the GRS for appraisal as soon as possible
Programme Records	1963 to 2014	170 344 (2 039.44 LM)	4 months to 20 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records	Upon consolidation and stocktaking, the closed records will be transferred to the GRS for appraisal as soon as possible

3. Records which have been transferred to the GRS for retention in 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	1965 to 2014	1 147 (17.78 LM)	2014 to 2015	6 months to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records
Programme Records	1976 to 2012	5 189 (600.63 LM)	2014 to 2015	2 to 7 years. Some are approved for permanent retention.	Most of them are open records

4. Details of the records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are tabulated below:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>List of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	See Appendix for details	1958 to 2013	8 974 (243.6 LM)	N/A	3 months to 7 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records		1973 to 2014	245 853 (1 942.26 LM)	N/A	2 months to 10 years	Most of them are open records

SWD records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are listed below:

**Administrative Records**

- Administration
- Property and Facility
- Equipment and Supplies
- Finance
- Personnel
- Information System and Services

**Programme Records**

- Clinical Psychological Casefiles
- Medical Social Services Casefiles
- Family Services Casefiles
- Files relating to welfare services
- Records relating to groups and programme services in Integrated Family Service Centres
- Files relating to Trust Funds Matters
- Computer printouts and statements relating to payment matters
- Fee Assistance Casefiles
- Social Security Allowance Casefiles
- Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Casefiles
- Files relating to Public Subscription Permit
- Records relating to flag day
- Records relating to welfare services meetings
- Records relating to referral services
- Forms/correspondence relating to Long Term Care Services Delivery System
- Casefiles relating to applicants for Long Term Care Services
- Files relating to social security services
- Files relating to medical social services
- Records relating to application for waiver of medical charges/deposits
- Casefiles and group files relating to Community Support Service Scheme
- Files relating to guidelines of payment account
- Casefiles relating to provision of social welfare service to the public by NGOs
- Social Work Training Fund Casefiles
- Training Course files
- Casefiles relating Elderly Residents
- Records relating to community programmes
- Records relating to Volunteer Services Programme for Probationers
- Records relating to Probation Services
- Application form on Senior Citizen Card
- Social Work Manpower Requirement System
- Records relating to Studies and Surveys

- Forms relating to admission/discharge of offenders sentenced by court to SWD
- Data Matching Report between SWD and Land Registry
- Files relating to classification of matched cases – Restricted
- Confidential reports relating to complaint received by Telephone/Letter on Fraudulent Claim for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

## Records Management in the Labour Department

1. In the Labour Department (LD), 1 DRM (at Chief Executive Officer rank) and 2 Assistant DRMs (at Senior Executive Officer rank and Executive Officer I rank) are designated to perform records management related duties in addition to their own spheres of work in their respective offices. In addition, staff in different divisions, offices, sections, units and registries are also involved in records management, among other duties. Since records management is part of the work of LD's staff, the number of officers and the hours of work involved cannot be separately accounted for.

2. Closed records pending transfer to the GRS for appraisal in 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and linear metres (LM) of records</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>	<b>Reasons for not having been transferred</b>
Administrative Records	1995 to 2015	166 (7 LM)	2 to 7 years	Most of them are open records	Not due for transfer yet
Programme Records	1949 to 2015	2 149 (48 LM)	3 to 25 years	Most of them are open records	Not due for transfer yet

3. Records which have been transferred to the GRS for retention in 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	1971 to 1986	3 (less than 1 LM)	2014 to 2015	2 to 3 years	Yes
Programme Records	-	-	-	-	-

4. Details of the records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are tabulated below:

<b>Category of records</b>	<b>List of records</b>	<b>Years covered by the records</b>	<b>Number and LM of records</b>	<b>Years that the records were transferred to GRS</b>	<b>Retention period approved by GRS</b>	<b>Are they confidential documents</b>
Administrative Records	See Appendix for details	1956 to 2012	4 829 (166 LM)	N/A	2 to 7 years	Most of them are open records
Programme Records		1978 to 2012	99 495 (744 LM)	N/A	1 to 10 years	Most of them are open records



LD records approved by the GRS for destruction in 2014-15 are listed below:

**Administrative Records**

- Administration
- Property and Facility
- Equipment and Supplies
- Finance
- Personnel
- Information System and Services

**Programme Records**

- Records of suggestions and enquiries made by government departments and members of the public
- Records of the Central Recruitment Unit in operation, publicity, organisation of exhibitions and provision of employment assistance
- Records of the operation of the Job Vacancy Processing Centre
- Records of the Recruitment Centre for the Catering Industry and the Recruitment Centre for the Retail Industry
- Records of the Employment Programme for the Middle-aged
- Records of the Work Trial Scheme
- Records of the Selective Placement Division
- Records of labour relations and employment claims
- Records of activities promoting labour relations
- Records of employees' injury cases
- Records of investigation and prosecution
- Records of occupational injury and fatal cases

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4692)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview over the 2 years of 2013-14 and 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department and year	Estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head for the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest for the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained in the year

2. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department	Date of reception (day/ month/ year)	Departments/ organisations and titles of the guests entertained (grouped by department/ organisation and indicating the number of guests)	Food expenses incurred in the reception	Beverage expenses incurred in the reception	Gift expenses incurred in the reception	Venue of the reception (department office/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

3. Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for 2015-16 using the table below:

Bureau/branch/ Department	Estimated provision for expenses on entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gift expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 190)

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. The actual expenditure in the past 2 years and the provision earmarked for 2015-16 on official entertainment under Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments are listed in the table below:

Year	LWB	Social Welfare Department	Labour Department
2013-14	\$0.19 million	\$0.12 million	\$0.13 million
2014-15 (as at 17.3.2015)	\$0.18 million	\$0.07 million	\$0.15 million
2015-16	\$0.20 million	\$0.19 million	\$0.19 million

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4693)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the consultancy studies, if any, conducted by your bureau and the departments under your purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- (a) Please provide information on the funded public policy studies and strategic public policy studies over the past 2 financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15) in the following table:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (b) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct internal studies this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Title, content and objective of the project	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (c) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct consultancy studies this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (d) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 191)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the departments under its purview on public policy and strategic public policy with funds allocated in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed)	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
<b>LWB</b>							
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Household Survey for the Manpower Projection to 2022 (MP2022)	1,200	2013	Completed	The Government compiled MP2022 taking into account the survey results.	The major findings of MP2022 have been set out in the paper of the Legislative Council Panel on Manpower for the meeting held on 20 May 2014.
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	1,890	2013	In progress	Not applicable (N/A)	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	A study on the practice outside Hong Kong on financial assistance for persons with disabilities	1,100	2013	In progress	The consultant is finalising its report. The Government will examine the findings in order to review the Disability Allowance.	N/A
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	130	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly	1,400	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the formulation of an Elderly Services Programme Plan	1,200	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
<b>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</b>							
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention,	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study of 3 Pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Projects (PCYOPs) to	951	2011	In progress	N/A	N/A

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed)	The Government's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
the University of Hong Kong		assess the feasibility, outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the PCYOPs and to recommend the way forward					
Sau Po Centre on Ageing, the University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Case Mix Study on the Community Care Services for the Elderly	1,430	2013	In progress	The result of the Study would assist the Government in determining the suitable level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.	N/A
Labour Department							
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Study on the impacts of the revised SMW rate on pay hierarchies in the retail and restaurant sectors	610	2013	Completed	Based on the study findings, the Minimum Wage Commission assessed the possible impacts of revised SMW rate on the pay hierarchies in the concerned sectors.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the Labour Department for public information.
SEE Network Limited	Tender	Standard Working Hours Committee's public engagement campaign on working hours issues	2,988	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Standard Working Hours Committee's study on the working hours situation of Hong Kong	5,680	2014	In progress	N/A	N/A



- (b) In 2015-16, the LWB and the departments under its purview have not earmarked any funding for internal studies.
- (c) In 2015-16, funds have been earmarked for those projects “in progress” in (a) above. In addition, the projects in contemplation are as follows:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	For studies expected to be completed this year, will they be made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
<b>LWB</b>						
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on the Longer Term Development of Child Development Fund Project Participants	N/A	2015-16	Under planning	N/A
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on manpower development	N/A	2015-16	Under planning	N/A
<b>SWD</b>						
Not yet commissioned	N/A	Study on long term development of day child care services	N/A	2015	Under planning	N/A

- (d) The criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects include assessment of the technical proposals (such as the knowledge and experience of the research institutions/consulting firms in the subject area, the proposed approach, methodology and work programme in conducting the studies and the past performance of the institutions/consulting firms) and the fee proposals.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0289****(Question Serial No. 4694)****Head:** (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau**Subhead (No. & title):** (000) Operational expenses**Programme:** Not Specified**Controlling Officer:** Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Labour and Welfare**Question:**

In regard to the growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which your bureau and the departments under your purview have been involved.

- (a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, please provide information for 2013-14 and 2014-15 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 <sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Has public consultation on the cross-boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

- (b) Has provision been earmarked for Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide information in respect of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes for 2015-16 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 <sup>th</sup> Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Will public consultation on the cross-boundary project be conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

- (c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary cooperation? If so, in what modes are they taken forward? What were the manpower and expenditure involved over the past 3 years? How much financial and manpower resources have been earmarked in the 2015-16 Estimates?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 192)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- The cross-boundary projects/programmes of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and its departments in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are given at Annex 1.
- Information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes of the LWB in 2015-16 are given at Annex 2.
- Apart from the projects/programmes listed above, there are no other modes of cross-boundary co-operation handled by the LWB and its departments.

## Hong Kong/Mainland Cross-boundary Projects or Programmes from 2013-14 to 2014-15

Project/ Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13th Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether the agreement has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (%) completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Have public consultation on the cross- boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme
Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme)	<p><u>Details and objective</u> To provide Old Age Allowance (OAA) for eligible Hong Kong elderly people aged 65 or above who choose to reside in Guangdong.</p> <p><u>Relationship with the Framework Agreement</u> The Framework Agreement promotes, inter alia, cooperation between the two places on welfare matters. The GD Scheme should be a positive development in this direction.</p>	<p>The allowance payment for the GD Scheme in 2013-14 was about \$84 million.</p> <p>The revised estimate of the allowance payment for the GD Scheme in 2014-15 is about \$280 million (including payment of one additional month of allowance).</p>	Not applicable (N/A)	No	The Scheme was launched on 1 October 2013.	The Government briefed the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services on the GD Scheme on 12 March 2012 and 10 June 2013 respectively. The Government also promoted the Scheme through various channels such as Announcement of Public Interest, internet and pamphlets.	The Government briefed the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services on the GD Scheme on 12 March 2012 and 10 June 2013 respectively.	<p>Legislative changes are not required.</p> <p>With effect from 1 October 2013, eligible Hong Kong elderly people aged 65 or above who choose to reside in Guangdong can receive the OAA there, without having to return to Hong Kong each year.</p>

Pilot Residential Care Service Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme)	<p><u>Details and objective</u> The Pilot Scheme provides elderly people on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong with an option to choose to live in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation in Shenzhen or the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly operated by the Helping Hand in Zhaoqing.</p> <p><u>Relationship with the Framework Agreement</u> The Framework Agreement promotes, inter alia, cooperation between the two places on welfare matters. The Pilot Scheme should be a positive development in this direction.</p>	The Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. The actual expenditure will depend on the number of participants.	N/A	Separate service contracts were signed between the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the two operators of residential care homes. The contracts stipulate, among other things, the specific requirements for the services provided by the residential care homes.	From June 2014, the SWD started inviting eligible elderly people to participate in the Pilot Scheme. Admission arrangements have been made for the elderly participants since September 2014. As at end-February 2015, of the 177 elderly persons who show interest in the Pilot Scheme, 21 opted to live in the residential care home in Shenzhen while 12 chose to live in the one in Zhaoqing. With effect from February 2015, new elderly applicants entering the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places may also, at their own will, consider choosing to participate in the Pilot Scheme.	The SWD has invited, through the Responsible Workers, all eligible elderly people on the Central Waiting List for subsidised residential care places to join the Pilot Scheme. The SWD also disseminate detailed information of the Pilot Scheme through press releases and its website.	The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. On 23 January 2014, the Government briefed the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services on the Pilot Scheme as one of the policy initiatives of the Policy Address.	Legislative changes are not required.
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## Hong Kong/Mainland Cross-boundary Projects or Programmes in 2015-16

Project/ Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13th Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether the agreement has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (%) completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Have public consultation on the cross- boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme
GD Scheme	The Government will continue the implementation.	The estimated allowance payment for the GD Scheme in 2015-16 is about \$331 million, including payment of two additional months of allowance (subject to the approval of the LegCo Finance Committee).	N/A	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Pilot Residential Care Service Scheme in Guangdong	Ditto	The Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. The actual expenditure will depend on the number of participants.	N/A	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

In 2015-16, the HKSAR Government will continue to maintain close communication with the National Development and Reform Commission and other relevant Central authorities through the established liaison mechanism to complement the preparatory work for the National 13th Five-Year Plan under the principle of “one country, two systems”. The relevant bureaux of the HKSAR Government have also consulted their respective sectors and solicited the views of the relevant advisory committees on the National 13th Five-Year Plan.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0290****(Question Serial No. 4695)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Director of Bureau's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide details of the duty visits made by the Secretary and the Under Secretary in each of the past 5 years. In respect of each visit, please list by date the (a) purpose and destination, (b) post titles of the local officials met, (c) number and post titles of the Hong Kong officials in the entourage, (d) duration, (e) total expenditures involved and the respective expenses on (i) transportation (list out both the expenses on air tickets and local transportation), (ii) accommodation, (iii) meals, (iv) receptions or entertainment and (v) gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 193)Reply:

Details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare over the past 5 years are provided as follows:

Date of visit (number of visits)	Purpose of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (HK\$)	Flight ticket/ travelling expenses (HK\$)	Sundry expenses (HK\$) <small>Note</small>	Reception and entertainment (HK\$)	Grand total (HK\$)
2010-11 (1)	Visits/ Exchanges /Meetings	Mainland	5	around 21,000	around 35,000	around 24,000	around 1,000	around 81,000
2011-12 (2)	Meetings/ Visits	Mainland and the United States	3 to 4	around 23,000	around 351,000	around 12,000	around 5,000	around 391,000
2012-13 (1)	Meetings	Mainland	2	-	around 1,000	-	-	around 1,000



Date of visit (number of visits)	Purpose of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (HK\$)	Flight ticket/ travelling expenses (HK\$)	Sundry expenses (HK\$) <small>Note</small>	Reception and entertainment (HK\$)	Grand total (HK\$)
2013-14 (3)	Exchanges /Meetings/ Duty visits	Mainland	4 to 7	around 6,000	around 54,000	around 4,000	-	around 64,000
2014-15 (2)	Meetings	Mainland and Vietnam	1 to 2	around 7,000	around 24,000	around 9,000	-	around 40,000

Note : Sundry expenses include subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and other related expenses (if applicable).

The number of days for each of the above visits varied from 1 to 4. These visits, led by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare or the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, were participated by officials of different ranks.

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from one organisation to another organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0291****(Question Serial No. 4696)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the details of the meetings, visits or exchanges held between the Department and the relevant Mainland authorities in the past 5 years, and list, by date, the following for each trip:

- (a) objective, venue;
- (b) titles of the Mainland officials met;
- (c) number and titles of the participating officers from Hong Kong;
- (d) duration of trip (days);
- (e) total expenditure incurred;
- (f) whether the trip was promulgated before departure; if not, what are the reasons for the confidentiality;
- (g) whether minutes of the meeting were filed; if not, what are the reasons;
- (h) whether agreement was reached; if so, what are the contents and implementation progress;
- (i) transportation (please list flight tickets and local transport at destinations separately);
- (ii) hotel accommodation;
- (iii) meals;
- (iv) receptions or entertainment; and
- (v) expenses on gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 194)Reply:

Details of the expenditure of Mainland duty visits conducted by the Labour and Welfare Bureau in the past 5 years are provided below.

Date of visit (no. of visits)	Purpose of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation expenses (HK\$)	Flight ticket/ travelling expenses (HK\$)	Sundry expenses (HK\$) Note	Reception and entertainment (HK\$)	Grand total (HK\$)
2010-11 (3)	Visits/ Exchanges /Meetings	Beijing/ Shanghai	1 to 5	Around 34,000	Around 59,000	Around 33,000	Around 1,000	Around 127,000
2011-12 (3)	Meetings/ Visits	Beijing/ Shenzhen	1 to 5	Around 9,000	Around 19,000	Around 10,000	Around 2,000	Around 40,000
2012-13 (2)	Meetings	Beijing/ Guangzhou	1 to 3	—	Around 7,000	Around 5,000	—	Around 12,000
2013-14 (4)	Exchanges /Meetings/ Duty visits	Beijing/ Guangzhou/ Zhaoqing	3 to 8	Around 6,000	Around 55,000	Around 4,000	—	Around 65,000
2014-15 (3)	Exchanges /Meetings	Beijing/ Guangzhou	1 to 2	Around 1,000	Around 22,000	Around 8,000	—	Around 31,000

Note: Sundry expenses include subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and other related expenses (if applicable).

The number of days for each of the above visits varied from 1 to 4. These visits, led by senior officer or directorate officer, were participated by officials of different ranks.

The Bureau conducts exchanges or discussions with the relevant Mainland units from time to time on matters of mutual concern where necessary. In general, subject to different circumstances, appropriate record-keeping arrangement will be made taking into account various factors such as the nature of meetings and issues involved, the consensus arrangement of both parties, and the development of the issues discussed. We will decide whether and how the information on the trips and the agreement implemented should be made public depending on the relevant circumstances and needs.

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips.

Moreover, in line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from one organisation to another organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4697)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare, (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) In respect of the 2 United Nations human rights treaties placed under the purview of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, namely the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, please advise on the specific measures taken by the Government in the 2014-15 financial year to implement the recommendations raised in the Concluding Observations made by the respective treaty committees relating to Hong Kong, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.
- (b) What are the specific work plan and resources set aside by the Government for the 2015-16 financial year to continue implementing the recommendations raised in the Concluding Observations made by the respective treaty committees of the above 2 human rights treaties relating to Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 195)

Reply:

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has been fulfilling its pledge under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by implementing relevant requirements through the Basic Law and other existing legislation in Hong Kong, including the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Sex Discrimination Ordinance etc.

It has all along been the Government's policy objective to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities as well as to build a barrier-free living environment with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to fully participate in social life, pursue personal growth, and enjoy equal opportunities. This is not only the spirit and core value enshrined in UNCRPD, but also the direction of further development of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

To this end, a wide range of diversified services and support from bureaux, departments and organisations has been provided for persons with disabilities and additional resources have been allocated for continuous enhancement of the rehabilitation services having regard to service demand and changing circumstances. Since the application of UNCRPD to Hong Kong in August 2008, the overall recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities has increased from \$16.6 billion to \$26.9 billion in 2014-15. It is estimated that the recurrent expenditure will continue to rise to \$28.6 billion in 2015-16.

To raise public awareness of the spirit and core values enshrined in UNCRPD, the Government has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from about \$2 million to around \$13.5 million. The territory-wide public education activities include TV documentary and programme, publicity programmes targeting youths and students, and roving exhibitions. In tandem, apart from providing subsidies for the 18 District Councils to hold relevant public education activities in local communities, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) subsidised various non-governmental organisations, public organisations, local organisations and self-help groups of persons with disabilities in organising 37 publicity programmes under the theme “All-round promotion of the spirit of the Convention and cross-sectoral collaboration towards building an equal and inclusive society” in 2014-15, so as to spread the message of barrier-free access and inclusiveness to the community at large. In addition, other government bureaux, departments and public organisations, including the Equal Opportunities Commission, organised various public education programmes for building an equal and inclusive society.

For UNCRPD, the hearing by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD Committee) on HKSAR’s initial report was held in September 2012. Regarding the concluding observations issued by the UNCRPD Committee in October 2012, the LWB has, in consultation with relevant bureaux and departments, responded to them. The Government’s position was set out in an information paper submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 17 December 2012. The paper has already been uploaded onto the website of the Legislative Council. The manpower and resources required for following up the recommendations stated in the concluding observations are absorbed within the provisions of the relevant bureaux and departments.

As for CEDAW, the Government has been committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under CEDAW. LWB, together with relevant bureaux and departments, has put in place various policies and measures to fulfill the objectives under CEDAW. Ongoing efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW. These include holding conferences and seminars, organising roving exhibitions in public libraries, community centres and government premises, and distributing bilingual booklets on the text of CEDAW and on HKSAR’s reports submitted under CEDAW. LWB has also supported a series of community activities organised by women’s groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW. The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee) considered HKSAR’s third report on the implementation of CEDAW on 23 October 2014.

Regarding the concluding observations issued by the CEDAW Committee in 2014, the Government's position was set out in a press release which was issued on 14 November 2014 and the annex to an information paper submitted by the Government to the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 17 November 2014. To enhance public understanding of the issue, both the concluding observations of CEDAW Committee and the press release of the Government have been uploaded onto LWB's website, with copies distributed to the relevant administrative and judicial institutions. The manpower and resources required for the work mentioned in the press release were absorbed within the provisions of the relevant bureaux and departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0293****(Question Serial No. 6102)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social WelfareControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

There is an increase in the estimate for 2015-16, which is 11% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15.

What are the reasons for the increase? What are the items contributing to the increase in the provision? Please explain in details.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 201)Reply:

The provision under this Programme for 2015-16 is \$412.6 million, which is 11% (or \$40.90 million) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, other charges and departmental expenses. A breakdown of the increase in provision is provided below:

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in cash flow requirements for non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	23.6
Increase in provision for other charges, including the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, the "financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others" and public education on rehabilitation	10.5
Increase in departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention under social welfare	6.0
Increase in personal emoluments	0.8
Total:	40.9

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5102)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

By what means will the Administration encourage the public and community organisations to participate in the work of the Elderly Commission? What strategies will be adopted to provide incentives for their participation? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 173)

Reply:

To promote the message of active ageing, the Elderly Commission (EC) and the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) launched the Elder Academy Scheme (the Scheme) in early 2007. School sponsoring bodies and organisations providing elderly services are encouraged to establish elder academies in primary and secondary schools, thereby enabling elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. The Scheme was subsequently expanded to tertiary institutions, so that elderly persons can engage in academic studies. At present, a total of 121 elder academies have been set up in primary and secondary schools and in tertiary institutions, providing more than 10 000 learning places every year. Pursuant to the 2014 Policy Address, an additional \$50 million was injected in March 2014 into the Elder Academy Development Foundation to strengthen the support for the Scheme. The total funding expenditure of the Scheme since 2007 amounted to around \$20 million.

In early 2008, EC and LWB launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP). With the elderly playing a leading role and through cross-sectoral collaboration, NAAP develops support networks at the community level. Since the implementation of NAAP, a total of 230 district projects have been funded and launched throughout the territory, involving a funding expenditure of around \$20 million. The new phase of NAAP aims at further promoting the messages of mutual support in neighbourhood and active ageing, and is being implemented during the period from November 2014 to March 2016.



In addition, EC was tasked by the Government in 2014 to formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan and study the feasibility of introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly. LWB has commissioned consultant teams to assist EC with the tasks. Public engagement events are included in both exercises, which involve a total expenditure of \$2.6 million.

EC also organised other activities for the public in the past including Seminar on “Ageing in the Community”, District-based Scheme on Carer Training and Elderly Sports Day, etc. Further, in order to promote exchanges and experience sharing, EC and LWB will organise a “Sharing Session on Elder Academy Scheme and Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project” in April this year. Elder academies, welfare organisations, as well as representatives of primary and secondary schools will be invited to attend.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5103)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the amount of expenditure involved for the Elderly Commission in 2014-15?  
What is the estimate for the coming year? Under which subhead does the expenditure go?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 174)

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) is mainly tasked to advise the Government on the formulation of a comprehensive policy for the elderly. EC members are non-remunerated. Secretariat support is provided by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB). The expenditure incurred by the Secretariat, which includes the commissioning of consultancy studies in support of the EC's work, is borne by LWB.

In addition, to promote the message of active ageing, EC and LWB jointly launched the Elder Academy (EA) Scheme and the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP) in 2007 and 2008 respectively. In 2014-15, the EA Scheme supported a total of 88 projects, including those pending formal approval, and a funding expenditure of around \$9.2 million was involved. The expenditure incurred was borne by the Elder Academy Development Foundation (EADF) under the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated. In 2015-16, EADF has reserved around \$2.8 million to support the second instalment of funding for the 20 projects approved in 2014-15, and will continue to allocate funding to new projects. The amount of funding required mainly depends on the number of funding applications received and the actual amount granted to the approved applications. As for NAAP, the funding expenditure in 2014-15 was about \$3 million. In 2015-16, the relevant funding expenditure is also estimated to be around \$3 million. Expenditure for NAAP is borne by LWB under its Subhead 000 "Operational Expenses".

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5104)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, please advise this Committee of :

- (a) the number of applications received, the number of projects and the amount of provisions approved so far, and the proportion of rejected applications (with reasons); and
- (b) the number of applications submitted by social enterprises, the number of social enterprises' projects and the amount of provisions approved so far, the districts involved and the ways by which the Government supports the development of these social enterprises.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) From its establishment in 2002 to mid-March 2015, the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) received a total of 1 247 applications. Of the 22 batches of 1 209 applications which have been processed, , 299 (24.7%) were approved and 910 (75.3%) were rejected. The total amount of grant approved is about \$336 million. The CIIF Committee is currently vetting the other 38 applications under the 23rd batch. When assessing applications, the CIIF Committee will take into account their effectiveness in promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and sustainable development of social capital. Projects involving one-off activities and those lacking long-lasting impact would not be supported.
- (b) CIIF was set up in 2002 to promote social capital development through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood , community participation and cross-sectoral partnership. Some project collaborators may have set up social enterprises by leveraging on their social networks established through the CIIF-funded projects, but we do not have the relevant updated data.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5134)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work to promote active ageing by continuing to collaborate with the Elderly Commission, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness, and funding allocation required (such as the subhead(s) from which funding will be deducted) in 2015-16, and whether the Government will allocate additional funding to enhance its work in this respect. Please also provide the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation for the effort for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 205)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Elderly Commission (EC) have all along been promoting active ageing. In early 2007, LWB and EC launched the Elder Academy Scheme (the Scheme). School sponsoring bodies and organisations providing elderly services are encouraged to establish elder academies (EAs) in primary and secondary schools, thereby enabling elderly persons to pursue a healthy and active retirement life through lifelong learning. The Scheme was subsequently expanded to tertiary institutions, so that elderly persons can study courses of a more academic nature. Secretariat support to the Scheme is provided by LWB, and funding allocation is provided by the Elder Academy Development Foundation (EADF) set up under the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated. Pursuant to the 2014 Policy Address, the Government injected \$50 million into EADF in March 2014 to strengthen support for EAs in terms of finance, curriculum development and district network. With enhanced resources, 13 new EAs were set up in 2014-15, thereby increasing the total number of EAs in primary and secondary schools and those in tertiary institutions to 121. Funding expenditure of the Scheme in the past three financial years (2012-13 to 2014-15) amounted to around \$13.7 million. The Scheme has provided more than 10 000 learning places on average per year since its implementation. In 2015-16, the EADF has reserved around \$2.8 million to support the second instalment of funding for the 20 projects approved in 2014-15, and will continue to allocate funding to new projects.

The amount of funding required mainly depends on the number of funding applications received and the actual amount granted to the approved applications.

In early 2008, LWB and EC launched the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP) to develop support networks at the community level through cross-sectoral collaboration. A total of 155 district projects were funded in the past three financial years (2012-13 to 2014-15), involving a funding expenditure of around \$6.3 million. The estimated funding expenditure for NAAP in 2015-16 is about \$3 million.

In addition, EC sponsored the production of a television series named “Golden Age” to promote active ageing before. The series was produced by the Radio Television of Hong Kong involving an expenditure of about \$1 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0298****(Question Serial No. 5984)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) What is the official poverty line set by the Government for 2015? Please provide the information with a breakdown by household size.
- (2) How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients were living below the poverty line in the past 5 years? Please provide the number and percentage.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 629)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) According to the latest 2013 poverty statistics released by the Government in November 2014, the 2013 poverty line by household size is set out below:

1-person	\$3,500
2-person	\$8,300
3-person	\$12,500
4-person	\$15,400
5-person	\$16,000
6-person and above	\$17,100

- (2) Using the poverty line set under the concept of “relative poverty” as benchmark, the size of poor population living in CSSA households and the corresponding poverty rates after recurrent cash policy intervention in the past 5 years are set out below:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Poor population	239 000	240 400	238 900	235 600	205 800
Poverty rate	49.0%	49.3%	50.7%	54.6%	50.0%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0299****(Question Serial No. 4524)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In paragraph 46 of the Budget Speech, it is mentioned that from this year onwards, free online Government information will be released in digital formats.

- (1) Please provide in the table below details about the free online Government information released in digital formats by your bureau/department for download by the public:

						Format of information available for download (please choose)			
Bureau/Department	Free information/data released to the public	Description of the information	Period of the information	Is it currently listed in Data.gov.hk	Date of release and the updating frequency	JSON, XML, or CSV	XLS, DOC	TIF, JPG, PDF, PNG	RSS

- (2) In 2015-16, what are the manpower and expenditure involved in releasing online Government information by your bureau/department?
- (3) Did your bureau/department review all non-classified information that your bureau/department owns or possesses, draw up priorities for their release, and compile them into digital data formats to facilitate retrieval/inspection, research or application development, and the creation of more industries through innovative reuse of data? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 92)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) all along provides members of the public and stakeholders with information on its policies, organisation, latest news and related documents through its website. The information is made available in various digital formats (including MS Word, JPG, PDF and HTML). As the information is in large quantity and diversified in nature, no detailed breakdown could be provided.
- (2) The preparation and release of online information is part of the work of LWB's staff. The manpower and expenditure involved will continue to be absorbed within LWB's existing resources.
- (3) The Government will release all free online government information in digital formats from this year onwards, with a view to tapping the creativity and ingenuity of the community to develop innovative applications. This helps bring convenience to the public and open up new business opportunities. The LWB will continue to release various public sector information in digital formats via its website.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0300****(Question Serial No. 4525)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In connection with the provision of public information and gathering of public opinions by means of the Internet, please provide the details, in tabulated forms (see Annex 1), regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by your bureau/department/public bodies or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past year.

Commence- ment of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating ) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
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			(3)...	(3)...					

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 93)Reply:

The social media platforms set up and operated by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department (SWD), Labour Department (LD) and public bodies under their respective purview are at Annex.

**Details of Social Media Platforms set up and operated by the Labour and Welfare Bureau, Social Welfare Department, Labour Department and public bodies under their purview in 2014-15**

No.	Commence - ment of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating ) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook / Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers / average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
(1)	May 2009	Keep updating	Occupational Safety and Health Council(OSHC)	OSHC Channel	YouTube	To disseminate occupational safety and health messages.  Updates: 143	No. of subscribers : 203	No	2 executive staff of OSHC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(2)	December 2009	Keep updating	SWD	SWDIPRU	YouTube	To publicise television APIs and educational materials produced by the SWD.  Updates: 15	Average monthly visits: 2 538	No	1 Assistant Information Officer	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(3)	March 2010	Keep updating	Clothing Industry Training Authority (CITA)	HK CITA	YouTube	To provide publicity information on CITA.  Updates: 22	No. of subscribers : 9	No	1 executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(4)	May 2010	Keep updating	CITA	CITA	Facebook	To provide publicity information on CITA.  No record of updates was kept.	No. of "Likes": 830	No	1 executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

No.	Commence - ment of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating ) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook / Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers / average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilin g summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
(5)	June 2010	Keep updating	LD	勞工處「青年 就業起點」 (Y.E.S.)	Facebook	To disseminate information on the Youth Employment Resource Centres, including the latest news on training and recruitment activities, and results of training selection interview.  No record of updates was kept.	No. of “Likes”: 8 399	Yes	4 staff of the participating non- governmental organisations (NGOs)	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.
(6)	July 2010	Keep updating	LWB	「聯合國《殘 疾人權利公 約》青少年大 使」	Facebook	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the “Inclusive Life-Show Your Different Abilities” Youth Education Campaign.  No record of updates was kept.	No. of “Likes”: 360	No	1 staff of the contractor	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.
(7)	August 2010	Keep updating	SWD	社署署長呼籲 支持義工運動	Facebook	To encourage members of the public to participate in volunteer work.  Updates: 63	No. of “Likes”: 5 723	No	1 Senior Social Work Officer	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

No.	Commence - ment of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating ) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook / Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers / average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compiling summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
(8)	September 2010	Keep updating	Vocational Training Council (VTC)	職業訓練局—「Teen 才再現」計劃	Facebook	To promote training courses and publicise the relevant activities.  No record of updates was kept.	No. of subscribers : 790	No	1 executive staff of the VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(9)	March 2012	Keep updating	Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	ERBchannel HK	YouTube	To publicise ERB's promotion activities  Updates: 9	No. of "Likes": 31	Yes	1 executive staff of the ERB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(10)	July 2012	Keep updating	The Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) Secretariat, LWB	CIIF 充滿人情味的基金	Facebook	To serve as a platform to engage stakeholders and promote the work of the CIIF and the concept of social capital.  Updates: On average 1 to 2 times per week	No. of "Likes": 2 290	Yes	2 Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff at Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(11)	December 2012	Ceased updating	CITA	HK CITA	Twitter	To provide publicity information on CITA.  Updates: 20	No. of subscribers : 13	No	1 executive staff of CITA	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(12)	July 2013	Keep updating	VTC	Traineeship Scheme	Facebook	To promote the Traineeship Scheme and publicise the relevant promotion activities.  Updates: 50	No. of subscribers : 736	No	1 executive staff of the VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(13)	July 2013	Keep updating	Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board (PCFB)	PCFB	Facebook	To publicise services and activities of the PCFB  Updates: 2	No. of "Likes": 13	Yes	1 executive staff of PCFB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

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(14)	July 2013	Keep updating	PCFB	PCFB	YouTube	To disseminate information on the prevention of pneumo-coniosis and mesothelioma  Updates: 2	No. of subscribers : 3	Yes	1 executive staff of PCFB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(15)	January 2014	Keep updating	LD	Selective Placement Division	YouTube	To publicise successful employment cases involving persons with disabilities.  Updates: 1	No. of subscribers : 7	No	1 Assistant Labour Officer I	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(16)	July 2014	Keep updating	LD	人人有本事	Facebook	To publicise the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP), including the latest news on recruitment activities, messages of positive working attitude and successful cases of YETP trainees.  No record of updates was kept.	No. of "Likes": 804	Yes	1 Assistant Labour Officer II	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(17)	July 2014	Ceased updating	LWB	Mental Health Month	Facebook	To promote the public education activity-"2014 Mental Health Month".  No record of updates was kept.	No relevant record has been kept.	No	1 staff of the participating NGOs	The manpower involved was absorbed from the grants provided for the participating NGOs

No.	Commence - ment of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keep updating / ceased updating ) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook / Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers / average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilin g summary of comments and following up on a regular basis (Yes/No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation* (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
(18)	January 2015	Keep updating	CIIF Secretariat, LWB	CIIF LWB	YouTube	To broadcast the latest CIIF videos and promote CIIF activities.  Updating is done on a need basis.	No. of visits: 126	No	2 NCSC staff at Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

\* The staff concerned are responsible for the projects in addition to their principal duties.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4837)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Bureau's expenditure on the procurement of computer software and hardware, will the Government advise this Committee of the following issues:

- (a) Does the Government have any standard internal procurement guidelines which set out the criteria for the purchase or upgrade of computer software and hardware by departments? If so, what are the details? Do the guidelines require that departments should upgrade its computer software and hardware in a timely manner?
- (b) Microsoft, the computer software and hardware supplier, will terminate its support service for its operating platform Windows XP. Please provide, in light of this, the respective numbers of mainframe computers in the departments under the Bureau's purview which are using (1) the operating platform of Microsoft Windows XP; (2) the operating platforms released by Microsoft before 2001; and (3) other operating platforms (please specify the version), as well as the respective percentages of the departments' total numbers of mainframe computers these 3 types of operating systems account for. Do the departments under the Bureau's purview have any plan to upgrade these operating platform versions which are now obsolete?
- (c) What are the expenditure on and criteria for the procurement of tablet computers by the Bureau? What are the model numbers and uses of the tablet computers? Is there any classified information saved on the tablet computers? If so, what are the details? Is there any information security software installed in the tablet computers used by the departments under the Bureau's purview? What is the expenditure involved?
- (d) How many mainframe computers of departments under the Bureau's purview are operating offline and what are the versions of their operating platforms? Are there any uniform standards for the use of information security or anti-virus software by departments under the Bureau's purview? If so, what is the type of software used? If not, what are the respective types of software used?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 137)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) Under the prevailing government guidelines, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) formulates information technology (IT) project portfolio for the next 3 years and plans for related IT projects on a yearly basis to ensure that these IT projects can practically and effectively meet the business and operational needs of the bureau. In the planning for IT replacement projects, we will examine and assess various potential risks and devise mitigation measures accordingly. From the technology prospective, the potential risks that warrant consideration include product compatibility, maintenance and support, replacement products for ensuring continuity, market supply, etc. In procuring or replacing computer software and hardware, the LWB follows the Government's procurement guidelines to make the most cost-effective purchase through fair and open competition in the market, and takes into account the importance and priority of the IT projects.
- (b) Now that the computer software and hardware supplier Microsoft terminated its support for Windows XP operating system, the LWB has already upgraded the operating system of all computers from Windows XP to Windows 7. At present, the LWB is not using any personal computers with operating systems launched by Microsoft before 2001 or any other operating systems.
- (c) In 2014-15, 3 tablet computers running on operating platform of Apple were procured by the LWB at around \$17,000.

The tablet computers procured are mainly used to support internal operations including sending and receiving emails, short message service, calendaring and Internet browsing. In procuring and replacing tablet computers, the LWB follows the Government's procurement guidelines to make the most cost-effective purchase through fair and open competition in the market.

In general, the LWB will not store any confidential information in its mobile devices (including tablet computers). Even if there is such an operational need, the LWB will strictly conform to the requirements of the Security Regulations. Whenever necessary, the LWB will deploy mobile device management solutions and take appropriate security measures, such as enabling the password lock on mobile devices, wiping device data after a specific number of failed login attempts, and activating the anti-virus and malicious code detection and repair engine. As the expenditure on installing information security software in tablet computers is normally included in the procurement and maintenance costs, the LWB does not have any separate breakdown.

- (d) The LWB endeavours to protect the Government's information systems and data in accordance with the prevailing policies, guidelines and procedures on information security and has put into place multiple protection measures, including using updated information security and anti-virus software. For security reasons, the LWB will not disclose any details of the information security or anti-virus software in use. At present, the LWB does not have any mainframe computers operating offline.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4137)**Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare BureauSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Women's InterestsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The estimated financial provision for women's interests in 2015-16 is \$32.2 million, representing an increase of 8.8% over the original estimate for 2014-15. Please advise on the projects to which the estimated additional provision will be allocated and the objectives to be achieved.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 100)Reply:

The increase of 2015-16 Estimate over 2014-15 Estimate is due to the greater support rendered to the Women's Commission (WoC). The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with WoC in promoting women's interests and well-being through the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. In the 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has accepted two recommendations of WoC. First, starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives. Secondly, the benchmark for appointment of women to government advisory and statutory bodies should be raised from 30% to 35%. In 2015-16, LWB will strive to assist and support all bureaux and departments to apply gender mainstreaming in their work in the light of the first new initiative. As for the second one, LWB and WoC will further foster women's social participation and encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to promote the participation of women in the decision-making process. LWB and WoC will also continue its work on empowering women. LWB will continue to support WoC to implement the Capacity Building Mileage Programme. On the other hand, LWB and WoC will focus on women's employment. LWB and WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of women, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to join/leave or re-join the workforce, and those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the labour market. The survey is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2015. LWB will make provision for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development under the theme of "Women's

Employment” which can be participated by the 18 District Councils and women from different sectors. LWB and WoC will also carry out public education and publicity activities to raise society’s awareness of gender issues, including producing a television series on women issues, compiling a report to publicise the work of WoC, and publishing a booklet on “Hong Kong Women in Figures 2015” to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. In addition, LWB and WoC will strengthen communication with women’s groups in Hong Kong and other regions, including participating in and organising activities, sharing research results, etc. The resources involved in undertaking such work will be absorbed by LWB. The general provisions for subheads are as follows:

<b>Subheads</b>	<b>Provision (\$ '0,000)</b>
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	800
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women’s Development and other tasks on encouraging women’s employment	230
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	390
Enhancing the liaison and exchange with women’s groups in Hong Kong and other regions	70
Salaries, allowances and other personnel-related expenses	1,430
Others	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,220</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4138)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide detailed information on the amount of estimated provision under this Programme that will be used for projects facilitating women's employment, and the estimated additional female labour force to be released with the implementation of the projects under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 101)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) jointly launched the Women Employment website in October 2014. Containing comprehensive information on employment services, child and elderly care support services as well as training programmes, the website provides a dedicated and convenient one-stop information platform for women who wish to join the workforce and women already in employment. In 2015-16, the LWB will continue to update and enrich the content of the website.

In parallel, the LWB and the WoC are conducting a time-use survey in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department to study the time-use pattern of women, the circumstances surrounding women's decision to join/leave or re-join the workforce, and those factors which would attract them to join or re-join the labour market. The survey is expected to be completed around the second quarter of 2015. In 2015-16, the LWB will make provision for the WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development under the theme of "Women's Employment" so as to launch different women's employment projects with the 18 District Councils and women's groups. The LWB will also continue to support the WoC to implement the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and organise various types of activities, so as to help women empower themselves and unleash their potential, as well as to raise the public awareness of various women's issues.

We are unable to make an estimation of the additional female labour force to be released with the implementation of above measures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3745)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Chief Executive stated in paragraph 119 of the Policy Address that he had asked the Financial Secretary to earmark \$50 billion. Will the Government inform this Committee of the justifications of earmarking \$50 billion when there has not yet been any specific proposal on retirement protection?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

Retirement protection is a very important social issue. The Commission on Poverty is devising a framework and setting out the details for the public consultation. The public consultation is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of this year. The Government looks forward to rational and pragmatic discussions with a view to arriving at a community consensus. The Government agrees that protection for needy citizens after retirement should be improved. To demonstrate its determination and commitment, the Government has earmarked \$50 billion to provide for future needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3447)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under matters requiring special attention in 2015-16, it is mentioned that the Funding Scheme for Women's Development will be implemented to encourage the community to organise programmes and activities conducive to women's development. What are the programmes and activities referred to? What are the service units responsible for the implementation and organisation?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

An annual provision of \$2 million has been earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development. Of the \$2 million provision, \$1 million is allocated to women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for organising activities to support the theme set by WoC for that particular year, while the remaining \$1 million is allocated to the 18 District Councils for holding community functions under the specific theme in collaboration with local women's groups. WoC will continue to adopt "Women's Employment" as the theme for 2015-16 to encourage women's groups and NGOs to organise projects and programmes which can facilitate women in unleashing their potential, enhance women's employability and/or create an environment that enables women to work.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3449)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Shine Skills Centres provide vocational training for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above. It is mentioned that these centres will develop new courses and modify existing ones in 2015-16 to enable the trainees to meet the requirements of open employment.

1. Please provide information on the numbers and contents of the new and modified courses.
2. Although there will be an increase in workload and the number of courses in 2015-16, no request for additional funding has been made for them correspondingly. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To meet the huge demand for cleaning workers in the manpower market, the Shine Skills Centres (the Centres) of the Vocational Training Council will add new modules of “office cleaning”, “household cleaning”, “kitchen equipment cleaning” and “commercial building cleaning”, etc., to the existing course on “Integrated Service” in the 2015-16 academic year. A new module of “popular photography” will be introduced under the course on “Design and Desktop Publishing” to give trainees a better idea of the latest trend and creative techniques of photo shooting, thus enhancing their skill levels as well as their employability in this area. Moreover, the Centres are exploring the feasibility of introducing a new course on “Recreation and Sports Services” which will cover modules related to “venue management”, “camp site operation” and “general study on sports” so that the trainees may work as a venue management assistant, sports event assistant or activities assistant after graduation.

2. In view of the fast changing society, the Centres review and assess the effectiveness of vocational training so provided on a yearly basis, and will optimise and enhance the courses to meet the requirements of open employment and sharpen the competitive edge of the trainees by updating course contents and training materials in a timely manner. The Centres will provide cost-effective vocational training and supporting services through proper deployment of resources. Based on our present assessment, the provision for 2015-16 will be sufficient to cover the expenses to be incurred in organising the new courses and the work involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4213)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary has proposed in the Budget setting aside \$50 billion for retirement protection for the elderly. However, open consultation was set for the latter half of this year, and the lack of consensus has caused delays again and again. Population ageing and the reduction of the workforce are bound to take place in the coming two decades. The fund earmarked will therefore become insufficient. Does the Government have any investment or capital maintenance plans to ensure that the \$50 billion capital will not depreciate in value? If yes, what are the plans? If no, how will it respond to the suggestion by some scholars that postponing the launch of the initiative will increase the seed money required?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

Retirement protection is a very important social issue. The Commission on Poverty is devising a framework and setting out the details for the public consultation. The public consultation is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of this year. The Government looks forward to rational and pragmatic discussions with a view to arriving at a community consensus. The Government agrees that protection for needy citizens after retirement should be improved. To demonstrate its determination and commitment, the Government has earmarked \$50 billion to provide for future needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4773)**

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

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

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Miss Annie TAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Labour and Welfare Bureau, it will take 15 to 18 months to complete the administrative preparatory work of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme. What measures will the Bureau introduce to speed up the work? Will additional manpower be deployed to handle the preparatory work?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 119)

Reply:

The implementation of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme involves not only the drawing up of operational details in various aspects, but also the leasing and fitting-out work of office premises, development of information technology system, setting up of office automation facilities, system installation and testing, staff recruitment and training, etc. Following the funding approval of the Legislative Council Finance Committee on 16 January 2015, the Government is earnestly taking forward the preparatory work. Barring unforeseeable circumstances, the Government expects that the scheme will be launched within 15 to 18 months from the date of the funding approval.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0309****(Question Serial No. 5259)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- a. How many trainees of sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) have received the incentive payment in the past 3 years?
- b. Compared with last year, how much more expenditure is estimated to be incurred for raising the incentive payment? How many projects will be benefited?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 503)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Incentive payments are disbursed according to the number of places in SWs and SWs operated in IVRSCs. Information on the number of places in SWs and SWs operated in IVRSCs in the past 3 years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Service places</b>	
	<b>SW</b>	<b>SW operated in IVRSC</b>
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	5 051	3 384
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	5 111	3 384
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	5 111	3 384

- b. The Social Welfare Department has raised the amount of incentive payment to SWs and IVRSCs since 1 November 2014. The incentive payment to service users receiving training in SWs or SWs operated in IVRSCs has been raised from \$21 per day to \$26.5 per day. The annual additional expenditure incurred by the increased incentive payment is about \$12.27 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5261)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme)", please advise –

- a. The residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) currently participating in the Pilot Scheme are the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly. What factors have been taken into consideration in selecting the above 2 RCHEs?
- b. How much is spent on subsidies on average for each residential care place each month?
- c. How much is the total expenditure? What are the expenditure items and how are they distributed?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 505)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly currently participating in the Pilot Scheme are both operated by Hong Kong non-governmental organisations (NGOs). These 2 NGOs both have had experience in operating RCHEs in Hong Kong for many years and have maintained good service quality and service record.
- b. & c. Under the Pilot Scheme, the current unit rate of subsidy for each place ranges from HK\$7,100 to \$9,600, depending on the care level required by the elderly person concerned. Such amount of subsidy covers the basic fees charged by the 2 residential care homes on any service user for the same type of services, basic medical fees and/or medical insurance for the elderly person, and transportation and escort costs for the elderly person's return for periodic medical consultation in Hong Kong. While the Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the actual expenditure will depend on the number of participants.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5709)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) What is the total number of applications processed under the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects in 2014-15 and how many people are being served at present? Please provide the numbers of applicants rejected and approved respectively as well as the main reasons for rejection.
- (b) For the enhancement of the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects in 2015-16, will there be any new measures to increase the number of service recipients? If yes, what are the details? Please provide the relevant estimated expenditure and manpower arrangement.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 510)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015), a total of 11 064 applications were processed under the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects. Among them, 381 were not approved for reasons which mainly included applicants' income and assets having exceeded the limits or applicants having failed to produce supporting documents on income and assets. The number of service users served in the approved applications was 26 907.
- (b) It is stated in the 2015 Policy Address that another \$200 million will be earmarked for the short-term food assistance service to extend for 2 more years until end-2017. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$89.2 million. As regards manpower, the operating non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the funding allocation in arranging suitable staffing, on the premises that the service quality is ensured and service demands are met. The Social Welfare Department will keep in view the service demand and operation, and provide appropriate services for those in need.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5711)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- a. Please explain why there is no change in the number of places for On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) in the subvented sectors in 2015-16 as compared with that in 2013-14.
- b. What is the number of participants of OJT at present?
- c. How many vacancies are there? What is the percentage to the total number of places?
- d. What is the total expenditure involved in OJT?
- e. Has the Government considered refining the content of OJT? If a task force is to be set up to conduct an independent study on how to more effectively provide services and training for persons with disabilities to facilitate their employment, how much total expenditure will be required?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 513)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. to c. There have been no additional OJT places for the past 2 years mainly because there are still enough existing places to admit more service users with disabilities. In 2013-14, there were a total of 419 service users participating in OJT. Among the 432 existing places, there were still 13 vacancies, representing 3% of the total number of service places.
- d. The revised estimated expenditure for OJT in 2014-15 is \$12.89 million.
- e. The Social Welfare Department keeps under review the content and effectiveness of OJT.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3936)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On the short-term food assistance service, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number and distribution of users of the short-term food assistance service in the past 2 years by service area;
2. how many among the recipients last year were repeated service users or received the service for the maximum period of time? Was there any referral or follow-up by the Government for such recipients?
3. when the Government introduced some enhancement measures last year, did it review the long-term need of the disadvantaged and the grass roots for food assistance and whether the service should be provided on a recurrent basis?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The total numbers of service users served under the short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) according to their service areas over the past 2 years are set out in the Annex.
2. Out of the 26 907 service users served in 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015), 8 959 had used the service more than once and 16 182 had received the service for 8 weeks. The operating NGOs had made a total of 2 957 referrals to other service units for follow-up services on their long-term welfare needs.
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been monitoring the service demand and operation of the Projects. The Government has announced in the 2015 Policy Address that it will earmark additional \$200 million to continue the short-term food assistance service for 2 more years up to end-2017. SWD will keep in view the need

to regularise the Projects and consider the arrangement after 2017 based on the then situation.

### Number of Service Users Served by Service Area

District served	Number of service users served	
	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end-Jan 2015)
Hong Kong Island, Outlying Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	5 278	4 000
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	5 050	4 692
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District	3 003	3 207
Sham Shui Po	5 871	4 565
Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong	5 097	4 589
Tuen Mun	3 404	2 402
Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	4 275	3 452
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 978</b>	<b>26 907</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0314****(Question Serial No. 3939)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to medical social services (MSS), please provide breakdown figures for the cases served by the Medical Social Services Units by content or type of services over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 57)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	non-psychiatric MSS		psychiatric MSS			Total number of cases served
	Number of in-patient cases	Number of out-patient cases	Number of in-patient cases	Number of out-patient cases	Special teams <sup>[Note]</sup>	
2010-2011	60 553	46 951	10 584	57 389	3 425	178 902
2011-2012	56 619	45 857	10 393	55 837	3 252	171 958
2012-2013	53 986	47 678	11 396	56 494	3 250	172 804
2013-2014	56 030	49 206	11 246	55 191	3 108	174 781
2014-2015 (Revised Estimate)	57 255	53 392	11 461	56 124	3 118	181 350

<sup>[Note]</sup>

Special teams include the Elderly Suicide Prevention Programme, Early Assessment Service for Young People with Psychosis, the Extended-care Patients Intensive Treatment, Early Diversion and Rehabilitation Stepping-stone Project and the Community Geriatric Assessment Team.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3940)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the services for street sleepers under this Programme, would the Government please provide information for the past 3 years -

1. the number of street sleepers by age group based on the surveys conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
2. the types of street sleeper cases receiving support from various Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (IST);
3. the number of cases in which the street sleepers having given up street sleeping and re-integrated into the community after services are provided;
4. the expenditure and manpower involved for the services?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 58)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of street sleepers registered on the Street Sleepers Registry of SWD by age group over the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.
2. SWD does not have the statistics concerned.
3. The number of cases of quitting street sleeping after the intervention of IST in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (i.e. April to December 2014) was 138, 160 and 85 respectively.
4. The expenditure for support services for street sleepers in 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Revised Estimate and 2015-16 Estimate is \$16.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$18.3 million respectively. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations operating support services for street sleepers have the

flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

### Number of Registered Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age Group	Number of registered street sleepers		
	2012-13 (end-Mar 2013)	2013-14 (end-Mar 2014)	2014-15 (end-Jan 2015)
Unknown	26	24	25
29 or below	25	27	23
30 to 49	221	281	290
50 to 69	297	383	426
70 or above	26	31	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>806</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0316****(Question Serial No. 3941)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for the ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) covered in this Programme, would the Government please set out in the following format the caseload over the past 3 years -

Age of service users	EHCCS	No. of persons waiting for EHCCS	IHCS (Ordinary Cases)	IHCS (Frail Cases)	No. of persons waiting for IHCS
59 or below					
60-64					
65-69					
70-74					
75-79					
80-85					
over 85					

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 59)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases or the number of persons waiting for IHCS and EHCCS with breakdown by the age of service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0317****(Question Serial No. 3944)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional subsidised nursing home (NH) places through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), and continue to convert subsidised home for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) places into subsidised C&A places to provide a continuum of care. In this regard, would the Government please advise the following -

- (1) the numbers of existing NH places (subsidised and bought) and subsidised C&A places with a continuum of care by district, and the number of additional places in the coming year;
- (2) the numbers of waiting cases for subsidised NH places and subsidised C&A places with a continuum of care by district for the past year (if it is possible to wait for NH places in different districts, please reply by counting the choices made for the wait);
- (3) the average waiting time at present for subsidised NH places and subsidised C&A places with a continuum of care, and whether the waiting time will be shortened in the coming year;
- (4) the expenditure involved in providing additional subsidised NH places and providing additional subsidised NH places through NHPPS in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 61)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The number of NH places (subsidised and bought) and the number of subsidised C&A places providing a continuum of care as at end-January 2015 is set out at Annex. The number of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2015-16 is as follows -

Type of residential care services for the elderly	No. of residential care places for the elderly <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
NH places	288

C&A places	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>

[Note 1]

These residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong. Among them, new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong District. As for the subsidised residential care places under NHPPS, SWD will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to apply for the provision of residential care places, information on the locations of these residential care places is not available at present stage.

- (2) & (3) Applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are all placed on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for territory-wide centralised allocation of places. Applicants may choose to apply for more than 1 type of such subsidised residential care places for the elderly (namely subsidised residential care places for the elderly in subvented/contract homes and in homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and NHPPS) in different districts. SWD has the total number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised NH and C&A places, but does not have the number of applicants by district, nor the waiting list/ waiting time in individual districts. As at January 2015, the waiting time and the number of people on the waiting list for subsidised C&A and NH places are as follows –

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average waiting time in the past 3 months)	No. of people on the waiting list
C&A homes		
- Subvented and contract homes	35	25 269 [Note 2]
- Homes participating in EBPS	7	
Overall	20	
NH homes	32	6 384 [Note 3]

[Note 2]

The figure includes some 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 6 553 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

[Note 3]

The figure includes some 650 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised NH places, but does not include 617 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for a particular home and the location, diet and religious background of the RCHE, whether they accept subsidised residential care places provided under EBPS/NHPPS, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. Therefore, it is difficult to predict the extent to which the average waiting time for various types of RCHE will be shortened after the number of places is increased. SWD will keep in view the situation of service provision in order to meet service demand.

- (4) In 2015-16, 2 new contract homes will commence service providing NH places and C&A places. The Government has earmarked a full-year additional recurrent expenditure of some \$37 million for this service. For additional NH

places provided under NHPPS, the Government has earmarked a full-year additional recurrent expenditure of some \$24 million.



**Distribution of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
(as at end-January 2015)**

<b>District</b>	<b>C&amp;A places providing a continuum of care [Note 1]</b>	<b>NH places</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	<b>District Total</b>
Central & Western	257	188	<b>445</b>
Eastern	459	133	<b>592</b>
Wanchai	462	-	<b>462</b>
Southern	1 415	-	<b>1 415</b>
Islands	259	63	<b>322</b>
Kwun Tong	1 135	434	<b>1 569</b>
Wong Tai Sin	1 053	464	<b>1 517</b>
Sai Kung	979	292	<b>1 271</b>
Kowloon City	658	90	<b>748</b>
Sham Shui Po	723	177	<b>900</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	115	158	<b>273</b>
Sha Tin	1 268	54	<b>1 322</b>
Tai Po	1 200	-	<b>1 200</b>
North	898	299	<b>1 197</b>
Yuen Long	937	66	<b>1 003</b>
Tsuen Wan	520	388	<b>908</b>
Kwai Tsing	1 695	345	<b>2 040</b>
Tuen Mun	934	243	<b>1 177</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 967</b>	<b>3 394</b>	<b>18 361</b>

[Note 1] C&A places providing a continuum of care are provided at subvented C&A homes and contract homes.

[Note 2] NH places are provided at subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0318****(Question Serial No. 4017)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How are children who have witnessed domestic violence being handled? Regarding staff establishment and financial resources in the past 10 years, please provide –

1. The number of service users under the relevant schemes in the past 10 years;
2. The age distribution of service users under the relevant schemes in the past 10 years; and
3. The figures concerning geographical distribution of service users of the relevant schemes in the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence, including the children who have witnessed domestic violence. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Service Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure of SWD on the provision of the above services over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	1,743.1
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3

SWD does not keep information on the breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the handling of cases involving children having witnessed domestic violence or the relevant staff establishment. Neither does SWD have available statistical information on the age and geographical distribution of such children.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0319****(Question Serial No. 4019)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent equivalent to the maximum rate of rent allowance over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 717)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) from 2010-11 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members, were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing estates with actual rent equal to MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	77	17	15	10	28
2	2	-	4	1	2
3	-	-	-	-	2
4	-	-	-	-	1
5	-	1	-	-	-
6 and above	-				
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>Less than 0.1%</b>				

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent equal to MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	691	52	51	67	176
2	141	1	4	1	14
3	19	1	-	3	10
4	1	-	1	1	1
5	5	3	-	-	-
6 and above	-				
<b>Total</b>	<b>857 (2.1%)</b>	<b>57 (0.2%)</b>	<b>56 (0.2%)</b>	<b>72 (0.2%)</b>	<b>201 (0.6%)</b>

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4020)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent below the maximum rate of rent allowance over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 718)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) from 2010-11 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members, were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing estates with actual rent less than MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	66 764	68 212	68 852	68 984	63 784
2	44 397	43 980	42 818	40 885	39 538
3	22 614	20 840	18 867	17 269	16 084
4	12 332	10 760	8 988	7 988	7 287
5	4 425	3 754	2 998	2 672	2 448
6 and above	1 573	1 378	1 179	1 157	1 111
<b>Total</b>	<b>152 105</b> <b>(97.6%)</b>	<b>148 924</b> <b>(98.0%)</b>	<b>143 702</b> <b>(97.6%)</b>	<b>138 955</b> <b>(97.9%)</b>	<b>130 252</b> <b>(94.1%)</b>

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent less than MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	6 281	8 257	8 045	8 168	6 715
2	5 353	5 117	5 263	4 725	4 126
3	2 990	3 095	2 853	2 993	2 750
4	1 173	1 144	1 159	1 058	975
5	279	279	302	322	279
6 and above	172	152	168	154	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 248 (40.5%)</b>	<b>18 044 (48.4%)</b>	<b>17 790 (50.8%)</b>	<b>17 420 (54.9%)</b>	<b>14 995 (47.6%)</b>

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0321****(Question Serial No. 4021)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the average rent of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent exceeding the rent allowance over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 719)Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) from 2010-11 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members, were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent (\$) of CSSA cases in public housing estates with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	1,550	1,610	1,750	1,850	1,730
2	2,740	3,050	3,220	3,390	3,560
3	3,710	4,040	4,310	4,880	4,200
4	3,940	4,430	4,650	5,000	5,100
5	3,980	4,230	4,410	4,800	4,500
6 and above	4,820	6,000	7,000	6,510	5,710



Number of eligible members	Median actual rent (\$) of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	1,500	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,000
2	3,000	3,200	3,500	3,800	3,800
3	4,000	4,300	4,500	4,900	4,800
4	4,350	4,500	5,000	5,200	5,200
5	4,500	4,800	5,500	5,600	5,700
6 and above	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	6,800

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4022)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the average rent of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent less than the rent allowance over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of family members (and a breakdown of private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 720)Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) from 2010-11 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members, was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	790	790	870	860	1,040
2	990	980	1,100	1,100	1,380
3	1,300	1,290	1,420	1,410	1,750
4	1,530	1,500	1,630	1,580	1,990
5	1,810	1,770	1,910	1,850	2,280
6 and above	1,950	1,880	2,060	2,020	2,560

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300
2	1,900	2,000	2,200	2,300	2,100
3	2,600	2,900	3,000	3,300	3,300
4	2,710	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,500
5	2,700	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,500
6 and above	3,500	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,300

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0323****(Question Serial No. 4025)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please set out the following for the past 5 years:
  - (a) the total number of monthly enrolments of each refuge centre;
  - (b) the average monthly enrolment rate of each refuge centre throughout a year;
  - (c) the total number of enrolments of each refuge centre throughout a year.
2. Please set out the average enrolment rate of all refuge centres throughout each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1.(a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department does not keep the total number of monthly enrolments or the enrolment rate of each refuge centre.

1.(c) & 2. The total number of enrolments and the average enrolment rate of the 5 refuge centres in the past 5 years were as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
No. of enrolments <sup>[Note]</sup>	1 309	1 424	1 418	1 450	1 251
Average enrolment rate	86.8%	79.1%	85.6%	103.0%	99.3%

<sup>[Note]</sup> As a service user of a refuge centre may have multiple enrolments, the number of enrolments in each financial year is on the basis of person-times.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4026)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the following in respect of each of Multiple-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years:
  - (a) the total number of monthly enrolments;
  - (b) the average monthly utilisation rate in a year;
  - (c) the total number of enrolments in a year; and
2. Please set out the average utilisation rate of all Multiple-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centres and Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The average utilisation rates for Multiple-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years are provided in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department keeps neither the monthly utilisation rate, nor the total number of enrolments by month or by year.

Year	Average utilisation rate	
	Multiple-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre	Family Crisis Support Centre
2010-11	92.6%	131.1%
2011-12	90.0%	124.6%
2012-13	83.3%	108.2%
2013-14	95.7%	130.4%
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	91.1%	128.0%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4027)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- Please set out the following in respect of each emergency shelter for the past 5 years:
  - the total number of monthly enrolments;
  - the average monthly enrolment rate in a year;
  - the total number of enrolments in a year.
- Please set out the average enrolment rate of all emergency shelters in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The Social Welfare Department does not keep the total number of monthly/yearly enrolments for individual emergency shelters or the average monthly enrolment rate.
- The average enrolment rates in each of the past 5 years for all the emergency shelters/hostels for single persons are tabulated below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
Average enrolment rate for emergency shelters/hostels for single persons in the year	79.6%	83.3%	81.1%	81.8%	81.9%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0326****(Question Serial No. 4028)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please set out the following in respect of each singleton hostel for the past 5 years –
  - (a) the total number of monthly enrolment;
  - (b) the average monthly utilisation rate in a year;
  - (c) the total number of enrolment in a year.
2. Please set out the average utilisation rate of all singleton hostels in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department does not have the total number of enrolment of each singleton hostel by month or by year, and the average utilisation rate of individual singleton hostels by month.
2. The average utilisation rates in the past 5 years for all the temporary shelters/singleton hostels are tabulated below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
Average utilisation rate for temporary shelters/singleton hostels in the year	79.6%	83.3%	81.1%	81.8%	81.9%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0327****(Question Serial No. 4029)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out the following in respect of the emergency shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts for the past 5 years:

- (a) the total number of monthly enrolments;
- (b) the average monthly enrolment rate in a year;
- (c) the total number of enrolments in a year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) & (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the figures sought.

- (b) SWD has no available statistical figures for the average monthly enrolment rates for individual emergency shelters/hostels for single persons by district. The average enrolment rates in each of the past 5 years for all the emergency shelters/hostels for single persons are tabulated below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
Average enrolment rate for emergency shelters/hostels for single persons in the year	79.6%	83.3%	81.1%	81.8%	81.9%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0328****(Question Serial No. 4030)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each refuge centre for each of the months in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each refuge centre in the past 5 years; and
3. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) in respect of all refuge centres in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department does not keep the number of new admission cases for each refuge centre per month/year.
3. The number of new admission cases in each of the past 5 years for the 5 refuge centres is provided below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
No. of new admission cases	470	492	491	491	431

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4031)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the total number of cases for using the services of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre for the first time (new admission cases) for each of the said centres for each of the months in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the annual total number of cases for using the services of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre for the first time (new admission cases) for each of the said centres in the past 5 years; and
3. Please list the annual total number of cases for using the services of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre for the first time (new admission cases) in respect of all the said centres in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The numbers of new admission cases for the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre for the past 5 years are provided in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have relevant monthly figures.

Year	No. of new admission cases in the year	
	Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre	Family Crisis Support Centre
2010-11	442	568
2011-12	300	562
2012-13	355	673
2013-14	322	470
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	222	341

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0330****(Question Serial No. 4032)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each temporary shelter for each of the months in the past 5 years; and
2. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each temporary shelter in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for all temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
No. of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for temporary shelters/hostels for single persons	358	425	358	316	212

Monthly breakdown statistical figures for individual temporary shelters/hostels for single persons are not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0331****(Question Serial No. 4033)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each hostel for single persons for each of the months in the past 5 years; and
2. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each hostel for single persons in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for all temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
No. of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for temporary shelters/hostels for single persons	358	425	358	316	212

Monthly breakdown statistical figures for individual hostels for single persons are not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0332****(Question Serial No. 4034)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please, by district, list the total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each temporary shelter/hostel for single persons for each of the months in the past 5 years;
2. Please, by district, list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for each temporary shelter/hostel for single persons in the past 5 years; and
3. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) in respect of all temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in the past 5 years;

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistical figures for cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for temporary shelters/hostels for single persons for each month or each year in each district.
3. The number of cases of using the services for the first time (new admission cases) for all temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at December 2014)</b>
No. of new admission cases for temporary shelters/hostels for single persons	358	425	358	316	212

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4035)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each refuge centre for each of the months in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each refuge centre in the past 5 years;
3. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in respect of all refuge centres in the past 5 years;
4. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre for each of the months in the past 5 years;
5. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years;
6. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in respect of all Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centres and the Family Crisis Support Centres in the past 5 years;
7. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each temporary shelter for each of the months in the past 5 years;
8. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each temporary shelter in the past 5 years;
9. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each hostel for single persons for each of the months in the past 5 years;
10. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) for each hostel for single persons in the past 5 years;
11. Please list the total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in respect of temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts for each of the months in the past 5 years;



12. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in respect of temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts in the past 5 years; and
13. Please list the annual total number of cases of using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in respect of all temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The numbers of re-admission cases in respect of refuge centres, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Family Crisis Support Centre, temporary shelters and hostels for single persons in each of the past 5 years are provided below –

Number of re-admission cases of refuges for women –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at December 2014)
Re-admission cases of refuges for women	130	135	141	154	114

Number of re-admission cases of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at December 2014)
Re-admission cases of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre for the year	44	23	39	32	26
Re-admission cases of the Family Crisis Support Centre for the year	58	39	56	30	25

Number of re-admission cases of temporary shelters and hostels for single persons –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at December 2014)
Re-admission cases of temporary shelters and hostels for single persons	19	16	26	22	17

The Social Welfare Department has no statistical figures for re-admission cases for individual refuge centres, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Family Crisis Support Centre, temporary shelters and hostels for single persons for each district per month.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4036)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the annual number of cases of first-time service users (new admission cases) whose period of stay is less than 3 months and more than 3 months respectively for each refuge centre in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the period of stay in respect of cases of users using the service for the first time in the year (new admission cases) for each Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years;
3. Please list the period of stay in respect of cases of users using the service for the first time in the year (new admission cases) for each hostel for single persons in the past 5 years; and
4. Please list the period of stay in respect of cases of users using the service for the first time in the year (new admission cases) in relation to temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the period of stay of new admission cases for refuge centres, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Family Crisis Support Centre, hostels for single persons or temporary shelters.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4037)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the annual number of cases of people using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) with the period of stay being less than 3 months and more than 3 months respectively for each refuge centre in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the period of stay in respect of people using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in the year for each Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre for each of the past 5 years;
3. Please list the period of stay in respect of people using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in the year for each shelter for street sleepers for each of the past 5 years;
4. Please list the period of stay in respect of people using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in the year for each hostel for single persons for each of the past 5 years; and
5. Please list the period of stay in respect of people using the services for multiple times (re-admission cases) in the year in relation to temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts for each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the period of stay of re-admission cases for refuge centres, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Family Crisis Support Centre, shelters for street sleepers, hostels for single persons or temporary shelters.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4038)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the total number of service users for each refuge centre in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the total number of service users for each Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre in the past 5 years;
3. Please list the total number of service users for each shelter for street sleepers in the past 5 years;
4. Please list the total number of service users for each hostel for single persons in the past 5 years; and
5. Please list the total number of service users in respect of temporary shelters/hostels for single persons in various districts in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The total numbers of service users in person-times for refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre for the past 5 years are provided in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistical figures for shelters for street sleepers, temporary shelters, hostels for single persons or the Family Crisis Support Centre.

Year	Total no. of service users (in person-times) <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
	Refuge centres	Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre
2010-11	1 309	- <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2011-12	1 424	451
2012-13	1 418	527
2013-14	1 450	509
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	1 251	407

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> As service users of refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre may have multiple enrolments, the number of enrolments in each financial year is on the basis of person-times.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> SWD does not keep the statistical figures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4039)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the number of cases referred to refuge centres for admission by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years;
2. Please list the number of cases referred to Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centres and Family Crisis Support Centres for admission by SWD in the past 5 years;
3. Please list the number of cases referred to shelters for street sleepers for admission by SWD in the past 5 years; and
4. Please list the number of cases referred to hostels for single persons for admission by SWD in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The numbers of cases referred by SWD to Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre for admission in the past 5 years are provided in Annex. SWD does not have the statistics for refuge centres, street sleepers' shelters and singleton hostels.

**No. of cases referred by SWD to Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre for admission**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Referrals for admission made by SWD</b>	
	<b>Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre</b>	<b>Family Crisis Support Centre</b>
2010-11	120	165
2011-12	74	164
2012-13	96	168
2013-14	114	117
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	58	94

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0338****(Question Serial No. 4432)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide the figures for the number of adoption cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the average, the shortest and the longest time for processing the applications over the past 5 years.
2. What are the factors affecting the waiting time for the adoption cases handled?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of adoption cases handled by SWD and the respective processing time of the applications over the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Required information</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-January 2015)</b>
Number of adoption cases <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	92	118	92	96	52
Average processing time (months) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.7
Shortest processing time (months) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Longest processing time (months) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	2.5	7.5	6.5	12.5	8.5

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Adoption cases refer to the children available for adoption placed into suitable local adoptive homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Processing time refers to the duration counted from the time a child is available for adoption till the time he/she is placed into a suitable local adoptive home.



2. There is a basket of factors affecting the processing time for placing children available for adoption into suitable local adoptive homes. These include the children's health condition, type and level of disability, age, birth parents' background, emotional and behavioural state. In general, children available for adoption may be placed into suitable local adoptive homes within 3 months. Children with special needs, such as those in ill health, with disabilities and/or at older age, require longer and varied processing time to get successfully adopted.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4433)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the current staffing establishment of the Adoption Unit of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the number of existing cases?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

There are currently 13 professional staff and 6 supporting staff under the staffing establishment of the 2 Adoption Units of SWD. In view of the generally stable number of adoption cases in recent years, the manpower is sufficient to cope with the number of existing cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4434)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in detail the cross-service coordination procedures among foster care service, small group homes (SGHs), residential homes for children (RHCs) and adoption service.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

Residential child care services (RCCS) are aimed to provide care and supervision for needy children who cannot be adequately taken care of by their families because of family, behavioural or emotional problems, until they may return to their families or settle down in permanent homes through adoption or independent living. RCCS comprises institutional and non-institutional care services to meet different welfare needs of children. Foster care service and SGHs are non-institutional care services in a family-like environment while RHCs are institutional care services in a more structured setting. In general, non-institutional care services will be preferred for out-of-home care placement.

RCCS requires professional assessment and referrals by social workers to ensure appropriate care arrangements and long-term welfare plans for the needy children having regard to their individual social circumstances. For children whose parents are unable or unwilling to take care of them, adoption may be considered to find them stable and permanent homes until they reach adulthood.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4435)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1), the unit costs of places of foster care service, small group homes (SGHs) and residential homes for children (RHCs) have all increased. Please provide details of the increases and explain in detail the reasons for such increases. Would such increases help improve the well-being of children?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

The increase in the cost per place in 2015-16 mainly reflects the other costs in the estimated subvention having been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index and the full-year cost of enhancing the professional support for SGHs and RHCs to improve service quality and meet the children's various welfare needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4436)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How would the Government primarily consider and protect the rights and well-being of children in foster care service, small group homes (SGHs), residential homes for children (RHCs) and adoption service?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The best interests of children are always the prime principle for the arrangement of adoption and residential child care services (RCCS) comprising foster care service, SGHs and RHCs. In considering RCCS, case social workers are required to work out permanency plans for the children to meet their psychosocial needs for belongingness, stability and continuity of care. Regular case reviews involving the parties concerned are conducted for on-going assessment of the children's development and needs. If family reunion is neither feasible nor in the best interests of the children, case social workers may consider adoption plans for the children where appropriate. Thorough home studies of prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) are conducted to assess their parental capability and suitability before an adoptable child is matched with the suitable PAPs. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service performance of the subvented RCCS through the Service Performance Monitoring System and to oversee the adoption service under the statutory requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4559)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the orders made under the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance (Cap. 213) of the Laws of Hong Kong, please provide the number of orders applied by the court, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) respectively as well as the relevant types of care or protection required in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0344****(Question Serial No. 4561)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the current staffing establishment of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and how many financial resources are involved? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the current number of cases?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 34)Reply:

In 2014-15, the Revised Estimate for FCPSUs was \$203.5 million. The staff establishment of social workers of FCPSUs is as follows –

<b>Rank of Social Workers</b>	<b>Establishment</b>
Senior Social Work Officers	11
Social Work Officers	119
Assistant Social Work Officers	49

In recent years, SWD has strengthened various preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and needy families, including enhancing the manpower of Clinical Psychology Units, implementing the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, strengthening the support to Refuge Centres and Crisis Support Centres, improving the after-office-hours outreaching service arrangement, introducing various intervention programmes for batterers, and strengthening professional training and public education. These new services and improvement measures are useful in supporting the social workers of FCPSUs in handling domestic violence cases, thus shortening the average time taken by social workers to complete the helping process. The staff establishment of FCPSUs will remain at the existing level in 2015-16. SWD will keep in view the workload and manpower of FCPSUs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5385)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that the number of students with special educational needs is continually rising, the demand for community support services outside school is also rising –

- (1) Does the Government have the statistics on the resources specifically used for students with special educational needs among the existing services for young people?
- (2) How many teams providing youth services are providing support services for students with special educational needs at present?
- (3) Is there any plan for the Government to regularise the support services for students with special educational needs and set up centres specifically for their service in the districts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), provides a wide spectrum of preventive, developmental and remedial services to assist and nurture young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of society. Children and young persons in the community, including those with special educational needs, may participate in various children and youth services provided by NGOs. SWD does not have the statistics on the resources specifically allocated for students with special educational needs among the services for young people.
- (2) All youth services operated by NGOs are for all children and young persons in the community, including those with special educational needs.



- (3) In view of the multifarious and changing needs of young people, other than rendering developmental, supportive and educational activities, NGOs operating youth services also render timely support and intervention through cross-sector and inter-departmental collaboration to formulate work plan and service priority to address the needs of children and youth, including those with special educational needs in the community.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5396)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently providing rehabilitation services for children with physical and intellectual disabilities.
2. Please provide the number of complaints for rehabilitation services for children with physical and intellectual disabilities purchased from NGOs with a breakdown by type of complaints in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. There are currently a total of 56 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres, special child care centres and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre. In addition, there are 28 NGOs providing training subsidy for children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (training subsidy). The training subsidy is provided to eligible children who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services so that they can receive self-financing services operated by recognised service providers.
2. The Social Welfare Department does not keep figures on the complaint cases relating to rehabilitation services for children with physical and intellectual disabilities purchased from NGOs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0347****(Question Serial No. 5398)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of places of occasional child care service (OCCS) for disabled children and the number of service utilisation in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 65)Reply:

OCCS for children with disabilities provides short-term day care service in special child care centres or early education and training centres for children with disabilities aged 2 to 6. The numbers of OCCS places in the past 5 years were as follows –

	<b>OCCS places for children with disabilities</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Number of places	68	77	77	79	86

The computerised system of the Social Welfare Department does not capture the statistics on the number of service utilisation for OCCS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5406)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the unit cost of supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTC), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway).
2. What is the waiting situation of the above services?
3. What are the reasons for not providing any additional places for the above services for 3 consecutive years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 73)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost for the provision of services under SE, IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway.
2. Referrals for applicants for SE service can be made by school social workers, medical social workers, case social workers of the Integrated Family Service Centres and staff of rehabilitation service units to SWD's Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services. Referrers or applicants for SE can also apply directly to various SE service units for the services. As at end-December 2014, there were 83 applicants for SE on the waiting list under SWD's Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services. In 2013-14, the average waiting time for SE was 2.2 months. For IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway, they may admit service users directly or through referrals. Hence, SWD does not have the statistics on the number of applicants and waiting time for the services.
3. SWD provides a range of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the open job market. These services include sheltered workshops (SW), SE, IVTC, integrated vocational rehabilitation services

centres (IVRSC), OJT and Sunnyway. In the past 3 years, there was no additional place for IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway mainly because there were still vacant places available for persons with disabilities. In 2013-14, the total number of service users served in IVTC was 387, with 66 places vacant. As regards OJT and Sunnyway, the total number of service users served was 419 and 300, with 13 and 11 places vacant respectively in that year. In addition, IVRSC incorporate SW and SE services for the provision of one-stop vocational training for persons with disabilities in order to prepare them for employment in the open job market. In the coming 5 years (from 2015-16 to 2019-20), the Government plans to provide about 1 250 additional IVRSC (including SE service) places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0349****(Question Serial No. 5412)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The pre-school rehabilitation services for children with special needs under the age of 6 are in serious shortage. There are nearly 8 000 children waiting for such services provided by early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programmes (IPs) in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) and special child care centres (SCCCs), and the waiting time is about 12 to 18 months. This has caused the children with special needs to miss out on the “golden period” for treatment and training, while the number of these children will continue to rise. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. It is stated in the Policy Address that an additional 1 471 places will be provided during the term of the current Government. Please give a breakdown of the types of services and the timetable for the plan.
2. The additional 1 471 places to be provided during the term of the current Government is obviously insufficient for the 8 000 children on the waiting list. Are there any other ways in which the Government could solve the problem of shortage in service provision?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 80)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. It is estimated that there will be about 1 738 additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services planned during the term of this Government. The places include those mentioned in the Policy Address and those provided through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, with details as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>EETC</b>	<b>SCCC</b>	<b>IP in KG-cum-CCC</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013-14	15	-	-	<b>15</b>
2014-15	427	42	-	<b>469</b>
2015-16	196	114	240	<b>550</b>

2016-17	150	60	-	<b>210</b>
2017-18	290	204	-	<b>494</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 078</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1 738</b>

The actual number of places provided in respective financial years may vary due to various factors, including the results of local consultations and applications for change of land use for certain projects, the actual usable floor area and design of the premises, the technical problems encountered in construction works, etc.

2. The Government will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to actively identify suitable sites to provide more service places. More rehabilitation service facilities, including SCCCs and EETCs, will also be provided through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses.

The Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services, an assistance programme under the Community Care Fund, has been regularised since 1 October 2014. The programme aims to provide training subsidy for eligible children from low-income families on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services so that they can receive self-financing services operated by recognised service providers to help them with learning and development as soon as possible. There are about 1 500 children receiving the services each year.

In addition, to facilitate children with special needs or suspected to have special needs in ordinary KGs or KG-cum-CCCs to receive the timely training they need, the Government will launch a pilot scheme through the Lotteries Fund in 2015-16 to invite non-governmental organisations operating pre-school rehabilitation services to provide outreach rehabilitation services to them. The Social Welfare Department is drawing up the specific implementation details and the financial resources required for the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting stakeholders.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0350****(Question Serial No. 5413)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, please provide a breakdown by District Council district of the waiting situation, including the shortest, average and longest waiting time, the length of the queue and the number of places available for various services in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 81)Reply:

The numbers of places for pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre, by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex while the numbers of applicants waiting for the respective services are set out in Tables 2 to 4 of the Annex.

SWD operates the central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. At present, the CRS of SWD does not capture information on the longest, shortest or average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for EETC, SCCC and IP in the past 5 years was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
EETC	11.6	15.7	15.2	19	Not available [Note]
SCCC	14.9	16.8	16.9	18.5	Not available [Note]
IP	10	12.2	12.7	14.1	Not available [Note]

[Note]

The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.



**Table 1 – Number of places for pre-school services**

District	EETC					SCCC					IP
	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	[Note]
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205	199	199	199	199	199	132
Eastern/ Wan Chai	341	341	341	341	401	204	204	204	204	216	174
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	166	262	66	66	66	66	66	204
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	355	416	416	416	416	297	333	333	333	333	234
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	171	201	201	216	216	24	24	24	24	30	192
Sham Shui Po	170	274	274	274	274	157	205	205	205	205	84
Sha Tin	191	191	191	191	291	138	138	138	138	138	156
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205	192	192	192	192	192	168
Yuen Long	132	172	172	172	172	81	108	108	108	108	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	277	292	168	168	168	168	168	192
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	165	120	120	120	120	120	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>1 646</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>1 860</b>

[Note]

There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014).

**Table 2 – Number of applicants waiting for EETC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for EETC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	257	362	377	358	323
Eastern/Wan Chai	306	383	427	441	364
Kwun Tong	337	394	419	391	285
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	477	519	590	558	424
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	295	336	369	453	432
Sham Shui Po	118	164	188	216	223
Sha Tin	299	416	464	472	367
Tai Po/North	271	318	337	350	297
Yuen Long	152	156	183	76	154
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	251	338	390	427	406
Tuen Mun	104	81	134	203	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 867</b>	<b>3 467</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 418</b>

**Table 3 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SCCC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	84	83	103	105	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	100	120	126	122	93
Kwun Tong	125	115	136	121	95
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	160	181	191	185	153
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	130	153	131	135	138
Sham Shui Po	71	78	91	89	79
Sha Tin	125	164	157	140	128
Tai Po/North	134	135	134	104	102
Yuen Long	100	102	124	66	99
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	126	125	134	160	146
Tuen Mun	62	63	77	108	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>1 319</b>	<b>1 404</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 182</b>

**Table 4 – Number of applicants waiting for IP**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for IP</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	45	70	82	118	89
Eastern/Wan Chai	79	101	113	111	63
Kwun Tong	135	140	192	180	138
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	197	207	222	194	176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	102	86	117	156	128
Sham Shui Po	79	97	88	89	61
Sha Tin	164	181	218	258	217
Tai Po/North	226	218	284	263	211
Yuen Long	129	148	156	61	154
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	192	184	196	183	112
Tuen Mun	86	104	111	171	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 434</b>	<b>1 536</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>1 784</b>	<b>1 484</b>

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5420)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Respite service is an important community support service to give carers of persons with disabilities temporary relief and facilitate the long-term community living of persons with disabilities. According to some persons with disabilities and their family, they often encounter great difficulties trying to make a reservation. In this connection, would the Government please advise –

1. Some persons with disabilities called the respite service providers listed on the website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to make a reservation, only to find that many service providers had already stopped the provision of such a service. Would the Government review whether the list is being regularly updated and is suitable for use?
2. Given the inadequate frequency of updating the online system at present, persons with disabilities and their family often have to call service providers one by one to check if there are service places, a time-consuming and fruitless task, when making a reservation. Would the Government consider improving the current arrangements, such as providing case manager service?
3. Would the Government consider providing additional places for respite service in order to meet service demand?
4. How has respite service been used, including patronage and utilisation rate, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. SWD provides short-term residential care service (respite service) for persons with disabilities through designated places and casual vacancies at the residential care homes for persons with disabilities. A list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating respite service has been uploaded onto the website of SWD and is being updated regularly. For service enhancement, SWD has been uploading the latest information about the availability of respite

places on the website of SWD with information updated twice a month since July 2014. Case managers of home care service for persons with severe disabilities, integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities and district support centres for persons with disabilities, as well as other social workers concerned, may also make use of the relevant information to refer cases to service units operating respite service.

3. In 2014-15, SWD has provided additional resources to increase the number of respite places for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. The 36 additional respite places will commence service in the fourth quarter of 2014-15. In the coming year, we will continue to invite NGOs operating rehabilitation services to provide respite places.

4. The numbers of admissions for respite service in the past 5 years are as follows –

<b>Number of admissions for respite service</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>				
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
2 324	2 957	2 848	2 883	2 491

<sup>[Note]</sup> A service user may have multiple admissions for respite service in a year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0352****(Question Serial No. 5423)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

District support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) is an initiative launched since 2009. It is noted that some of them have yet to secure permanent accommodation. Would the Government please advise –

1. How many DSCs have yet to secure permanent accommodation at present? How many DSCs are not in compliance with standard floor area requirements?
2. Does the Government have any plan and time frame for helping these DSCs to secure permanent accommodation meeting standard requirements?
3. How effective is this service?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 91)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the 16 existing DSCs, 11 have secured permanent accommodation. Permanent accommodation has been identified for the other 5 DSCs. Information on the floor area of these DSCs is as follows –

	<b>Number of DSCs which have secured permanent accommodation</b>	<b>Number of DSCs which have identified permanent accommodation</b>
Total floor area meeting or above the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA)	7	-
Total floor area below the standard SoA	4 [Note 1]	5 [Note 2]

[Note 1]

The Social Welfare Department will, taking into account service and operational needs, identify suitable premises by various means, including identifying vacant government properties or public housing units, or reserving government properties which can be made available for welfare uses due to service re-engineering, for setting

up sub-bases for the above 4 DSCs whose total floor area is below the standard SoA or relocating elsewhere.

[Note 2]

The total floor area of the permanent accommodation identified will be meeting or above the standard SoA.

3. DSCs adopt a membership system and provide a wide range of community based support services including individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, development activities of carer support programmes, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and community education. As at end-December 2014, 5 245 members were registered at the 16 DSCs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5425)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Quite a number of carers of persons with disabilities have been facing tremendous pressure and some have to give up opportunities of getting a full-time job because of the caring responsibilities.

1. Will the Government consider providing a carer allowance to support carers of persons with disabilities, the chronically ill and demented patients aged below 65?
2. Will the Government re-design a holistic carer support policy based on international experiences?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 93)

Reply:

One of the objectives of the Government's rehabilitation policy is to empower persons with disabilities and their carers so that they can become valuable contributing members of society. Hence, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a series of training and support services for carers of persons with disabilities, with a view to enhancing their ability and relieving their stress in taking care of their family members with disabilities. These services include providing training and support services for carers through district support centres for persons with disabilities, introducing the home care service for persons with severe disabilities and the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities, providing casework counselling, support groups and educational activities in integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), offering short-term day and residential care services, providing funding support for self-help organisations of people with disabilities/chronic illnesses, etc.

The Community Care Fund launched the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme) in end-June 2014. In devising the parameters of the Pilot Scheme for providing living allowance for carers of elderly persons, SWD has taken into account the experience of other economies, local circumstances and views expressed by local non-governmental organisations and interested



parties. SWD will evaluate its effectiveness, its long-term impact on carers policy and the family support structure, etc. during the 2-year pilot period. The outcome indicators may include the number of participants, the amount of subsidies disbursed, application criteria, as well as the views collected from the carers of the elderly, the elderly being taken care of, service providers and other stakeholders. In October 2014, SWD commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of The University of Hong Kong to assist in the evaluation. SWD will keep in view the development and outcome evaluation of the Pilot Scheme and consider the way forward in the light of the review findings, including whether relevant measures are applicable to people with severe disabilities, etc.

In 2015-16, the Government will also enhance support for carers. The Government has proposed to provide an additional allocation of some \$12.7 million for increasing the manpower of social workers in ICCMWs to provide more intensive counselling and support for the families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons so as to relieve their caring pressure and consolidate their mutual help network; and to provide \$3.2 million recurrent allocation for increasing the manpower of social workers in the existing subvented parents/relatives resource centres to strengthen support to persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons, including parents and relatives/carers of children or young people with special needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5427)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (4) that the pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) would be regularised. In this connection, please advise –

1. How much financial resources will be involved each year?
2. How many additional RCHD places can be provided and for what types of disabilities are they provided?
3. What policies are in place to monitor and enhance the quality of private RCHDs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 96)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The total expenditure for implementing BPS for private RCHDs in 2015-16 is about \$43 million.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) regularised the pilot BPS for private RCHDs in 2014-15 and increased the number of BPS places from 365 to 450, providing 85 additional places. Target groups of BPS are applicants waiting for long stay care homes and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons.
3. SWD would ensure that services provided by BPS homes comply with the relevant requirements by monitoring the operations of RCHDs participating in BPS according to the standards under BPS, while these RCHDs are required to comply with the Service Quality Standards which are also applicable to subvented service units.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5429)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the waiting situation (including the length of the queue and the average, longest and shortest waiting time), the service provision, the geographical distribution and the unit cost for the past 5 years regarding various services for persons with disabilities, including halfway houses (HWH), long stay care homes (LSCH), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD), care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB), supported hostels (SHOS), day activity centres (DAC), early education and training centres (EETC), integrated programmes in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCC), sheltered workshops (SW), supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTC), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 98)

Reply:

The numbers of applicants waiting for various types of services for persons with disabilities and the average waiting time are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the longest and the shortest waiting time for the services. The numbers of places for various types of services for persons with disabilities by Administrative District of SWD are set out in Annex 2. The numbers of applicants waiting for various types of services for persons with disabilities by Administrative District of SWD are set out in Annex 3. The costs per place per month of rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, day activity centres and sheltered workshops operated by non-governmental organisations in the past 5 years are set out in Annex 4.

### Number of applicants waiting for rehabilitation services and average waiting time

Type of service	Number of applicants					Average waiting time (in months) <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				
	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
HWH	784	735	688	714	627	6.2	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.2
LSCH	1 116	1 222	1 325	1 573	1 535	31.8	38.2	33.6	16.7	32.5
HMMH	1 386	1 369	1 533	1 694	1 781	79.1	80.4	84.4	83.8	119.5
HSMH	1 995	2 082	2 190	2 200	2 271	68.4	73.2	81.6	86.4	105.6
C&A/SD	361	389	425	468	443	39.6	39.6	31.2	48.0	48.0
C&A/AB	103	90	120	120	130	3.2	4.0	6.0	5.4	8.4
SHOS	1 001	1 012	1 173	1 340	1 474	15.3	25.0	31.5	26.0	16.5
DAC	1 106	1 170	1 257	1 293	1 336	31.2	28.8	44.4	57.6	57.6
EETC	2 867	3 467	3 878	3945	3 418	10.0	11.6	15.7	15.2	19.0
IP	1 434	1 536	1 779	1784	1 484	8.7	10.0	12.2	12.7	14.1
SCCC	1 217	1 319	1 404	1335	1 182	12.8	14.9	16.8	16.9	18.5
SW	2 543	2 450	2 515	2 724	2 728	14.8	16.9	16.8	12.6	16.1
SE	114	103	79	96	83	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2
IVTC <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IVRSC <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OJT <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunnyway <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

### Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

DAC – day activity centre

EETC – early education and training centre

IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

SCCC – special child care centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVTC – integrated vocational training centre

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

**Table 1a – Number of places for various types of residential services  
for persons with disabilities in 2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>HMM H</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/S D</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>HWH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/A B</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	200	79	168	375	170
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	100	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	-	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	184	359	88	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	282	137	-	29	-	52	-
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	30	169	78	200
Sha Tin	186	470	102	20	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	100	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	169	106	100	46	104	80	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	532	151	83	162	-	525
Tuen Mun	364	431	67	20	180	240	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 269</b>	<b>3 193</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 507</b>

**Table 1b – Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services in 2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>DAC</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>IVRSC</b>	<b>OJT</b> [Note]	<b>Sunnyway</b> [Note]	<b>IVTC</b> (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N/A	N/A	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	345	521	378	200	N/A	N/A	-
Kwun Tong	451	661	197	170	N/A	N/A	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	455	275	370	653	N/A	N/A	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	580	95	302	N/A	N/A	220
Sham Shui Po	249	520	120	210	N/A	N/A	-
Sha Tin	545	260	20	749	N/A	N/A	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	-	N/A	N/A	233
Yuen Long	110	364	70	207	N/A	N/A	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	617	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	-
Tuen Mun	592	600	35	537	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 632</b>	<b>5 133</b>	<b>1 645</b>	<b>4 023</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

**Table 2a – Number of places for various types of residential services  
for persons with disabilities in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>HMM H</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/S D</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>HWH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/A B</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	200	79	168	375	170
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	100	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	-	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	184	359	88	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	282	137	-	29	-	52	-
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	30	169	78	200
Sha Tin	186	470	102	20	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	100	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	106	100	46	104	80	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	557	151	83	162	-	525
Tuen Mun	364	431	67	20	180	240	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 287</b>	<b>3 218</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 507</b>



**Table 2b – Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services  
in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>DAC</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>IVRSC</b>	<b>OJT</b> [Note]	<b>Sunnyway</b> [Note]	<b>IVTC</b> (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N/A	N/A	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	345	521	378	200	N/A	N/A	-
Kwun Tong	451	661	197	170	N/A	N/A	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	453	275	370	653	N/A	N/A	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	580	95	302	N/A	N/A	220
Sham Shui Po	256	520	120	210	N/A	N/A	-
Sha Tin	545	260	20	749	N/A	N/A	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	-	N/A	N/A	233
Yuen Long	110	230	70	441	N/A	N/A	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	617	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	-
Tuen Mun	592	600	35	537	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 637</b>	<b>4 999</b>	<b>1 645</b>	<b>4 257</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

**Table 3a – Number of places for various types of residential services  
for persons with disabilities in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>HMM H</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/S D</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>HWH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/A B</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	200	79	168	375	170
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	100	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	-	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	88	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	-	29	-	52	-
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	30	169	78	200
Sha Tin	186	470	102	20	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	100	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	106	100	46	104	80	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	202	83	162	-	525
Tuen Mun	364	431	67	20	180	240	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 292</b>	<b>3 382</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 507</b>

**Table 3b – Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services  
in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>DAC</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>IVRSC</b>	<b>OJT</b> [Note]	<b>Sunnyway</b> [Note]	<b>IVTC</b> (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N/A	N/A	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	345	523	378	200	N/A	N/A	-
Kwun Tong	451	665	185	170	N/A	N/A	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	453	305	370	653	N/A	N/A	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	590	95	302	N/A	N/A	220
Sham Shui Po	256	520	120	210	N/A	N/A	-
Sha Tin	545	261	20	749	N/A	N/A	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	-	N/A	N/A	233
Yuen Long	110	232	70	441	N/A	N/A	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	781	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	-
Tuen Mun	592	603	35	537	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 801</b>	<b>5 051</b>	<b>1 633</b>	<b>4 257</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

**Table 4a – Number of places for various types of residential services  
for persons with disabilities in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>HMM H</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/S D</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>HWH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/A B</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	200	79	168	375	170
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	100	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	-	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	88	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	-	29	-	52	-
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	30	169	78	200
Sha Tin	186	470	102	62	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	100	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	106	100	46	104	80	80
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	202	83	162	-	525
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	20	180	240	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 364</b>	<b>3 382</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 587</b>

**Table 4b – Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>DAC</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>IVRSC</b>	<b>OJT</b> [Note]	<b>Sunnyway</b> [Note]	<b>IVTC</b> (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N/A	N/A	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	345	583	378	200	N/A	N/A	-
Kwun Tong	451	665	185	170	N/A	N/A	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	453	305	370	653	N/A	N/A	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	590	95	302	N/A	N/A	220
Sham Shui Po	256	520	120	210	N/A	N/A	-
Sha Tin	545	261	20	749	N/A	N/A	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	-	N/A	N/A	233
Yuen Long	110	232	70	441	N/A	N/A	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	781	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	-
Tuen Mun	592	603	35	537	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 801</b>	<b>5 111</b>	<b>1 633</b>	<b>4 257</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

**Table 5a – Number of places for various types of residential services  
for persons with disabilities in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>HMM H</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/S D</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>HWH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/A B</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	200	79	168	375	170
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	100	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	-	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	88	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	-	29	-	52	0
Sham Shui Po	80	156	32	30	169	78	200
Sha Tin	186	470	102	62	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	100	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	106	100	46	104	80	80
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	202	83	162	-	525
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	20	180	240	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 384</b>	<b>3 434</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 587</b>

**Table 5b – Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>DAC</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>IVRSC</b>	<b>OJT</b> [Note]	<b>Sunnyway</b> [Note]	<b>IVTC</b> (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	702	315	115	545	N/A	N/A	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	347	583	378	200	N/A	N/A	-
Kwun Tong	451	665	185	170	N/A	N/A	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	451	305	370	653	N/A	N/A	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	590	95	302	N/A	N/A	220
Sham Shui Po	312	520	120	210	N/A	N/A	-
Sha Tin	545	261	20	749	N/A	N/A	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	-	N/A	N/A	233
Yuen Long	162	232	70	441	N/A	N/A	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	781	746	180	450	N/A	N/A	-
Tuen Mun	592	603	35	537	N/A	N/A	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 909</b>	<b>5 111</b>	<b>1 633</b>	<b>4 257</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>453</b>

[Note] Since OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have the distribution of places by district.

**Table 6 – Number of places for pre-school services**

	EETC					SCCC					IP
	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014) <sup>[Note]</sup>
<b>District</b>											
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205	199	199	199	199	199	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	341	341	401	204	204	204	204	216	174
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	166	262	66	66	66	66	66	204
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	355	416	416	416	416	297	333	333	333	333	234
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	171	201	201	216	216	24	24	24	24	30	192
Sham Shui Po	170	274	274	274	274	157	205	205	205	205	84
Sha Tin	191	191	191	191	291	138	138	138	138	138	156
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205	192	192	192	192	192	168
Yuen Long	132	172	172	172	172	81	108	108	108	108	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	277	292	168	168	168	168	168	192
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	165	120	120	120	120	120	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>1 646</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>1 860</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014).

**Legend**

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

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

SHOS – supported hostel

HWH – halfway house

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

LSCH – long stay care home

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

EETC – early education and training centre

IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

SCCC – special child care centre



**Table 1 – Number of applicants waiting for HWH**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for HWH</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	71	65	81	81	64
Eastern/Wan Chai	109	95	103	94	90
Kwun Tong	79	81	69	71	51
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	79	68	66	56	58
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	43	36	30	47	42
Sham Shui Po	35	36	27	41	43
Sha Tin	66	65	54	58	66
Tai Po/North	78	73	62	70	48
Yuen Long	46	39	42	46	35
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	97	85	63	81	74
Tuen Mun	81	92	91	69	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>627</b>

**Table 2 – Number of applicants waiting for LSCH**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for LSCH</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	130	138	148	170	168
Eastern/Wan Chai	108	121	126	153	149
Kwun Tong	90	95	90	103	92
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	94	95	104	129	129
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	106	111	109	128	120
Sham Shui Po	52	59	74	99	95
Sha Tin	106	128	134	172	162
Tai Po/North	105	105	119	131	142
Yuen Long	55	67	84	96	88
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	147	164	170	186	189
Tuen Mun	123	139	167	206	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 222</b>	<b>1 325</b>	<b>1 573</b>	<b>1 535</b>

**Table 3 – Number of applicants waiting for HMMH**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for HMMH</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	119	118	136	145	158
Eastern/Wan Chai	139	148	165	176	184
Kwun Tong	143	147	162	176	191
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	126	132	156	190	202
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	116	120	125	141	146
Sham Shui Po	98	92	99	103	112
Sha Tin	127	122	135	146	148
Tai Po/North	123	127	140	150	166
Yuen Long	121	99	111	121	130
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	159	151	173	193	205
Tuen Mun	115	113	131	153	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 386</b>	<b>1 369</b>	<b>1 533</b>	<b>1 694</b>	<b>1 781</b>

**Table 4 – Number of applicants waiting for HSMH**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for HSMH</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	153	146	153	151	146
Eastern/Wan Chai	165	177	183	186	197
Kwun Tong	188	193	207	223	220
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	215	215	240	251	271
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	182	185	188	181	190
Sham Shui Po	137	148	164	159	162
Sha Tin	169	177	190	181	181
Tai Po/North	184	190	206	213	221
Yuen Long	156	168	185	186	204
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	231	240	236	233	240
Tuen Mun	215	243	238	236	239
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 995</b>	<b>2 082</b>	<b>2 190</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>2 271</b>

**Table 5 – Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SD**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for C&amp;A/SD</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	38	31	29	36	38
Eastern/Wan Chai	41	41	38	31	33
Kwun Tong	30	37	41	46	34
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	42	55	59	63	62
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	25	31	39	43	33
Sham Shui Po	21	22	30	44	39
Sha Tin	28	24	27	28	30
Tai Po/North	41	37	44	41	42
Yuen Long	31	40	44	42	38
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	34	36	37	56	56
Tuen Mun	30	35	37	38	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>443</b>

**Table 6 – Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for C&amp;A/AB</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	15	20	12	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	14	14	9	11	7
Kwun Tong	12	11	15	11	13
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	14	9	10	12	21
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	10	7	10	7	14
Sham Shui Po	8	9	4	7	15
Sha Tin	6	1	12	8	15
Tai Po/North	7	4	1	7	4
Yuen Long	2	10	11	14	7
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	12	6	15	20	18
Tuen Mun	9	4	13	11	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>130</b>

**Table 7 – Number of applicants waiting for SHOS**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SHOS</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	65	58	71	92	102
Eastern/Wan Chai	101	72	84	104	113
Kwun Tong	118	121	123	136	147
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	136	155	190	207	220
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	72	71	72	87	91
Sham Shui Po	76	65	80	91	99
Sha Tin	67	69	97	115	122
Tai Po/North	113	112	124	131	160
Yuen Long	68	82	106	116	134
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	69	83	95	127	151
Tuen Mun	116	124	131	134	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>1 012</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>1 340</b>	<b>1 474</b>

**Table 8 – Number of applicants waiting for DAC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for DAC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	91	80	86	90	87
Eastern/Wan Chai	91	99	103	109	118
Kwun Tong	87	92	96	111	112
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	123	122	141	149	163
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	70	73	80	78	85
Sham Shui Po	92	98	107	103	102
Sha Tin	90	101	110	110	109
Tai Po/North	97	102	118	128	130
Yuen Long	110	126	142	151	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	101	110	110	107	118
Tuen Mun	154	167	164	157	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 106</b>	<b>1 170</b>	<b>1 257</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>1 336</b>

**Table 9 – Number of applicants waiting for SW**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SW</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	174	175	172	190	168
Eastern/Wan Chai	252	220	219	234	202
Kwun Tong	210	249	282	276	297
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	311	326	354	375	395
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	174	139	145	186	183
Sham Shui Po	135	126	141	150	153
Sha Tin	195	200	247	281	274
Tai Po/North	374	362	373	388	385
Yuen Long	248	246	192	233	246
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	207	158	159	175	177
Tuen Mun	263	249	231	236	248
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 450</b>	<b>2 515</b>	<b>2 724</b>	<b>2 728</b>

**Table 10 – Number of applicants waiting for SE**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SE</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	10	18	14	17	23
Eastern/Wan Chai	15	14	6	10	5
Kwun Tong	26	15	7	11	9
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	12	17	15	10	10
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	3	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	7	3	6	4
Sha Tin	6	1	3	2	6
Tai Po/North	2	1	2	6	2
Yuen Long	13	10	8	10	10
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	7	10	10	13	10
Tuen Mun	17	5	8	6	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>83</b>

**Table 11 – Number of applicants waiting for EETC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for EETC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	257	362	377	358	323
Eastern/Wan Chai	306	383	427	441	364
Kwun Tong	337	394	419	391	285
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	477	519	590	558	424
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	295	336	369	453	432
Sham Shui Po	118	164	188	216	223
Sha Tin	299	416	464	472	367
Tai Po/North	271	318	337	350	297
Yuen Long	152	156	183	76	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	251	338	390	427	406
Tuen Mun	104	81	134	203	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 867</b>	<b>3 467</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 418</b>

**Table 12 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SCCC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	84	83	103	105	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	100	120	126	122	93
Kwun Tong	125	115	136	121	95
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	160	181	191	185	153
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	130	153	131	135	138
Sham Shui Po	71	78	91	89	79
Sha Tin	125	164	157	140	128
Tai Po/North	134	135	134	104	102
Yuen Long	100	102	124	66	99
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	126	125	134	160	146
Tuen Mun	62	63	77	108	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>1 319</b>	<b>1 404</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 182</b>

**Table 13 – Number of applicants waiting for IP**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for IP</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	45	70	82	118	89
Eastern/Wan Chai	79	101	113	111	63
Kwun Tong	135	140	192	180	138
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	197	207	222	194	176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	102	86	117	156	128
Sham Shui Po	79	97	88	89	61
Sha Tin	164	181	218	258	217
Tai Po/North	226	218	284	263	211
Yuen Long	129	148	156	61	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	192	184	196	183	112
Tuen Mun	86	104	111	171	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 434</b>	<b>1 536</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>1 784</b>	<b>1 484</b>

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre

**Cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services,  
pre-school services for children with disabilities, DAC and SW**

<b>Type of subvented services</b>	<b>Cost per place per month</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (Actual) (\$)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual) (\$)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual) (\$)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual) (\$)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate) (\$)</b>
Rehabilitation residential services	10,047	10,498	11,004	11,906	12,835
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	6,168	6,398	6,840	7,044	7,475
DAC	6,483	6,933	7,263	7,751	8,863
SW	3,658	3,693	3,829	4,116	4,531

Legend

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5431)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What government policies are in place to support patients with rare illnesses and their families?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 100)

Reply:

The overall objective of the rehabilitation policy in Hong Kong, as stated in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, is to prevent disabilities, including those which are induced by rare diseases; to help persons with disabilities develop their physical and intellectual capabilities as well as their ability to integrate into the community; and to create a barrier-free environment through a comprehensive range of effective measures.

As far as welfare services are concerned, persons with disabilities may make use of subvented day training, residential care and community support services provided by non-governmental organisations. In addition, medical social services and psychological services also render timely psychosocial intervention to patients and their families and help them cope with or solve problems arising from their illnesses or disabilities.

To foster the spirit of self-help and mutual help among persons with disabilities and their families/carers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2001 implemented the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations for Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses (Financial Support Scheme) to provide financial support to self-help organisations for people with disabilities/chronic illnesses, including those rare-disease induced disability groups. To further enhance the support for these self-help organisations, the Administration has earmarked an additional full-year recurrent funding of \$5.28 million since 2014-15, adding the total funding allocation to \$15 million. Under the Financial Support Scheme, 79 self-help organisations, including those for patients with rare diseases, are currently receiving financial support from SWD.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5432)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Under Programme (4), there will be no additional places for long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons (LSCHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB).

1. Please advise the current waiting situation of the above services.
2. Please advise the reasons for not providing additional places for the above services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 101)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The average waiting time for LSCH, HSPH and C&A/AB in 2013-14 was as follows –

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Average waiting time</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
	<b>2013-14 (in months)</b>
LSCH	32.5
HSPH	142.2 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
C&A/AB	8.4

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> One of the cases waited for 9 years as the applicant originally waited for specific service units only and subsequently changed to wait for specific districts. The other case waited for 15 years as the applicant waited for specific service units only.

2. It is planned that 400 additional LSCH places and 225 additional HSPH places will be provided through works projects of rehabilitation service facilities to be launched during the term of this Government. Although there is as yet no plan to increase C&A/AB places, the Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision in its review of service planning.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5433)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the respective unit cost of various residential services for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 102)

Reply:

According to the revised estimate for 2014-15, the cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services provided by non-governmental organisations is \$12,835. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the cost per place per month of individual types of residential services. The expenditure for the services in 2014-15 is set out in the Annex.

**Estimated expenditure for various residential services for persons with disabilities**

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)</b>
HWH	178.4
LSCH	228.2
IVTC (Res)	9.9
HMMH	235.7
HSMH	637.9
HSPH	113.6
C&A/SD	210.9
C&A/AB	135.0
SGH (MMHC)	7.0
SHOS	58.5
RSCCC	23.1

Legend

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC (Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0359****(Question Serial No. 5434)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide by District Council district all the districts where there are additional service places for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 103)

Reply:

The number of additional service places for persons with disabilities provided in 2014-15 by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) was as follows –

Type of service	Number of places	Administrative District
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	20	Sham Shui Po
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	179	Sham Shui Po, Yuen Long, Central/Western/Southern & Islands
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	32	Sham Shui Po
Day activity centre	345	Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing, Sham Shui Po, Tuen Mun, Tai Po/North, Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung, Eastern/Wan Chai, Central/Western/Southern & Islands, Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong
Early education and training centre	427	Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Kwun Tong, Eastern/Wan Chai, Sha Tin
Special child care centre	42	Tuen Mun, Eastern/Wan Chai, Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong
Sheltered workshop	165	All Administrative Districts of SWD
Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre	130	Central/Western/Southern & Islands, Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung, Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong, Sha Tin, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5435)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Between the planned provision in the 2014-15 Estimates and the revised estimates for 2014-15 in the 2015-16 Estimates concerning the services for persons with disabilities, there are discrepancies in a number of figures. Most of the discrepancies have involved a reduction in the revised estimates.

1. Please explain the discrepancies between the planned provision and the revised estimates for various services for persons with disabilities.
2. For the places planned for 2014-15 for various services, how many have been brought forward from the previous year, and how many are actual increases this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 104)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Some of the planned service places had not come into operation as scheduled in 2014-15 generally because of the longer than expected time required for conducting local consultation, seeking approval for change of land use, etc. for some of the new projects. The Government will continue to collaborate and liaise closely with the parties concerned at different planning stages and strive to expedite the process as far as practicable with a view to meeting the pledged targets.
2. Among various services planned for 2014-15, there were 20 additional places for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 179 additional places for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, 32 additional places for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 427 additional places for early education and training centres, 42 additional places for special child care centres, 345 additional places for day activity centres (DAC), 165 additional places for sheltered workshops (SW) and 130 additional places for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC), as compared with the previous year.

Among the additional places, 165 SW places, 130 IVRSC places and 110 DAC places were the additional places planned for the year. Other planned places which could not be completed in 2013-14 were all able to come into operation in 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5436)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There has been no increase in the number of places in the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCC) for over 5 years and it was planned in the Estimates of last year that 240 additional places would be provided in 2014-15. However, there is no addition of places in the revised estimates for 2014-15 in the Estimates of this year and the additional places are to be provided in 2015-16.

1. Please explain the reasons for the delay and whether there will possibly be further delays.
2. Please inform this Committee whether the Government will continue to improve the IP in KG-cum-CCC in order to meet service demand.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In September 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) running non-profit-making KG-cum-CCC to apply for the provision of IP service. Having concluded the assessment in December 2014, approval letters were also issued. In line with the admission and commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCC in the new school year, the additional IP places are scheduled to commence service in September 2015.
2. SWD will continue to monitor the service provision of IP in KG-cum-CCC and the demand for such service from pre-school children with special needs. Meanwhile, SWD will look into different modes of services to meet the training needs of pre-school children with special needs. In 2015-16, SWD will apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund to implement a pilot project and invite NGOs operating pre-school rehabilitation services to provide outreach rehabilitation services for children with special needs who are studying in KGs or KG-cum-CCC. SWD is drawing up the specific implementation details and the financial resources required for the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting various stakeholders.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0362****(Question Serial No. 5443)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the expenditure involved in the publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” for the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year. Please provide a breakdown of the amounts and proportions of funding allocated for different uses. What are the criteria and indicators for evaluating the performance of the publicity campaign? How effective has been the programme in the past 5 years and what are the performance indicators for the next financial year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 114)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2002 launched a series of territory-wide publicity and district-based programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” to enhance public awareness of the need to strengthen families and prevent domestic violence. Various media channels have been effectively used to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing education short films/animations on transportation systems/the Internet, posting of posters at public venues and transportation systems, organising games and competitions through the Internet, and distribution of promotional leaflets and premiums, etc. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) of SWD. The numbers of attendance of public education programmes organised by DSWOs from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are listed below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)</b>
Number of attendance	106 000	128 000	143 000	119 000	72 000

The participation rates of various programmes were encouraging. The audience size of the 2 series of docudramas on various family issues, which were jointly produced by SWD and

the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcasted in 2010 and 2013 respectively, was about 900 000 for each episode. The click rates of the online public education programme on prevention of suicide-filicide launched in 2011-12 and of the online short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse launched in 2012-13 were more than 140 000 and 220 000 respectively. The online viewing rate of the animations on effective parenting and harmonious inter-generational family life launched from 2013-14 to 2014-15 was more than 16 000. The public education programmes organised by DSWOs of SWD from April 2010 to December 2014 attracted around 568 000 counts of attendance.

From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year. In 2013-14 there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a series of docudrama. In 2015-16, SWD has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, with a view to continuing publicity on combating domestic violence.

SWD has no breakdown of the expenditure on different publicity foci.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0363****(Question Serial No. 5444)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of clinical psychologists (CPs) employed by the Government sector in the past 5 years. How many cases are being handled by each of them at present in various government and subvented organisations? Based on this workload, and given the Government's plan to strengthen psychological support services for vulnerable children and adolescents who present signs of psychological problems, who are affected by abusive and violence incidents, or having suicidal acts, what will be the estimated waiting time for a case requiring clinical psychological service? How many cases were on the waiting list as at 1 March this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 115)Reply:

Both the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Department of Health (DH) provide clinical psychological service for the general public. While CPs in SWD support family, rehabilitation and other casework services, CPs in DH support student health service, elderly health service, family health service and child assessment service.

The number of CPs employed by SWD and DH in the past 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>SWD</b>	<b>DH</b>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	52	29
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	52	30
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	50	30
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	52	32
2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)	52	32

As at 1 March 2015, CPs from SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations each had an active caseload of 47 and 41 respectively. The waiting time for clinical psychological service from SWD is around 55 days for non-urgent cases. For urgent cases such as those displaying trauma symptoms after experiencing severe abuse or other critical incidents and those with suicide risks, earliest appointments available will be given and the waiting time ranges from a couple of days to less than 2 weeks.

All non-urgent new referrals for SWD's clinical psychological service will be given the first appointment within 2 months after the receipt of referrals. There is therefore no waiting list.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0364****(Question Serial No. 5445)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide details about the number of family caseworkers of various ranks (i.e. Senior Social Work Officers (SSWOs), Social Work Officers (SWOs) and Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs)) serving at the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 116)Reply:

The staff establishment of FCPSUs from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

<b>Rank \ Year</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
SSWO	11	11	11	11	11
SWO	119	119	119	119	119
ASWO	49	49	49	49	49

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5446)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the average costs of the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the Government and the non-governmental organisations respectively over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 117)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the expenditure of the IFSCs in terms of their average costs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0366****(Question Serial No. 5447)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure on the work in relation to domestic violence for the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 118)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	1,743.1
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0367****(Question Serial No. 5448)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) in the past 5 years, please inform this Committee of the amount of grants approved and the number of non-governmental welfare organisations benefited, together with the numbers of social welfare projects, partnering business corporations and disadvantaged persons benefited, broken down by the above organisations.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 119)Reply:

Since the setting up of PFD in 2005 until end-February 2015, 9 rounds of applications had been rolled out, benefiting more than 1 million disadvantaged persons.

The numbers of approved PFD projects, applicant non-governmental welfare organisations and business partners, as well as the amount of matching grant provided by the Government from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are provided as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 [Note]
Amount of matching grant (\$ million)	60	57.2	62.6	63.2	43.5
Number of approved projects	142	123	131	121	87
Number of non-governmental welfare organisations benefited	72	62	91	63	50
Number of business partners	272	317	260	329	230

[Note]

Figures as at 28 February 2015. Some of the applications for the 9<sup>th</sup> round are still being processed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5449)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee –

- (a) Regarding the additional resources and manpower for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) for this financial year, please provide the number of registered social workers in each IFSC under its staffing establishment.
- (b) Will the corresponding subvention service indicators be raised as a result of the additional manpower?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 120)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2015-16, the Government will increase the manpower of professional social workers in IFSCs. In this connection, the number of frontline social worker posts in the 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase from 738 at present to 748. In 2015-16, 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will also be allocated additional resources for each of them to arrange manpower with reference to the services needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.
- (b) Increasing the manpower of professional social workers in IFSCs aims at improving the workload of individual social workers in IFSCs so that they could provide more intensive attention for the cases under their handling. In this connection, SWD estimates that the output indicators (e.g. the total numbers of cases handled and groups/programmes conducted) of 2015-16 will more or less remain at the level of 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5450)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please advise this Committee –

- (a) Has any funding been earmarked for conducting home visits for developing services for the prevention of child abuse? If yes, what are the specific details? How much is the funding? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Has any funding been earmarked for the work regarding prevention of child abuse? If yes, how much is the funding? What are the specific details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 121)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence, including child abuse, and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2015-16, the total estimated funding allocation for the above services is \$2,628.7 million. In handling domestic violence cases, home visits would be conducted by social workers whenever necessary. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for conducting home visits to child abuse cases.
- (b) In 2015-16, SWD has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including child abuse. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the publicity and public education programmes on the prevention of child abuse.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5451)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list in detail the number of probation cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past 5 years.
2. What are the case nature and male-to-female ratio of the above cases?
3. Please list in detail the number of reports on child custody disputes handled in the past 5 years.
4. What are the case nature, the male-to-female ratio, and the number of children involved in the above cases?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 122)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of cases handled by FCPSUs involving probation orders (POs) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are set out as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of cases involving POs	97	62	52	61	50

2. The cases reported in (1) above could be related to child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering or other offences committed by the abusers, victims or other members of the families. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no statistics on the breakdown of the nature and gender ratio of these cases.
3. The numbers of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases that were completed by social workers of FCPSUs from 2010-11 to 2014-15 and the numbers of children involved are shown below –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of social enquiry reports completed	781	1 030	976	940	709
Number of children involved	1 133	1 534	1 417	1 379	1 020

4. All these child custody dispute cases were related to divorce proceedings involving child custody and access arrangement. SWD has no statistics on the breakdown of the gender ratio of children involved in these cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5452)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. The Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme provide cash assistance to victims or their dependents of violent crimes, acts of law enforcement and traffic accidents respectively. How many of the applications have involved victims (including children) of domestic violence in the past 5 years?
2. Since the implementation of the New Dawn (ND) Project, how many cases have involved persons, being victims of domestic violence, having been exempted from participation?
3. How many children of these exempted persons have been in need of care and how old are the children?
4. Has the series of training programmes provided for social security staff included training on how to assess domestic violence? If yes, what are the qualifications of the trainers? Has the women's perspective been included?
5. Have recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) been invited to share their experience as service users? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 123)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of applications for TAVA and CLEIC including Criminal Injuries Compensation (CIC) and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (LEIC) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Year	Number of applications (cases)		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2010-11	8 681	332	-
2011-12	8 718	332	-

Year	Number of applications (cases)		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2012-13	8 594	285	-
2013-14	8 920	237	-
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	6 532	196	-

There were a total of 1 382 applications for CLEIC from 2010-11 to 2014-15, among which 43 cases involved domestic violence (including 2 cases involving children aged 15 or below). The relevant figures were as follows –

Year	Number of cases involving domestic violence	Number of children aged 15 or below involved
2010-11	10	-
2011-12	13	-
2012-13	6	-
2013-14	11	2
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	3	-

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of applications for the TAVA Scheme by victims of domestic violence.

2. & 3. Since the launch of ND Project in April 2006 up to end-December 2012, a total of 18 single parents/child carers were exempted from joining the ND Project on the grounds of being victims of domestic violence. In January 2013, SWD launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) by integrating various employment assistance programmes (including the ND Project) in order to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. From January 2013 to end-December 2014, no single parents/child carers had requested exemption from joining the ND Project under the IEAPS on the grounds of being victims of domestic violence.

SWD does not capture information on the number of children of the exempted single parents/child carers.

4. Elements of enhancing sensitivity and awareness relating to domestic violence have been included in the training programmes organised for social security staff to enable them to refer victims of domestic violence to relevant professionals for appropriate support services. The training programmes also cover, among others, the women's perspective and are conducted by social workers and clinical psychologists.

5. Although CSSA recipients have not been invited to share their personal experience, their needs and concerns are reflected during case sharing in the training programmes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0372****(Question Serial No. 5453)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the support to single-parent families,

1. Please provide the details of the places for child care service, occasional child care service (OCCS) and foster care service in the districts in the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the details of the utilisation rates of child care service, OCCS and foster care service in the past 5 years. Do users have to wait for such services? If yes, how long do they have to wait?
3. What are the number of children and their age range in the single-parent families in each of the District Council districts? How many of these families are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)? How many are living below the poverty line? What is the ratio of male to female parents? What is their median income? How many have become single-parent families because domestic violence was involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 124)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of places of Child Care Centres (CCCs) [including standalone CCCs and those attached to kindergarten-cum-CCCs (KG-cum-CCCs)] and OCCS by district in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 and 2 at the Annex.

Foster care service is not district-based and is delivered at the foster parents' homes over the territory. The number of foster care places in the past 5 years is listed below –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Number of places	970	1 020	1 070	1 070	1 070



2. The utilisation rate of CCCs and OCCS in the past 5 years is provided in the table below –

<b>Financial year</b> <b>Service</b>	<b>Utilisation rate (%)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (April to December)</b>
Standalone CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	-	-	-	71	76
CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	-	-	77	77	79
OCCS	59	62	71	71	70

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Standalone CCCs comprise aided standalone CCCs and non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) keeps records of the utilisation rate of the 690 places provided by aided standalone CCCs in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 only, which is 98%, 99% and 100% respectively.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> SWD keeps no records of the utilisation rate of CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

SWD keeps no records of information on the waiting time for the above services.

For foster care service, the utilisation rate and average waiting time for admission are provided in the table below –

	<b>Financial year</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (April to December 2014)</b>
Utilisation rate (%)	91	90	88	86	87
Average waiting time for admission (months)	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6

3. The number of CSSA single parent cases as at end-December 2014 is set out in Table 3 at the Annex.

The ratio of single fathers and single mothers in single parent families in each district and the median household income of single parent families in each district according to the 2011 Population Census is set out in Tables 4 and 5 at the Annex respectively.

SWD does not have the statistical information on the age and number of children in single parent families, the number of families who live below the poverty line and the number of single parent families caused by domestic violence in each district.

Table 1 - Number of places of CCCs

District	CCCs									
	Standalone CCCs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>					CCCs attached to KG-cum-CCCs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Central & Western	40	40	300	202	202	2 879	3 057	3 461	1 162	1 318
Southern				-	-				1 661	1 492
Islands				-	-				1 081	1 094
Eastern	96	96	489	449	457	3 713	3 556	3 028	2 713	3 040
Wan Chai				40	48				748	749
Kwun Tong	-	-	216	216	216	1 378	1 427	1 444	1 456	1 555
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	42	42	42	2 557	2 814	2 810	829	807
Sai Kung				-	-				2 221	2 321
Kowloon City	144	144	1 228	1 168	1 144	3 215	3 468	3 987	3 106	3 708
Yau Tsim Mong				88	120				1 245	1 262
Shum Shui Po	62	62	62	62	62	636	712	739	732	720
Sha Tin	70	70	70	70	70	1 746	1 796	1 897	2 091	2 237
Tai Po	48	48	48	-	-	1 760	1 533	1 634	976	1 011
North				48	48				704	728
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	1 145	1 175	1 157	1 087	1 087
Tsuen Wan	102	102	298	238	238	2 011	2 096	2 156	1 144	1 185
Kwai Tsing				60	60				1 138	1 192
Tuen Mun	64	64	138	138	64	1 264	1 082	1 276	1 481	1 506
<b>Total:</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>2 955</b>	<b>2 885</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>22 304</b>	<b>22 716</b>	<b>23 589</b>	<b>25 575</b>	<b>27 012</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Standalone CCCs comprise aided standalone CCCs and non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs. For 2010-11 and 2011-12, SWD keeps records of the number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs only.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September in each school year.

Table 2 - Number of places of OCCS

District	OCCS				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Central & Western	55	42	14	14	13
Southern			16	16	18
Islands			12	12	13
Eastern	39	31	19	19	22
Wan Chai			12	12	10
Kwun Tong	56	49	49	49	50
Wong Tai Sin	63	55	34	34	34
Sai Kung			21	21	20
Kowloon City	60	47	25	25	22
Yau Tsim Mong			22	22	22
Shum Shui Po	33	25	25	25	26
Sha Tin	38	29	29	29	30
Tai Po	49	35	15	15	17
North			20	20	16
Yuen Long	40	35	35	35	34
Tsuen Wan	71	55	18	18	20
Kwai Tsing			37	37	34
Tuen Mun	41	31	31	31	33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>434</b>

**Table 3 - Number of CSSA single parent family cases  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CSSA single parent cases</b>
Central & Western	208
Southern	596
Islands	643
Eastern	1 188
Wan Chai	98
Kwun Tong	4 197
Wong Tai Sin	2 181
Sai Kung	917
Kowloon City	1 722
Yau Tsim Mong	1 103
Shum Shui Po	2 726
Sha Tin	2 159
Tai Po	919
North	1 769
Yuen Long	3 657
Tsuen Wan	843
Kwai Tsing	2 614
Tuen Mun	1 979
<b>Total:</b>	<b>29 519</b>

**Table 4 - Ratio of single fathers and single mothers in single parent families  
(2011 Population Census)**

<b>Gender</b> <b>District</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	
Central & Western	332	18.4%	1 473	81.6%	<b>1 805</b>
Southern	630	21.9%	2 244	78.1%	<b>2 874</b>
Islands	495	24.3%	1 539	75.7%	<b>2 034</b>
Eastern	1 096	26.1%	3 106	73.9%	<b>4 202</b>
Wan Chai	253	31.2%	559	68.8%	<b>812</b>
Kwun Tong	2 011	22.3%	6 994	77.7%	<b>9 005</b>
Wong Tai Sin	1 109	21.5%	4 041	78.5%	<b>5 150</b>
Sai Kung	932	22.2%	3 274	77.8%	<b>4 206</b>
Kowloon City	1 099	28.5%	2 758	71.5%	<b>3 857</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	661	21.3%	2 441	78.7%	<b>3 102</b>
Shum Shui Po	931	17.8%	4 314	82.2%	<b>5 245</b>
Sha Tin	1 355	21.4%	4 983	78.6%	<b>6 338</b>
Tai Po	794	26.8%	2 171	73.2%	<b>2 965</b>
North	719	18.6%	3 152	81.4%	<b>3 871</b>
Yuen Long	1 901	19.8%	7 694	80.2%	<b>9 595</b>
Tsuen Wan	606	19.6%	2 492	80.4%	<b>3 098</b>
Kwai Tsing	1 407	20.4%	5 478	79.6%	<b>6 885</b>
Tuen Mun	1 326	19.9%	5 327	80.1%	<b>6 653</b>

**Table 5 - Number of single parents and median monthly domestic household income  
(2011 Population Census)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Single parents</b>	<b>Median monthly domestic household income (\$)</b>
Central & Western	1 805	33 000
Southern	2 874	25 700
Islands	2 034	21 000
Eastern	4 202	25 400
Wan Chai	812	36 150
Kwun Tong	9 005	15 960
Wong Tai Sin	5 150	17 000
Sai Kung	4 206	26 870
Kowloon City	3 857	23 560
Yau Tsim Mong	3 102	22 070
Shum Shui Po	5 245	16 280
Sha Tin	6 338	23 040
Tai Po	2 965	22 340
North	3 871	18 580
Yuen Long	9 595	18 000
Tsuen Wan	3 098	24 100
Kwai Tsing	6 885	17 000
Tuen Mun	6 653	18 000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5454)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding prevention of spouse battering and child abuse, are services specifically for families of new arrivals being provided? If yes, please provide the specific details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 125)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launches publicity and public education programmes every year to enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence. The programmes are targeted at the general public, irrespective of their years of residence in Hong Kong. SWD has also produced a series of leaflets printed in simplified Chinese, publicity videos in Putonghua and publicity videos with simplified Chinese subtitles to introduce the services for victims of domestic violence and to publicise the message relating to prevention of domestic violence. In addition to providing services through the Family and Child Protective Services Units and the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres to motivate families at risk of domestic violence or social isolation, including new arrivals, to receive various support services early, SWD also subsidises a non-governmental organisation to arrange for a service team to station at Lo Wu Control Point to introduce social welfare services to new arrivals.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0374****(Question Serial No. 5455)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out in table form the expenditure and additional manpower in specific and relevant posts for services for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence cases over the past 5 years with breakdowns by the following categories: housing assistance, financial assistance, police intervention, medical service, judicial proceedings, counselling and legal assistance for victims.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 126)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence, support victims/children involved in domestic violence and families in need, and provide counselling service to batterers. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The total expenditure for these services from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>
Expenditure (\$ million)	1,743.1	1,864.0	2,076.8	2,202.3	2,427.3

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for financial assistance and counselling for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence cases. SWD does not keep information on the expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of housing assistance, police intervention, medical treatment, judicial proceedings and legal assistance for persons involved in domestic violence cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5456)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the expenditure or estimates, the specific increase in manpower and the posts involved in the following work over the past 5 years and the coming financial year –

1. Assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding;
2. Setting up new Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs);
3. Further enhancing the support for refuge centres for women;
4. Strengthening the clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence, particularly for children who witnessed domestic violence;
5. Provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems;
6. Continuing the “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” publicity campaign;
7. Monitoring the implementation of the Pilot Project on Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP); and
8. Continuing to provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 127)

Reply:

Details of expenditure, additional manpower and posts in respect of the following services over the past 5 years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2014-15) and for 2015-16 are set out in the Annex.

## Expenditure of Services for Domestic Violence Cases

Item		2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
1. Assistance for victims of domestic violence in purchasing necessities for home-rebuilding	Expenditure (\$ million)	There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for this purpose.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
2. FCPSUs	Expenditure (\$ million)	171.8	180.5	186.3	197.8	203.5	205.7
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower for FCPSUs.					
3. Refuge centres for women	Expenditure (\$ million)	23.1	24.0	26.3	27.3	29.7	30.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	These centres are operated by non-governmental organisations. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, they have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.					
4. Clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence	Expenditure (\$ million)	Clinical Psychology Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide services for different types of service users. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for serving victims of domestic violence.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
5. More flexible child care services	Expenditure (\$ million)	10.5	26.4	23.6	24.4	37.4	39.9
	Additional Manpower & Post	In 2014-15, SWD increased funding to enhance social work support for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project. The service operators may arrange the required manpower in the light of their operation.					
6. Publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence”	Expenditure (\$ million)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0 (plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of docu-drama)	5.0	5.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	There is no additional manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are daily work of various service units of SWD in combating domestic violence.					

7. BIP	Expenditure (\$ million)	There is no breakdown of the funding and manpower specifically allocated for implementing BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by FCPSUs of SWD.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
8. Training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence	Expenditure (\$ million)	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5457)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of cases in the past 5 years in which Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants have to seek assistance from food banks or other funds because their applications have been rejected by reason of their status as new arrivals? Please set out in table form detailed information about the cases and the time frame.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 128)

Reply:

From 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014), a total of 45 applications for CSSA were rejected for failing to meet the then residence requirement. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on applications for short-term food assistance or other funds as mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5458)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information –

1. Please set out in table form the numbers of domestic violence cases by category (including ethnic minorities and sexual minorities) and the sex ratio of each category for the past 5 years; and
2. Have resources been allocated for publicity each year since legislative amendment in 2010. In what ways have resources been allocated? Through what channels? Please provide the information, if available, in table form. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry, the numbers of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) for the past 5 years are set out at Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence to the general public irrespective of their gender identity, including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing educational short films/animations on transportation systems/Internet, posting of posters at public venues and transportation systems, organising games and competitions through the Internet, and distribution of promotional leaflets and premiums, etc. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. From 2010-11 to 2015-16, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million, plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million in 2013-14 for the production of a series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television Hong Kong. In 2015-16, SWD will continue to promote the

messages on combating domestic violence to the public through different channels and modes.

### Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3 163	3 174	2 734	3 836	3 917
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	520	558	434	692	655
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	2 643	2 616	2 300	3 144	3 262
(iv) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	1	2	-	1	5
(v) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants	-	2	3	10	12
(vi) Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	No breakdown of cases involving ethnic minorities <sup>[Note 2]</sup>			4	18
(vii) Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				176	224

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> SWD enhanced the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases in 2013. SWD does not have the relevant statistics before the enhancement.

### Child Abuse Cases

Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(i) Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	1 001	877	894	963	856
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	373	329	327	392	379
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	628	548	567	571	477

SWD does not keep statistical information on the number of victims of ethnic minorities or with different sexual orientations involved in child abuse cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0378****(Question Serial No. 5459)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- How many domestic violence cases requiring assistance have involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities in the past 5 years? Of these cases, how many have required Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and housing assistance? How many of these cases have involved those having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, and of these cases, how many have for that reason been refused CSSA or housing assistance? Please set out the details in table form.
- How much resources have to be allocated for the above work each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 130)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Client Information System (CIS) on 1 April 2013 to capture the profile of the victims served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). There was no relevant statistical information before the enhancement of the CIS. The numbers of victims who were new arrivals and of ethnic minorities in the domestic violence cases served by FCPSUs in the past 2 years <sup>[Note 1]</sup> are set out at the table below –

	<b>2013</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>			<b>2014</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>		
	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>
(i) Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs	1 263	2 432	<b>3 695</b>	1 393	2 576	<b>3 969</b>
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims having arrived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	89	473	<b>562</b>	109	519	<b>628</b>



	<b>2013</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>			<b>2014</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>		
	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>
(iii) Out of (i), number of victims of ethnic minorities <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	23	102	<b>125</b>	32	99	<b>131</b>

[Note 1] Information on the “year of arrival” and “ethnicity” of the victims of some cases which were served by FCPSUs before the system enhancement on 1 April 2013 could not be reflected.

[Note 2] Active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2013.

[Note 3] Active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2014.

[Note 4] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

SWD does not keep information on the numbers of victims of different sexual orientations and victims in need of housing assistance served by FCPSUs. FCPSUs do not refuse to provide services to victims of domestic violence.

- SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and families in need irrespective of their years of residence, ethnicity and sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2015-16, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,628.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding allocated to the cases as mentioned in (1) above.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5460)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. How many victims and abusers involved in domestic violence cases have undergone assessment over the past 5 years? How many of them require subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
2. How many child/youth abuse cases are there over the past 5 years? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them require subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
3. How many cases have involved children/adolescents witnessing domestic violence over the past 5 years? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them require subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
4. How many children/adolescents have witnessed domestic violence and required other services over the past 5 years?
5. How much resources have to be allocated for the above services over the past 5 years?

Please set out the details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 131)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Risk assessment was conducted for all new domestic violence cases, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. From 2010-11 to 2014-15 (April to December 2014), all the victims involved in the 13 925 new domestic violence cases (including 3 792 child abuse cases) handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) underwent risk assessment. Ongoing risk assessment was conducted by case social workers in the process of case handling. During the same period, victims

involved in 2 215 domestic violence cases, including 1 596 child abuse cases, received assessment and treatment at the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD. The duration of treatment ranged from 6 months to 3 years, depending on the complexity of individual cases.

3. & 4. SWD does not have information on the number of cases involving children/adolescents having witnessed domestic violence or the number of these children/adolescents having received assessment and treatment at CPUs of SWD.
5. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, CPUs, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	1,743.1
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3

There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to the services provided for victims of domestic violence cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0380****(Question Serial No. 5461)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide –

1. The number of victims of domestic violence who have been admitted to the refuge centres for the past 5 years;
2. The average duration of stay;
3. The number of divorced persons;
4. The number of them in need of psychiatric or other services;
5. The number of them having been offered public rental housing (PRH), through Conditional Tenancy (CT);
6. The numbers of them having been offered PRH through Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and through splitting of tenancy and those having to rent private housing;
7. The numbers of families and applicants who have had to apply for funds for setting up their new homes, the amounts involved, the number of approved cases, the number of applicants having been rejected and for what reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 132)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Details of the service users of the Refuge Centres for Women over the past 5 years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are as follows –

Item	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)
(1) Total number of service users <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	1 309	1 424	1 418	1 450	1 251
(2) Number of cases in which the victims having stayed less than 3 months <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	443	470	462	459	436

<b>Item</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
(3) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for 3 months or over	156	162	147	176	140

[Note 1] As the service users of Refuge Centres for Women may have multiple admissions in a year, the number of service users is on person-time basis in each financial year.

[Note 2] Since victims may bring their children to the refuge centres, 1 case may have more than 1 service user. Regarding the number of cases discharged from the centres, since the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the exact length of stay of each case, the average period of stay of each case cannot be calculated.

3. to 7. SWD does not have the statistical information on the number of service users of the refuge centres having divorced, being in need of psychiatric service or other services, having been allocated PRH through CT under CR or through splitting of tenancy, or having rented private housing units and being in need of trust funds for purchasing necessities to set up their new home.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0381****(Question Serial No. 5462)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide details in table form regarding the number of child victims of domestic violence who are in need of foster care and residential child care services (RCCS) for the past 5 years. What are the numbers of families and individuals involved in domestic violence? What is the average waiting time for the services? How many of them have needed psychiatric or other services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 133)Reply:

The number of child abuse or suspected abuse victims <sup>[Note 1]</sup> admitted to RCCS <sup>[Note 2]</sup> in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Number of child victims admitted to emergency placement of RCCS <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	165	152	160	116	117
Number of child victims admitted to long-term placement of RCCS <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	158	197	243	198	156

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> There is no statistical information on the number of children admitted to RCCS due to spouse/cohabitant battering of their parents.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> RCCS includes foster care service, small group homes and residential homes for children.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Child victims may be admitted to emergency as well as long-term placements of RCCS.

The average waiting time for child victims' admission to long-term placement of RCCS in the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Average waiting time for admission (months)	3.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7

If a child has urgent need, the social worker responsible for case referral can arrange emergency placement of residential care services for him/her on the same day or in a few days on the merits of individual cases.

As captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases as well as the Child Protection Registry, the number of newly reported domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) in the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Number of domestic violence cases	4 164	4 051	3 628	4 799	4 773

Statistics are kept for each newly reported domestic violence case on individual victim basis but not on household basis. Neither does the Social Welfare Department have the figures on victims of domestic violence requiring psychiatric or other services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5463)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide in details the services provided over the past 5 years for women who are staying in Hong Kong with Two way Permits while being victims of domestic violence? How many such women are there? What sorts of services are unavailable to them? How many children do they have to take care of? What is the age distribution?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 134)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented welfare organisations provide a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service, family support networking service, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support individuals and families in need, including domestic violence victims who are holders of Two-way Permit.

According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, there were 187 and 227 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases involving female victims being holders of Two-way Permit in 2013 and 2014 respectively. As the relevant statistics are only captured by the enhanced system starting from January 2013, statistical information before 2013 is not available. Neither does SWD have statistical information on the number and age distribution of the children of victims being holders of Two-way Permit.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0383****(Question Serial No. 5464)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their families, age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0-below 5, aged 5-below 10, aged 10-below 12, aged 12-below 15 and aged 15 or above) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 135)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA SP recipients in 2010-11 and 2011-12 with breakdowns by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment, number of children, etc. were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	13	428	441	17	413	430
25-29	56	1 200	1 256	51	1 120	1 171
30-39	692	8 465	9 157	585	7 904	8 489
40-49	1 672	12 956	14 628	1 483	12 405	13 888
50-59	1 953	3 216	5 169	1 928	3 202	5 130
60 or above	841	166	1 007	845	167	1 012
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 227</b>	<b>26 431</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>4 909</b>	<b>25 211</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 038	2 179	141	2 094	2 235

Marital status	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Married/ Cohabited	1 549	2 199	3 748	1 338	2 143	3 481
Separated	1 088	4 863	5 951	1 014	4 438	5 452
Divorced	2 095	12 593	14 688	2 097	12 157	14 254
Widowed	354	4 738	5 092	319	4 379	4 698
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 227</b>	<b>26 431</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>4 909</b>	<b>25 211</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2010-11	2011-12
No schooling/kindergarten	2 555	2 263
Primary	13 516	12 624
Lower Secondary	9 459	9 122
Upper Secondary	5 913	5 898
Post-secondary	215	213
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2010-11	2011-12
1	18 194	17 546
2	10 853	10 098
3	2 194	2 077
4	356	332
5 or above	61	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children

Age of children	2010-11	2011-12
4 or below	5 423	5 142
5-9	10 067	9 598
10-11	6 093	5 662
12-14	11 324	10 300
15-21	15 664	15 247
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 571</b>	<b>45 949</b>

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2010-11 (\$ '000)	2011-12 (\$ '000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	26,691	27,077
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,025	1,202
Meals provided by other parties	58	65
Maintenance payment	3,279	3,370
Pension	149	134
Other income	181	200
<b>Overall</b>	<b>31,382</b>	<b>32,048</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5465)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in table form for the past 5 years the number of victims of domestic violence applying for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, the processing time from application to approval, the number of applicants having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, the number of cases where applicants having withdrawn during the process, the number of cases having been turned down, and the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 136)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0385****(Question Serial No. 5466)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding further enhancing the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), the launch of Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence and further enhancing the short-term food assistance service, would the Government please inform this Committee –

Please set out in table form the number of persons seeking assistance each year and the kinds of assistance sought since VSP was introduced? How have support services for victims of domestic violence been further enhanced?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 137)Reply:

The number of service users since the inception of VSP in June 2010 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>
2010-11 (June 2010 to March 2011)	405
2011-12	613
2012-13	661
2013-14	704
2014-15 (April 2014 to December 2014)	478

Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work and recruitment of volunteers are conducted to assist the service users. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct application from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5467)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding further enhancing the provision of Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the launch of Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence and further enhancement of short-term food assistance service, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. How could the short-term food assistance service be further enhanced;
2. Please set out in table form the number of victims of domestic violence in need of food assistance in the past 5 years; and
3. The male/female ratio of these victims, duration of receiving assistance and number of household members;
4. Please set out in table form the breakdowns of the number of victims, their family background and number of household members in each district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 139)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government has on a number of occasions enhanced the short-term food assistance service. Since October 2011, the Government has introduced the provision of food and hot meal coupons to service users on top of the usual provision of dry rations normally offered for people to tide over urgent and short-term needs. Moreover, the Government has extended the service duration for service users and increased the funding for operating organisations since October 2013. The Government has also announced in the 2015 Policy Address that it will earmark further \$200 million to continue the short-term food assistance service for 2 more years up to end-2017. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the short-term food assistance service.
2. to 4. SWD does not have the statistics on victims of family violence in need of food assistance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0387****(Question Serial No. 5468)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding domestic violence, please advise –

1. Please set out in table form the number of cohabitants seeking assistance since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance.
2. How many domestic violence cases, in which assistance is sought, have involved new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities in the recent 5 years? Of these cases, how many have needed housing assistance?
3. What is the male to female ratio in the above cases? How many of them have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years? How many cases are rejected? Please set out the details in table form.
4. How much resources have to be allocated each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 140)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of newly reported domestic violence cases involving cohabitation relationship, as captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance (now renamed Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance), were as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of newly reported domestic violence cases involving cohabitation relationship	581	353	218	202	200	562	771

2. & 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Client Information System (CIS) on 1 April 2013 to capture the profile of the victims served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). SWD does not have the relevant statistics before the enhancement of the CIS. The numbers of victims who were new arrivals and of ethnic minorities in the domestic violence cases served by FCPSUs in the past 2 years are set out in the Annex.

SWD does not have statistical information on the numbers of victims of different sexual orientations and victims in need of housing assistance served by FCPSUs. FCPSUs do not refuse to provide services to victims of domestic violence.

4. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services for victims of domestic violence and families in need irrespective of their years of residence, ethnicity and sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc. In 2015-16, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,628.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated to (1) to (3) above.

**Numbers of Victims Who Were New Arrivals and  
of Ethnic Minorities in the Domestic Violence Cases  
Served by FCPSUs in the Past 2 Years <sup>[Note 1]</sup>**

	<b>2013</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>			<b>2014</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>		
	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Child abuse</b>	<b>Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering</b>	<b>Total</b>
(i) Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs	1 263	2 432	<b>3 695</b>	1 393	2 576	<b>3 969</b>
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims having arrived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	89	473	<b>562</b>	109	519	<b>628</b>
(iii) Out of (i), number of victims of ethnic minorities <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	23	102	<b>125</b>	32	99	<b>131</b>
(iv) Out of (i), number of male victims	567	407	<b>974</b>	658	447	<b>1 105</b>
(v) Out of (i), number of female victims	696	2 025	<b>2 721</b>	735	2 129	<b>2 864</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Information on the “year of arrival” and “ethnicity” of the victims of some cases which were served by FCPSUs before the system enhancement on 1 April 2013 could not be reflected.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2013.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2014.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0388**

**(Question Serial No. 5469)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Family and child protective service includes services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases. In this connection, please advise –

1. The Domestic Violence Ordinance was amended to cover same-sex cohabitants. Since the broadening of statutory protection, have additional resources been allocated for providing service and taking supportive measures for homosexual groups involved in domestic violence cases? If not, what are the reasons?
2. There is serious discrimination against transgender persons in Hong Kong. For these transgender persons who are made homeless due to termination of employment or refusal of tenancy (not related to domestic violence) by landlords, no accommodation services are provided and their service requests are rejected by all existing organisations. When would shelter services suitable for transgender persons be set up?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 141)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need regardless of their sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Victims of domestic violence of different sexual orientations may also receive support from the above-mentioned services.
2. The Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) subvented by SWD offers temporary accommodation service to families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence or in crisis irrespective of whether they are transgender persons. MCISC also provided temporary accommodation for transgender persons. SWD has no plan to set up another shelter specifically for transgender persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0389****(Question Serial No. 5787)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) Please set out the government expenditure for the implementation, number of participants and effectiveness of the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in the past 5 years.
- (b) Please set out the estimated government expenditure for the implementation, target number of participants and the performance indicators of the SFS Scheme for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 160)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been implementing various employment assistance projects under the SFS Scheme (including the New Dawn (ND) Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme) to encourage and assist employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance programmes above into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS).

The number of participants, number of participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling and the expenditure for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the various projects under the SFS Scheme in 2010-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling</b>
2010-11	30 291	7 476
2011-12	23 090	6 027
2012-13	15 483 (as at end-December 2012)	4 222 (as at end-December 2012)

From January 2013 to end-December 2014, the IEAPS had a total of 30 997 participants, among whom 9 930 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the programme. It is expected that there will be 22 800 participants in 2015-16. SWD does not have the numbers of IEAPS participants and participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling broken down by financial year.

NGOs operating IEAPS projects are required to achieve the service performance requirements below –

<b>Category of services</b>	<b>Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 1 month</b>	<b>Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 3 months</b>
Ordinary Employment Assistance Services	20%	15%
Strengthened Employment Assistance Services	40%	30%
ND Project Services	40%	30%
Special Training and Enhancement Programme	45%	35%

The expenditure for NGOs to operate the various employment assistance programmes over the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (actual)	63
2011-12 (actual)	63
2012-13 (actual)	80
2013-14 (actual)	94
2014-15 (revised estimate)	84
2015-16 (estimate)	112

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5788)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The existing adjustment mechanism of the payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme has been lagging behind and is unable to reflect the movement of the Consumer Prices Index for CSSA recipients. Would the Government please advise –

- (1) Will the CSSA payment rates be adjusted by estimation as in the years before 2000? If yes, when will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?
- (2) Will the expenditure level of households in the lowest 5% expenditure group be used for adjusting Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP)? If yes, when will it be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?
- (3) Has any funding been earmarked for carrying out “Basic Needs” study? If yes, what are the specific details? What is the amount of the funding? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 161)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In an audit investigation into the administration of the CSSA and Social Security Allowance Schemes from late 1998 to early 1999, the Director of Audit noted, among other things, that the Government had over-estimated the upward movement of SSAIP in the previous years and, as a result, there was a significant impact on the Government's expenditure. As such, the Government does not consider it appropriate to resume the previous practice of adjusting social security payment rates according to the forecast on inflation. No matter how thorough and sophisticated the forecast may be, discrepancies between the forecast and the actual inflation are inevitable. Where the upward movement of SSAIP is significantly over-estimated, the Government will need to reduce the payment rates so as to offset the over-estimated increase. The recipients may find it difficult to adapt.

- (2) & (3) In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

As SSAIP targets CSSA recipients, it can reflect accurately the impact of price changes on them. In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

In fact, in households of various sizes, the average monthly CSSA payments granted to CSSA recipients are all higher than the average monthly expenditure of non-CSSA households whose spending is the lowest 25% in Hong Kong.

SWD will continue to monitor the movement of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0391****(Question Serial No. 5789)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide, for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past 5 years, the total number of fraud and abuse cases as well as the following: (i) the total number of reported cases; (ii) the number of established cases of fraud and abuse of CSSA; and (iii) the amount of overpayment involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 162)Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 935	2 871	2 310	2 171	1 519
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	1 014	806	1 117	847	532
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	48.6	51.5	68.4	62.6	39.4

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0392****(Question Serial No. 5790)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of caseworkers in the Special Investigation Section (SIS) responsible for the investigation into fraud and abuse cases, the respective grades of the caseworkers and the size of the staffing establishment for the past 5 years. Does the Government have any plan to further expand the size of the SIS?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 163)Reply:

The number of staff in SIS by grade is as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Social security officer grade staff	61	61	61	61	62
Social security assistant grade staff	49	49	51	55	61
General grade staff	4	4	4	9	9
Model I grade staff	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>133</b>

In 2013-14 and 2014-15, SIS was allocated resources to create an additional 17 posts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5791)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Schools are currently implementing life-wide learning, and through the activity approach, students are encouraged to pursue out-of-class learning. Has the Government earmarked funding allocation to support children on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in meeting additional learning needs? What are the specific details? What are the allocations involved? How will the Government implement relevant support programmes? If no funding allocation has been earmarked for this purpose, how can the future leaders of our society be encouraged to pursue life-wide learning?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 166)

Reply:

The CSSA Scheme ensures that children in need have sufficient means to meet their basic and essential needs. The monthly CSSA standard rates for able-bodied children, ranging from \$1,720 to \$2,590, are higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$175 to \$435 to take into account their developmental needs. Pending LegCo approval for adjustments to be made to the rates of CSSA and Social Security Allowance Schemes, the monthly CSSA standard rates for able-bodied children will increase to range from \$1,800 to \$2,710, being higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$180 to \$455.

In addition to the standard rates, school children on CSSA are entitled to a wide range of special grants to meet their educational expenses. These include grants to cover school fees, transport fares to school and examination fees, monthly meal allowance for full-day students taking lunch away from home, and a flat-rate grant, currently ranging from \$1,500 to \$6,155, for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e., books, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses) in each school year.

Apart from CSSA, the Government has developed a comprehensive network of services, many of which are highly subsidised, to take care of our children's developmental needs.



These include education, housing, medical services and a continuum of preventive, supportive and remedial welfare services for children and families.

To support students with financial needs to participate in life-wide learning activities organised or recognised by schools for whole-person development, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has set up the Hong Kong Jockey Club Life-wide Learning Fund since 2002. The accumulated donation amounted to about \$640 million from the 2002/03 school year to the 2014/15 school year. Primary and secondary students who are eligible for CSSA, full-rate grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme or meeting the school's established "financially needy" criteria are eligible to apply for the fund. In the 2013/14 school year, about 230 000 eligible students from 945 schools received assistance through the fund to take part in activities.

In addition, a recurrent funding of \$15 million per annum is allocated to 11 districts of the Social Welfare Department for implementing the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5792)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the following programmes of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

- (1) The Ordinary Employment Assistance Services
- (2) The Strengthened Employment Assistance Services
- (3) The New Dawn (ND) Project Services
- (4) The Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP)

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients participating in the above programmes, and the percentages of those having secured employment and having left the CSSA net over the past 5 years, as well as the expenditure of the programmes over the past 5 financial years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 167)

Reply:

SWD has been implementing various employment assistance programmes under the Support for Self-reliance Scheme (including the ND Project, My STEP and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme) to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance programmes above into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS).

In respect of the various employment assistance programmes, the number of participants, percentage of participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling and percentage of participants who had successfully left the CSSA net in 2010-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling</b>	<b>Percentage of participants having left the CSSA net</b>
2010-11	30 291	24.7%	4.8%
2011-12	23 090	26.1%	6%
2012-13	15 483 (as at end-December 2012)	27.3% (as at end-December 2012)	6.7%

From January 2013 to end-December 2014, there were a total of 30 997 participants in IEAPS, among whom 32% had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS and 6% had successfully left the CSSA net. SWD does not have the number of participants and the percentages of those having secured employment and having left the CSSA net broken down by financial year.

The expenditure for non-governmental organisations to operate the various employment assistance programmes in the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (actual)	63
2011-12 (actual)	63
2012-13 (actual)	80
2013-14 (actual)	94
2014-15 (revised estimate)	84
2015-16 (estimate)	112

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5793)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding applications for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise –

1. the number of green notification letters issued under Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion”, among which, the number of elderly persons aged 65-69 currently receiving Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and the number of those aged 70 or above receiving Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) but who had received NOAA when they were 65-69 years old;
2. the number of complaints about elderly persons being eligible for Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion” but had not received green notification letters;
3. the number of “OALA Reply Slips” received by the Government, among which the numbers of elderly persons choosing not to convert to become OALA recipients; and those indicating that their income exceeded the prescribed limits; with assets, including accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits; and with assets, excluding accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits;
4. the number of yellow notification letters issued under Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion”;
5. the number of applications received for Phase 2 - “Postal Submission”, among which the numbers of elderly persons aged 70 or above currently receiving HOAA but who had not received NOAA when they were 65-69 years old, and those aged 65 or above currently receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), and of these applications the numbers of approved and rejected cases; and
6. the number of applications received for Phase 3 - “New Application”, among which the numbers of approved and rejected cases, as well as the numbers of applicants and successful applicants aged 65-69 and 70 or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 168)

Reply:

In anticipation of the large number of applications at the initial stage of implementing OALA in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) devised a set of simplified application arrangements for different categories of elderly persons, namely Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion", Phase 2 - "Postal Submission" and Phase 3 - "New Application". The simplified application arrangements under Phase 1 and Phase 2 came to an end on 31 December 2013. The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A total of some 293 000 green notification letters were issued during Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion" to the elderly concerned, including about 87 000 NOAA recipients (elderly persons aged 65-69) and 206 000 HOAA recipients (elderly persons aged 70 or above who had received NOAA at the age of 65-69).
2. SWD does not have information on the number of complaints lodged by elderly persons who had previously received NOAA but were not captured in the Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion" arrangement.
3. After sending out the green notification letters on 25 February 2013, SWD received a total of some 18 000 reply slips. Among them, about 10 000 cases opted not to be converted to OALA and 8 000 reported to have income and/or assets exceeding the prescribed limits. For cases reported to have excessive assets, none of them had indicated whether they had any accrued retirement benefits.
4. Under the Phase 2 - "Postal Submission" arrangement, SWD issued a total of some 295 000 yellow notification letters to HOAA recipients aged 70 or above who had no NOAA payment record, and NDA recipients aged 65 or above, inviting them to apply for OALA by post.
5. SWD received some 119 000 postal submission forms under the Phase 2 - "Postal Submission" arrangement, among which about 112 000 applications were approved to receive the allowance and 7 000 were rejected. SWD does not have any breakdown figures of these 119 000 applicants on who were former recipients of HOAA or NDA.
6. As at end-December 2014, SWD received a total of some 77 000 new applications for OALA. Among these applications, about 67 000 were approved, 6 600 rejected and the rest being processed. SWD does not have any breakdown figures on the age groups of these 77 000 applicants at the time of application.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5794)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has implemented the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects to help single parents and child carers on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and whose youngest child is aged 12-14 to enhance their capacity for self-reliance through engagement in paid employment for early integration into the community.

Please advise the number of cases in which recipients were exempted from participating in the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects since their implementation as well as the reasons for exemption.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 169)

Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) by integrating various employment assistance programmes which offer assistance to employable able-bodied CSSA recipients (including the New Dawn (ND) Project which aims to assist single parents and child carers on CSSA in securing employment). Since the launch of the IEAPS in January 2013 up to end-December 2014, there were a total of 61 single parents and child carers exempted from joining the ND Project for special reasons, such as being victims of domestic violence or having to take care of frail family members.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5795)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme provides cash assistance for persons who are injured as a result of violent crimes or acts of law enforcement or their dependants as appropriate, while the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme provides cash assistance for victims of road traffic accidents or their dependants as appropriate.

Please list in table form for the past 10 years the number of applicants under this scheme who were victims of domestic violence, their gender ratio, the rate of successful applications, the amount of compensation, and the reasons for being unsuccessful.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 170)Reply:

Among the 1 382 applications for CLEIC from 2010-11 to 2014-15, there were 43 cases involving domestic violence. The number of cases involving domestic violence, the gender ratio, the percentage of successful applications and the amount of compensation over the past 5 years were as follows –

Year	Number of cases involving domestic violence	Gender			Percentage of successful applications (%)	Amount of compensation (\$ million)
		Male	Female	Male-to-female ratio		
2010-11	10	2	8	1:4	90	0.27
2011-12	13	1	12	1:12	69	0.20
2012-13	6	-	6	-	50	0.21
2013-14	11	5	6	1:1.2	73	0.18
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	3	1	2	1:2	67	0.01

From 2010-11 to 2014-15, 12 CLEIC applications were turned down for various reasons, including the sick leave period being shorter than the minimum requirement, injury not arising from a crime of violence, applicants being lost contact, amount of damages received exceeding the assessed award payable under the CLEIC Scheme and applicants withdrawing their applications.

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of applications for the TAVA Scheme by victims of domestic violence.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5797)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding applications for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in 2013, please advise –

1. the number of green notification letters issued under Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion”, among which, the number of elderly persons aged 65-69 currently receiving Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and the number of those aged 70 or above receiving Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) but who had received NOAA when they were 65-69 years old;
2. the number of complaints about elderly persons being eligible for Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion” but had not received the green notification letters;
3. the number of “OALA Reply Slips” received by the Government, among which the numbers of elderly persons choosing not to convert to become OALA recipients; and those indicating that their income exceeded the prescribed limits; with assets, including accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits; and with assets, excluding accrued retirement benefits, exceeding the prescribed limits;
4. the number of yellow notification letters issued under Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion”;
5. the number of applications received under Phase 2 - “Postal Submission”, among which the numbers of elderly persons aged 70 or above currently receiving HOAA but who had not received NOAA when they were 65-69 years old, and those aged 65 or above currently receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), and of these applications the numbers of approved and rejected cases; and
6. the number of applications received under Phase 3 - “New Application”, among which the numbers of approved and rejected cases, as well as the numbers of applicants and successful applicants aged 65-69 and 70 or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 173)

Reply:

In anticipation of the large number of applications at the initial stage of implementing OALA in 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) devised a set of simplified application arrangements for different categories of elderly persons, namely Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion", Phase 2 - "Postal Submission" and Phase 3 - "New Application". The simplified application arrangements under Phase 1 and Phase 2 came to an end on 31 December 2013. The information sought is provided as follows –

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5798)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The funding for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2014-15 is \$21,626,000,000, an increase of \$2,956,000,000 (15.8%) from the Revised Estimate for 2013-14. Please provide the estimated additional funding needed for as well as the numbers of cases and recipients who have benefited from the following programmes –

1. Inclusion of post-secondary students in CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance;
2. Provision of rent allowance to CSSA recipients who had been Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

Since 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department has included post-secondary students in the calculation of CSSA rent allowance (Measure 1) and provided rent allowance to CSSA recipients who had been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years (Measure 2). The estimated expenditure for the measures was \$26.50 million and \$8.40 million respectively.

As at end-December 2014, Measure 1 involved 1 033 CSSA cases and 1 604 CSSA recipients, while Measure 2 involved 495 CSSA cases and 1 003 CSSA recipients.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5799)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

At present, the residence requirement for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme has been lowered from 7 years to 1 year. Please advise –

1. Since 17 December 2013, the number of CSSA applications from new arrivals who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years;
2. Since 17 December 2013, the number of approved CSSA applications from new arrivals who have resided in HK for less than 7 years; and
3. The additional funding involved in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 176)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. From the date of the judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD received a total of about 8 600 applications which involved persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years, and about 7 400 of the applications were approved. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a discretionary basis had the “7-year residence requirement” still been effective, it is estimated that as at end-December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, involving about \$175 million in CSSA payment in 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5800)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

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2. Since 17 December 2013, the number of approved CSSA applications from new arrivals who have resided in HK for less than 7 years;
3. The additional expenditure incurred, the number of cases and the number of applicants in 2013-14;
4. The additional funding involved, the number of cases and the number of applicants in 2014-15; and
5. The criteria and the basis of calculation adopted by the Government for estimating the aforementioned additional funding.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 177)

Reply:

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0402****(Question Serial No. 5801)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list out, by district of residence and household size, the number of cases of which the level of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments are below, comparable with and above the poverty line, as well as the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was established.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 178)Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2013, there were about 84 900 CSSA households living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy interventions in 2013, involving a poverty population of about 205 800. Among them, about 18.8% were from 1-person households, 43.6% from 2-person households, 20.2% from 3-person households, 12.8% from 4-person households, 3.3% from 5-person households, and 1.3% from 6-and-more-person households. The number of CSSA households in poverty broken down by District Council districts was as follows –

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Number of households</b>
Central & Western	700
Wan Chai	400
Eastern	3 900
Southern	1 900
Yau Tsim Mong	3 200
Sham Shui Po	7 000
Kowloon City	2 400
Wong Tai Sin	6 600
Kwun Tong	12 300
Kwai Tsing	7 500
Tsuen Wan	3 100

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Number of households</b>
Tuen Mun	7 500
Yuen Long	9 000
North	5 000
Tai Po	3 100
Sha Tin	6 300
Sai Kung	3 200
Islands	2 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>84 900</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5802)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise –

1. The staff establishment and the administrative cost involved over the past year;
2. The total amount of allowance paid and the number of recipients over the past year with a breakdown of elderly persons aged 65-69 and those aged 70 or above; and
3. The number of cases with random check conducted over the past year, and among which how many fraud cases were detected?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 179)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In the first year of implementing OALA in 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) created about 100 additional posts, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$32 million. In 2014-15, SWD further recruited about 40 additional staff to conduct a postal review on OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion” arrangement, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$11 million.

Since social security staff are responsible for handling cases of various social security schemes (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Assistance (SSA) Scheme, with OALA being one of the categories under the SSA Scheme), SWD does not have a breakdown on the number of social security staff designated for handling OALA cases.

2. The revised estimate of OALA for 2014-15 is \$12.397 billion, which has covered the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in that year. As at end-December 2014, the numbers of OALA cases involving recipients aged 65-69 and aged 70 or above were 115 848 and 296 443 respectively, totalling 412 291 cases.



3. SWD conducted postal review in 2014-15 for all the 263 404 recipients in that year who had been granted OALA under the Phase 1 - “Auto-conversion” arrangement in order to screen out recipients failing the means-test before the expiry of the grace period by end-November 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0404**

**(Question Serial No. 5803)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the administration of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme which provides cash assistance for those in need on a means-tested basis, and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please advise –

1. Please set out in table form the number of cohabitants seeking assistance since the amendment of the Domestic Violence Ordinance;
2. The male/female ratio of these applicants of whom how many have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, the number of applications turned down and the reasons; and
3. Please set out in table form their needs for any other services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 181)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides support services to applicants of CSSA and SSA as appropriate according to their welfare needs.

SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA or SSA applications as a result of domestic violence, nor applications made by cohabitants.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5820)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding postnatal depression of women, please advise -

1. How many women have abused their children as a result of postnatal depression in the recent 5 years? How many of the cases have involved spouse battering?
2. How are identified child abuse cases resulting from postnatal depression of women being followed up? If such follow-up work is undertaken, please specify the details. If no, what are the reasons?
3. What new services are available to families with new-borns so as to avoid child abuse resulting from postnatal depression of women? If yes, please specify the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 198)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of cases of child abuse or spouse/cohabitant battering involving abusers/batterers suffering from postnatal depression.
2. The Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD are the specialised units to provide a coordinated package of one-stop services for victims of domestic violence, including child abuse cases. For suspected child abuse cases involving abusers suffering from postnatal depression, social workers provide immediate intervention to protect the safety and well-being of the child(ren) and arrange psychiatric and/or psychological services for the abusers. Social workers, in accordance with the Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases (Revised 2007), conduct social investigation and risk assessment in respect of the suspected child abuse cases, and formulate welfare plans for the children concerned through the Multi-disciplinary Case Conference on Suspected Child Abuse.

3. The Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) aims to identify at an early stage and provide timely support for at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychosocial needs and pre-primary children with physical, developmental and/or behavioural problems. Through the platforms of the Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) and other service units as the platform, CCDS has strengthened cross-sectoral collaboration and promoted the target service users' accessibility to health and social services. Under CCDS, mothers with postnatal depression are identified through systematic screening conducted in MCHCs. Appropriate follow-up services, including specialised counselling by visiting psychiatric nurses at MCHCs, and referrals to psychiatric services at public hospitals or social services at Integrated Family Service Centres, are provided to enable mothers with postnatal depression to regain resilience, restore their normal functioning and prevent further deterioration of family problems.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0406****(Question Serial No. 5827)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) Please give the details of the purposes or services that the additional resources allocated to the subsidised agencies will be used for. Please also list the estimates for each service item.
- (2) Regarding each item of the purposes and services listed in (1), by what means (e.g. invitation to tender, Lump Sum Grant (LSG)) will the Government allocate the resources to the subsidised agencies?
- (3) Regarding each item of the services listed in (1) to be provided, what is the timetable of the Government? In which districts will the services be launched?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 207)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) & (3) The Government will increase the recurrent funding by \$71 million to provide 58 additional places for day care (DC) service and 169 additional subsidised residential care places, and to adjust the subsidies for 6 existing contract homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, with a view to enhancing the existing services, including end-of-life care service. The residential care places/number of places involved in the funding are as follows –

Items	No. of additional places/ places involved	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)	Year of service commencement
DC places for the elderly <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	58	5.35	2015-2016
Newly constructed contract homes <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	60	13.39	2017-2018
Making better use of space in subvented and contract homes <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	109	14.14	2015-2016 to 2016-2017

<b>Items</b>	<b>No. of additional places/ places involved</b>	<b>Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Year of service commencement</b>
Adjustment of subsidies for the 6 existing contract homes	560	38.16	2016-2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>71.04</b>	<b>-</b>

[Note 1] One of the contract homes also provides DC service for the elderly.

[Note 2] The additional places for DC service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

[Note 3] The newly constructed contract home will be provided in Sha Tin.

[Note 4] The new additional residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

- (2) Resources for the above items will be allocated through the LSG subvention system, except for the contract homes concerned which will be through open competitive bidding/contract renewal.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5832)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There have been a number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients in recent years. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following for the past 5 years –

1. How many adult probationers have needed residential care?
2. What types of residential homes/hostels have the adult probationers been admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements?
3. Whether the adult probationers have had to wait for admission to residential home/hostels? If yes, how long do they have to wait and what arrangements have been made during the waiting period?
4. Whether any probationers have been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases are there? and
5. What are the nature of these missing cases and the proportion of male to female among them? What follow-up actions have been taken?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 212)

Reply:

Probation service is a community-based rehabilitation programme. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5833)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

A number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients have happened in recent years. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs)/long stay care homes (LSCHs) between 2007 and 2012?
2. Were there waiting lists for the above services between 2007 and 2012? If yes, how long did people have to wait?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 213)Reply:

The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWH and LSCH in the past 5 years (i.e. during the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14) were as follows –

<b>Year</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Average enrolment rate</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	<b>Average waiting time</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup> <b>(in months)</b>	
		<b>HWH</b>	<b>LSCH</b>
2009-10	98%	6.2	31.8
2010-11	95%	8.2	38.2
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6
2012-13	98%	8.2	16.7
2013-14	95%	7.2	32.5

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The enrolment rates and the average waiting time are compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises, e.g. lead time between confirmation of acceptance of offer of an HWH or LSCH place and formal admission to HWH or LSCH, etc. Hence, the enrolment rate may not be 100% at any one time.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5839)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please inform this Committee the following –

1. Details on the number of cases requiring medical consultation due to domestic violence since 2010.
2. What kinds of treatment have they needed and for how long?
3. How many cases have required referrals to other agencies or departments for follow-up actions?
4. How many cases have required psychiatric or psychological treatment? For how long do they have to undergo treatment? What have been the proportions of children, young people, males and females? What has been the ratio of victims to batterers?
5. How many resources are allocated each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 219)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cases in which the victims of domestic violence require medical consultation and the kinds of treatment they receive.
3. SWD does not have the number of referrals of domestic violence cases to other agencies or departments for follow-up actions.
4. From 2010-11 to 2014-15 (April to December 2014), the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD provided psychological assessment/treatment services for a total of 2 215 child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. The time required by CPUs for following up such cases ranges from 6 months to over 3 years, depending on the complexity of individual cases. SWD has no statistical information on the respective proportions of children, young people,

males and females as well as the victims and batterers in these cases. Neither does SWD have any statistical information on the number of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases requiring psychiatric services.

5. CPUs provide services for service users with different needs. SWD has no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5852)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) under Head 170 that the number of places provided in day care centres for the elderly (DEs) and day care units for the elderly (DCUs) will be increased by 78 (2.6%) from 2 981 in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) to 3 059 in 2015-16 (Estimate).

1. Is such a rate of increase enough to meet the increasing demand of the elderly population on the need of care services?
2. In the estimates for the past 2 years and the coming year, the enrolment rate of the above services has been 105%. Why does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allow such condition to happen? Are there any measures to lower the enrolment rate to a reasonable level of 100%?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 234)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The additional 78 places for day care (DC) service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts in 2015-16. Apart from additional resources for increasing the 78 places for DC service for the elderly in 2015-16, SWD has also earmarked sites in new development projects for construction of new contract homes and DEs/DCUs. It is expected that a total of 390 additional day care places can be provided in the future.
2. Since some elderly persons occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the DEs/DCUs every day, it is therefore possible for DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of day care places is set at 105% accordingly to maximise the utilisation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5853)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) under Head 170 that the monthly cost per case of integrated home care services (IHCS) will be increased by \$9 from \$1,742 in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) to 1,751 in 2015-16 (Estimate). This increase of 0.5% is much lower than the general inflation rate. How would the Government ensure that the basic quality of the relevant services could be maintained and that the needs of the elderly persons could be met?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 235)

Reply:

The subvention for emoluments in the 2015-16 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2014 while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC forms a relatively small part of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for IHCS place is not significant. If civil service pay were to be adjusted in 2015-16, the adjustment in the unit cost will be reflected in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in meeting operating expenses, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5854)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (the Programme), please list the number of cases approved, the number of cases by type of payment and the total funding allocation in each of the years since the implementation of the Programme, as well as the effectiveness evaluation of the Programme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 236)

Reply:

The Programme was introduced in June 2013. As at February 2015, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had approved 68 applications with subsidy of over \$0.92 million granted for the procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications for 68 employees with disabilities. Most applications involved procurement of assistive devices including optical magnifiers plus software, computer equipment with vision aid, etc. There were also applications that involved workplace modification, such as replacement of moveable doors to facilitate access of employees with disabilities.

The employees covered in the 68 applications included 36 persons with vision impairment, 12 persons with hearing impairment, 10 physically handicapped persons, 5 mentally handicapped persons, 2 ex-mentally ill persons, 2 autistic persons and 1 viscerally disabled person.

These employees with disabilities are employed in social welfare agencies, and the catering, auto care, wholesale and retail industries on a wide range of duties involving mainly clerical jobs from frontline welfare services to logistic support. SWD will keep under review the content and effectiveness of the Programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0413****(Question Serial No. 5861)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government provide the total government expenditure for Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively for the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 246)Reply:

The expenditure for NDA and HDA (including the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	
	<b>NDA</b>	<b>HDA</b>
2010-11	2,041	572
2011-12	2,222	628
2012-13	2,434	685
2013-14	2,095	717
2014-15 (revised estimate)	2,267	789

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0414****(Question Serial No. 5862)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government provide the total government expenditure for the 3 categories of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, namely able-bodied/50% disabled, 100% disabled and those requiring constant attendance, for the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 247)Reply:

The expenditure or estimated expenditure of CSSA cases of permanent disability and ill health <sup>[Note]</sup> from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Permanent disability	Ill health
2010-11	1,168	1,754
2011-12	1,315	1,942
2012-13	1,374	2,036
2013-14	1,384	2,043
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	1,490	2,223

The expenditure or estimated expenditure for 2010-11 to 2014-15 had included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years.

<sup>[Note]</sup> There are 7 categories of CSSA cases, namely “old age”, “permanent disability”, “ill health”, “single parent”, “low-earnings”, “unemployment” and “others”. In addition, under the CSSA Scheme, persons with disabilities may receive different standard rate payments according to their level of disability (including 50% disabled, 100% disabled and requiring constant attendance).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0415****(Question Serial No. 5863)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of People with Disabilities/Chronic Illness (the Scheme), please list the total funding allocation, the number of self-help organisations benefited and the types of payments in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 248)Reply:

The total funding allocation for the Scheme and the number of self-help organisations funded under the Scheme in the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Date of implementation (on a biennial basis)</b>	<b>Number of self-help organisations funded under the Scheme</b>	<b>Total funding allocation (biennial) (\$)</b>
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012	56	17,083,832
1 April 2012 to 30 September 2014	68	24,301,515
1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016	79	29,434,660

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5864)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under Programme (4) that the Government would enhance the sign language interpretation service for persons with hearing impairment. Please provide specific information and the estimated expenditure of this initiative.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 249)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has provided additional resources for 2 Multi-service Centres for Hearing Impaired Persons and 4 Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled providing the sign language interpretation service in 2014-15, with a view to increasing the manpower to enhance the sign language interpretation service for persons with hearing impairment. Such initiative involves an additional full-year recurrent funding of \$2.57 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0417****(Question Serial No. 5865)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the total funding allocation, the unit cost, the estimated number of service users and the staffing establishment of the community rehabilitation network (CRN), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre, occasional child care service (OCCS) and special child care centres (SCCCs).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 250)Reply:

The expenditure and the estimated numbers of service users of CRN, PRCs, CRDCs, DSCs and ICCMWs are as follows –

<b>Community support services</b>	<b>2014-15 Revised Estimate (\$ million)</b>	<b>Number of service users (from April to end-December 2014)</b>
CRN	29.0	N/A <sup>[Note]</sup>
PRC	14.3	Some 5 000 registered members
CRDC	19.0	Some 3 500 service admissions
DSC	141.8	Some 5 300 registered members
ICCMW	252.5	Some 21 300 members

<sup>[Note]</sup>

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of CRN service users.

SWD does not keep information on the unit costs of the above community support services.

The estimated numbers of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Pre-school rehabilitation services</b>	<b>Estimated number of places in 2014-15</b>
EETC	3 251
SCCC	1 913
IP	2 100
OCCS	95

SWD does not keep information on the unit costs of the above pre-school rehabilitation services. In the revised estimate for 2014-15, the cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services is \$7,475.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the above services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5867)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information –

1. How many persons in Hong Kong are currently on the waiting list for conducting assessments on special education needs and who are at pre-school stage and primary school stage respectively?
2. What are currently the shortest, the longest and the median waiting time under the various service systems (including early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) and special child care centres (SCCCs))?
3. Are there currently any temporary support services to assist students with special needs who are still waiting for relevant services after assessment? Please list in detail the types, the eligibility, the number of places and the fees of such support services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 257)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Department of Health (DH) does not have the number of children on the waiting list for conducting assessments on special educational needs (SEN) in Hong Kong. In 2014, the Child Assessment Service (CAS) of DH received 9 494 referrals of new cases (provisional figure) and assessed 14 909 cases (provisional figure), of which 11 834 cases (provisional figure) were referred to pre-school or school placements for training and educational support. DH does not have statistics on the breakdown of cases by learning stage and age group.

At primary school level, the Education Bureau (EDB) has put in place a territory-wide “Early Identification and Intervention of Learning Difficulties Programme” for all public sector primary schools to identify students in primary 1 suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will arrange prompt learning support for those students identified to have learning difficulties and monitor their progress. For students

showing severe or persistent learning difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to educational psychologists (EPs) or other professionals as appropriate for assessment. In the 2013/14 school year, about 80% of the cases referred to EPs were assessed within 2 months and about 90% within 4 months. The remaining cases with a longer waiting time for assessment were often due to some specific circumstances, e.g. assessment deferred on the request of the parents and assessment held up pending the students' medical treatment.

2. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the longest, shortest and median waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services, including EETC, SCCC and IP. The respective average waiting time for these services in 2013-14 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2013-14 (in months)
EETC	19
SCCC	18.5
IP	14.1

3. CAS provides transitional support services such as talks, workshops, training courses, etc. for parents while their children are waiting for educational and pre-school services so as to enhance parents' understanding of their children's conditions.

On the other hand, the Community Care Fund launched in December 2011 an assistance programme known as Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services to enable pre-school children from low-income families who are in need of rehabilitation services to receive necessary services as soon as possible so as to facilitate their learning and development while waiting for subvented services. The programme was regularised on 1 October 2014, providing 1 422 places. Applicant children must be on the waiting list for pre-school rehabilitation services, with monthly household income not exceeding 75% of the median monthly domestic household income applicable to the applicant's household size at the time of application. This assistance programme is not fee-charging.

Schools provide support for all the primary and secondary students assessed as having SEN based on their individual needs under the 3-Tier Intervention Model. Tier-1 support is to help students with mild or transient learning difficulties through basic resources and quality teaching in the regular classroom. Tier-2 support is to provide "add-on" intervention, e.g. small group learning, pull out programmes, etc., for students with persistent learning difficulties, including those with SEN. Tier-3 support is to provide intensive individualised support for students with severe learning difficulties and SEN. EDB has been providing additional resources, professional support and teacher training for schools to facilitate their care for students with SEN. Schools may flexibly deploy resources to employ additional teaching staff and/or procure professional services to render support for the students.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5874)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (4), there are increases in the cost per place for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), day activity centres (DACs), pre-school services for children with disabilities and sheltered workshops (SWs). Please give the reasons for such increases and explain in detail whether such increases can directly benefit persons with disabilities and help improve their quality of life.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 267)

Reply:

The increase in the unit costs of RCHDs, DACs, pre-school services for children with disabilities and SWs in the 2015-16 Estimate as compared with 2014-15 is mainly attributed to the following factors –

- (a) increase in the provision for “Other Charges” to help non-governmental organisations cope with the service operating expenses;
- (b) full-year expenditure required for implementing new measures in 2014-15, including increasing the manpower for day training and vocational rehabilitation service units (including DACs, SWs/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres) in order to better meet the needs of ageing service users with deteriorating functioning level; and
- (c) additional funding to strengthen support for ageing service users, including increasing the manpower of long stay care homes and enhancing the allied health professional services in hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6201)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide details of the basis for calculating the rates of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme payments, as well as the items in the basket of goods and services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 277)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard rate CSSA payments (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

On the other hand, SWD has also implemented targeted measures to improve the CSSA Scheme. For example, in line with the broad policy directions of poverty alleviation through promoting upward mobility and self-reliance through employment, SWD implemented various measures in 2014 focusing on enhancing support for students receiving CSSA and increasing work incentives for adult CSSA recipients. Those measures included –

- (a) increasing the flat-rate grants for selected items of school related expenses for primary and secondary students of CSSA families by \$1,000 in addition to the annual adjustment according to the established mechanism through regularisation of a Community Care Fund (CCF) programme from the 2014/15 school year;
- (b) including post-secondary students of CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance with effect from April 2014 so that a family's entitlement to rent allowance will not be affected if it has members receiving post-secondary education; and
- (c) implementing a pilot Incentive Scheme under the CCF since April 2014 to encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net and achieve self-reliance through employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6202)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Using an able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) adult recipient under the age of 60 as an example, please explain how the standard rate of \$2,155 is calculated. Please set out in details the amount and percentage of the respective items of goods and services involved in the basket.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 291)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update has been made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the CSSA standard payment rates be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6203)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Using a 50% disabled child recipient of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) as an example, please explain how the standard rate of \$3,440 is calculated. Please set out the amount and percentage of the respective items of goods and services involved in the basket.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 292)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard rate CSSA payments (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6205)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please explain in detail whether any changes have been made to the base rates and the items for calculation under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme since 1996. If yes, what have been the changes? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 294)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard rate CSSA payments (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

According to the abovementioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates on an annually.

On the other hand, SWD has also implemented targeted measures to improve the CSSA Scheme. For example, in line with the broad policy directions of promoting upward mobility and self-reliance through employment as a means of poverty alleviation, SWD implemented various measures in 2014 focusing on enhancing support for school children receiving CSSA and increasing work incentives for adult CSSA recipients. Those measures included –

- (a) increasing the flat-rate grants for selected items of school related expenses for primary and secondary students of CSSA families by \$1,000 in addition to the annual adjustment according to the established mechanism through regularisation of a Community Care Fund (CCF) programme from the 2014/15 school year;
- (b) including post-secondary students of CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance with effect from April 2014 so that a family's entitlement to rent allowance will not be affected if it has members receiving post-secondary education; and
- (c) implementing a pilot Incentive Scheme under the CCF since April 2014 to encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net and achieve self-reliance through employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6207)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of social workers in subvented organisations by service areas (family, medical, youth, elderly persons, community work...) whose wages are paid in accordance with the Civil Service Pay Scales over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 296)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6208)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of social workers in subvented organisations by service areas (family, medical, youth, elderly persons, community work...) whose wages are not paid in accordance with the Civil Service Pay Scales over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 297)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6213)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide –

1. the number of newly assessed severely mentally handicapped persons in the past 5 years;
2. the number of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identities unknown and their types of disabilities in the past 5 years;
3. the services available to severely mentally handicapped persons from birth to pre-schooling; the respective number of places and the respective staffing establishment of these services; the remuneration of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance items; and the amount per service user by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 506)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have data on the number of persons assessed as severely mentally handicapped per year.
2. SWD does not have data on the number of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identities unknown per year.
3. The pre-school rehabilitation services available to severely mentally handicapped persons from birth to pre-schooling include early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services. EETCs provide services to children with disabilities from birth to the age of 2 years and those aged between 2 and below 6 who are in need of the service after assessment or those who are on the waiting list for SCCC service. SCCCs provide services to children aged between 2 and below 6 with moderate or severe disabilities. The numbers of

places in EETCs and SCCC by Administrative District of SWD as at end-December 2014 are set out at the Annex.

The assistance programme of Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Programme) under the Community Care Fund was launched in December 2011, with a view to enabling children from low-income families and those who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers. The Programme was regularised by the Government with increased subsidies in October 2014. A maximum subsidy level of \$3,867 per month is granted for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCC or residential SCCC.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, a lump sum grant is given to all subvented service units of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs being met. SWD does not have information on the costs of services provided for persons with different types of disability nor on the amount of subsidy per person. The revised estimate for the rehabilitation services provided for pre-school children is \$617 million in 2014-15.



**Number of places in EETCs and SCCC as at end-December 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>EETC</b>	<b>SCCC</b>
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	205	199
Eastern & Wan Chai	401	216
Kwun Tong	262	66
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	416	333
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	216	30
Sham Shui Po	274	205
Sha Tin	291	138
Tai Po & North	205	192
Yuen Long	172	108
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	292	168
Tuen Mun	165	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>1 775</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6222)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the staffing establishment of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)? What are the number of newly admitted residents and their age in each District Council district in the past 5 years? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance items? What are the standard floor area and facilities (including vehicles)? What is the cost of construction?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 553)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the age groups of people newly admitted into HSMHs. For the number of people newly admitted into HSMHs in each district in the past 5 years, please refer to the Annex.

The net operational floor area for a 50-place HSMH is 691 m<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The facilities of an HSMH comprise a physiotherapy room, a dining and multi-purpose room, a common room, a room for small groups, bedrooms, etc.

The construction costs normally cover expenses for works on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works. As the construction cost hinges on factors such as constraints of the site, the condition of soil plus building design, method and specifications as well as the market condition and price regarding works projects, SWD has no information on any fixed construction costs of HSMHs for reference.

**Number of people newly admitted into HSMHs  
in various districts in the territory during 2010-2014**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>New intake</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>2010-11 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>	
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	8	4	4	9	<b>34</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	2	2	1	2	<b>10</b>
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	6	6	<b>18</b>
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	6	9	7	3	3	<b>28</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	28	57	5	2	-	<b>92</b>
Sham Shui Po	2	1	1	24	-	<b>28</b>
Sha Tin	8	7	2	6	6	<b>29</b>
Tai Po/North	1	-	1	1	-	<b>3</b>
Yuen Long	3	3	1	1	2	<b>10</b>
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	40	27	16	21	167	<b>271</b>
Tuen Mun	9	2	6	4	6	<b>27</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>550</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0428**

**(Question Serial No. 6225)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the staffing establishment of day activity centres (DACs)? What are the number of newly admitted residents and their age in each District Council district in the past 5 years? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance items? What are the standard floor area and facilities (including vehicles)? What is the cost of construction?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 557)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the age groups of people newly served by DACs. For the number of people newly served by DACs by Administrative District of SWD in the past 5 years, please see Table 1.

The net operational floor area for a 50-place DAC is 319 m<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The facilities of a DAC comprise a training room, a multi-purpose room, an interview room, etc. Besides, a 50-place standalone DAC is provided with a light bus suitable for conversion into one for the use of persons with disabilities (including wheelchair users).

The construction costs normally cover expenses for works on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works. As the construction cost hinges on factors such as constraints of the site, the condition of soil plus building design, method and specifications as well as the market condition and price regarding works projects, SWD has no information on any fixed construction costs of DACs for reference.

**Number of people newly served by DACs  
in various districts in the territory during 2010-2014**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>New intake</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>2010-11 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>	
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	16	16	8	8	11	<b>59</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	13	5	7	12	<b>49</b>
Kwun Tong	11	27	8	9	14	<b>69</b>
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	11	19	9	12	16	<b>67</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	14	15	10	9	17	<b>65</b>
Sham Shui Po	6	7	7	28	9	<b>57</b>
Sha Tin	14	10	9	11	15	<b>59</b>
Tai Po/North	7	8	3	4	9	<b>31</b>
Yuen Long	3	3	1	17	3	<b>27</b>
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	54	36	29	24	185	<b>328</b>
Tuen Mun	42	82	19	14	30	<b>187</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>998</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6227)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the staffing establishment of care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)? What are the number of newly admitted residents and their age in each District Council district in the past 5 years? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance items? What are the standard floor area and facilities (including vehicles)? What is the cost of construction?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 560)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the age groups of people newly admitted into C&A/SDs. For the number of people newly admitted into C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD in the past 5 years, please refer to the Annex.

The net operational floor area for a 50-place C&A/SD is 780 m<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The facilities of a C&A/SD comprise bedrooms, an activity room, a nurse room, an occupational therapy room, a physiotherapy room, an interview room, a conference room and general home facilities. Besides, a 50-places C&A/SD is provided with a light bus suitable for conversion into one for the use of persons with disabilities (including wheelchair users).

The construction costs normally cover expenses for works on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works. As the construction cost hinges on factors such as constraints of the site, the condition of soil plus building design, method and specifications as well as the market condition and price regarding works projects, SWD has no information on any fixed construction costs of C&A/SDs for reference.

**Number of people newly admitted into C&A/SDs  
in various districts in the territory during 2010-2014**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>New intake</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>2010-11 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 31 March)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>	
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	8	10	11	3	<b>41</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	2	3	3	5	<b>17</b>
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	3	2	8	4	4	<b>21</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	12	<b>12</b>
Sha Tin	9	10	5	3	4	<b>31</b>
Tai Po/North	3	2	5	4	5	<b>19</b>
Yuen Long	1	2	4	4	2	<b>13</b>
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	37	27	12	26	27	<b>129</b>
Tuen Mun	3	4	-	3	1	<b>11</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>294</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6228)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the staffing establishments of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) and the residential respite services provided by care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)? What is the estimated number of additional places by District Council district in the past 5 years? What is the actual number of additional places in the past 5 years? What is the actual number of places available for use in each district? What is the quarterly utilisation rate in each district? What are the numbers of service users in Hong Kong and in each district per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only)? What is the number of people whose service requests have been rejected (the same person rejected in more than 1 district not counted as 1) in each district? What are the reasons for not providing the services? What is the cost per service user?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 561)

Reply:

Residential respite services are enhanced supporting services provided by residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through casual vacancies or designated places. If there are vacancies, RCHDs can admit applicants directly by offering them short-term residential care services.

In July 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allocated additional resources to enhance residential respite services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. Among the 36 additional places of residential respite services to be available in the fourth quarter of 2014-15, 7 were offered by HSMH and C&A/SD. The numbers of places of residential respite services offered by HSMH and C&A/SD in various districts in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have the overall utilisation rate of residential respite services nor the number of service users per quarter in various districts.



Over the past 5 years, SWD did not receive any report of cases in which service requests had been rejected.

At present, the funding allocation for residential respite services for persons with disabilities has been met under the recurrent subvention of the rehabilitation service units providing such service. SWD does not have the breakdown on the financial resources involved in such service. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs being met.

**Numbers of places of residential respite services in various districts  
during 2010-14 (only including the places offered by HSMH and C&A/SD)**

Administrative Districts of SWD	Number of places									
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSMH	C&A/SD	HSMH	C&A/SD
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	2	8	21	8	21	8	21	8	21	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	-	6	-	6	-	4	-	4	-
Kwun Tong	13	-	13	-	13	-	13	-	13	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Sham Shui Po	3	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
Sha Tin	9	-	9	-	9	-	7	-	7	-
Tai Po/North	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Yuen Long	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	15	4	15	4	15	4	11	2	11	2
Tuen Mun	12	2	12	2	12	2	12	-	12	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>89</b> [Note 1]	<b>11</b> [Note 2]	<b>89</b>	<b>11</b>

[Note 1]

In 2013-14, places of residential respite services offered by HSMH was reduced by 8 by NGOs providing services for persons with disabilities.

[Note 2]

In 2013-14, places of residential respite services offered by C&A/SD was reduced by 6 by NGOs providing services for persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6229)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the staffing establishment of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSC)? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance? What is the actual number of places for various services available for use in each district? What is the quarterly utilisation rate of various services in each district? What are the number of service users of various services per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) and their types of disabilities in each district? What is the number of people whose service requests for various services have been rejected (the same person rejected in more than 1 district not counted as 1) in each district per quarter? What are the reasons for rejecting the service requests for various services? What is the cost per service user of various services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 562)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisations operating DSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists, nurses and other supporting staff, and to determine the salary levels of their staff, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs met.

DSCs operate on a membership system and there is therefore no actual number of places for the service. While home respite and day care services are counted in terms of the number of admissions, other services are counted in terms of the numbers of sessions and service hours. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the enrolment rate, number of people served, distribution by type of disabilities, number of people whose service requests have been rejected, reasons for rejection, etc. of various services in each district per quarter. Neither does SWD keep information on the cost per service user of various services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6231)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the day respite service available for severely mentally handicapped persons? What is the staffing establishment? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance? What is the actual number of places available for use in each District Council district? What is the quarterly utilisation rate in each district? What is the number of service users per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) in each district? What is the number of people whose service requests have been rejected (the same person rejected in more than 1 district not counted as 1) in each district? What are the reasons for rejecting the service requests? What is the cost per service user of various services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 571)

Reply:

Day respite service is an enhanced support service provided by units of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating services for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons and integrated rehabilitation services centres). If there are vacancies, service units for persons with disabilities can admit applicants directly by offering them short-term day care services.

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided additional resources to increase the manpower of programme organisers and provide additional places of day respite service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. A programme organiser is responsible for taking care of 2 service users so as to meet the caring needs of children with disabilities aged from 6 to 15.

The number of places of day respite service by Administrative District of SWD and the number of service users in person-time per quarter are set out in the Annex. SWD has not received any report of cases in which service requests have been rejected and does not have

the number of day respite service users and its utilisation rate, nor the breakdown of the financial resources involved in day respite service.

**Table 1: Number of places of day respite service in various districts in 2014-15  
(as at January 2015)**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>Number of Places</b>
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	6
Kwun Tong	15
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6
Sham Shui Po	12
Sha Tin	24
Tai Po/North	26
Yuen Long	6
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	34
Tuen Mun	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>

**Table 2: Number of day respite service users in person-time  
in various districts in each quarter of 2014-15  
(April to December 2014)**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>Number of service users in person-time</b>				<b>Total number of service users in person-time</b>
	<b>First quarter</b>	<b>Second quarter</b>	<b>Third quarter</b>	<b>Fourth quarter (not yet available)</b>	
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	17	20	21	--	<b>58</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	-	--	<b>-</b>
Kwun Tong	-	4	1	--	<b>5</b>
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	-	-	--	<b>-</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	--	<b>-</b>
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	--	<b>-</b>
Sha Tin	14	14	6	--	<b>34</b>
Tai Po/North	12	40	14	--	<b>66</b>
Yuen Long	11	17	18	--	<b>46</b>
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	37	24	6	--	<b>67</b>
Tuen Mun	5	7	6	--	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>294</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6232)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the home-based support day service available for severely mentally handicapped persons? What is the staffing establishment? What are the salaries of various types of jobs and the amounts of various subsidy/allowance? What is the actual number of places available for use in each district? What is the quarterly utilisation rate in each district? What is the number of service users per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) in each district? What is the number of people whose service requests have been rejected in each district? What are the reasons for rejecting the service requests? What is the cost per service user of various services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 574)

Reply:

At present, home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) may provide home-based support service for severely mentally handicapped persons. Up to 3 250 persons with severe disabilities can be served each year. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the service have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The number of HCS places and the number of service users per quarter by service district are set out in the Annex.

If applicants for HCS are assessed by the HCS assessment tool to be ineligible for the service, service operators will make appropriate referrals so that ineligible applicants can receive other community services. The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of people whose service requests for HCS have been rejected in the districts, or the cost per place per month of HCS.

**Table 1 – Number of HCS places**

<b>Service district</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
Central & Western, Southern, Islands, Eastern & Wan Chai	500
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	500
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	500
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	500
Sha Tin, Tai Po & North, Sai Kung	625
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong & Tseung Kwan O	625

**Table 2 – Number of HCS users per quarter**

<b>Service district</b>	<b>First quarter of 2014</b>	<b>Second quarter of 2014</b>	<b>Third quarter of 2014</b>
Central & Western, Southern, Islands, Eastern & Wan Chai	27	57	94
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	245	255	277
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	61	135	170
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	223	256	278
Sha Tin, Tai Po & North, Sai Kung	50	102	155
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong & Tseung Kwan O	48	103	127

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6237)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list in detail the social welfare benefits and the amounts of payments available to each severely mentally handicapped person living independently and not on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
2. Please list in detail the social welfare benefits and the amounts of payments available to each severely mentally handicapped person living with families and not on CSSA. What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
3. Please define in detail "50% disabled", "100% disabled" and "requiring constant attendance" under the CSSA Scheme.
4. Please list in detail the allowances and the amounts of allowance available to disabled CSSA recipients. What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
5. Please list in detail the social welfare benefits and the amounts of payments available to each severely mentally handicapped person neither living with families nor living independently for a long period of time. What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
6. Please list in detail the social welfare benefits and the amounts of payments available to each family of severely mentally handicapped persons. What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
7. Please list in detail the social welfare benefits and the amounts of payments available to each carer of severely mentally handicapped persons. What are the relevant eligibility criteria and restrictions?
8. How many severely mentally handicapped persons living in subvented homes in Hong Kong are in need of gastrostomy feeding and nasogastric tube feeding?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 584)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 2. & 5. to 7. The Government provides a range of rehabilitation services and support to facilitate the integration of persons with disabilities (including severely mentally handicapped person who are not on CSSA) into the community and enhance their carers' caring ability. Please refer to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) website, [http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/), for details of such services.

3. & 4. Under the CSSA Scheme, the amounts of CSSA payments for persons with disabilities based on the type of their disabilities are as follows –

(1) Standard Rates

<b>Persons with disabilities aged 60 or above</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Standard Rates</b> <b>(\$ per person per month)</b>	
	<b>Singletons</b>	<b>Family Members</b>
50% disabled	3,055	2,880
100% disabled	3,695	3,270
Requiring constant attendance	5,205	4,775

<b>Adults with disabilities aged below 60</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Standard Rates</b> <b>(\$ per person per month)</b>	
	<b>Singletons</b>	<b>Family Members</b>
50% disabled	3,055	2,880
100% disabled	3,695	3,270
Requiring constant attendance	5,205	4,775

<b>Children with disabilities</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Standard Rates</b> <b>(\$ per person per month)</b>	
	<b>Singletons</b>	<b>Family Members</b>
50% disabled	3,440	3,000
100% disabled	4,080	3,650
Requiring constant attendance	5,580	5,155

(2) Supplements

<b>Long-term Supplement</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	<b>Amount of Supplement</b> <b>(\$)</b>	
	<b>Families with 1 eligible member</b>	<b>Families with 2 or more eligible members</b>
	1,910	3,830

<b>Community Living Supplement</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>Amount of Supplement</b> <b>(\$)</b>	
	285	

<b>Transport Supplement</b> <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	<b>Amount of Supplement</b> <b>(\$)</b>	
	245	

<b>Residential Care Supplement</b> <sup>[Note 5]</sup>	<b>Amount of Supplement</b> <b>(\$)</b>
	285

The amounts of CSSA payments and supplements above have not reflected the increase of 4.7% as proposed by the Government according to the established mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015. The amounts adjusted will be paid subject to the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

### (3) Special Grants

Subsidy for travelling to/from hospitals/clinics and other necessary travelling expenses	Actual expenses incurred (usually calculated on the basis of the fares of the cheapest mode of transport).
Special diet allowance	Must be medically confirmed as necessary and recommended by a medical practitioner in public hospitals or public clinics in the light of the recipient's condition.  High amount: \$1,005 per month Low amount: \$530 per month
Subsidy for expenses for medical, rehabilitation, surgical and sanitary appliances (e.g. wheelchairs, hearing aids, stoma bags, disposable diapers)	Actual expenses incurred, but must be medically recommended (recommendations by occupational therapists or physiotherapists are acceptable under certain circumstances).
Subsidy for special care fees	Actual expenses incurred, but must be medically certified and recommended by a social worker.
Subsidy for the fees of requisite annual medical examination for elderly persons residing in residential care homes for the elderly or persons with disabilities	Maximum amount: \$200
Subsidy for the fees of services of domestic assistants/integrated home care services	Actual expenses incurred by such services (excluding the cost of meals to be paid by the applicant). This supplement is not payable to persons who receive higher standard rates because of their need for constant attendance.
Subsidy for the fees of physiotherapy/occupational therapy services	Actual expenses incurred by such services (only applicable to physiotherapy/occupational therapy services provided at designated community rehabilitation day centres and district support centres for persons with disabilities).
Grants to cover costs of Community-based Support	Usually actual expenses incurred (excluding the cost of meals to be paid by the applicant). Usually this

Projects for People with Disabilities and their Families and grants to cover costs of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	supplement is not payable to persons who receive higher standard rates because of their need for constant attendance.
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[Note 1] The standard rates for 100% disabled persons are payable to those who have been medically certified by a medical practitioner in public hospitals or public clinics to be severely disabled and very much in need of other people's assistance to cope with their daily lives. The standard rates for 50% disabled persons are payable to those who are 50% or above disabled. The standard rates for persons requiring constant attendance are payable to those who are severely disabled and in need of constant attendance.

[Note 2] An annual long-term supplement is payable to recipient families involving any disabled member which have received CSSA continuously for 12 months or above, according to the number of eligible members in their families.

[Note 3] A monthly community living supplement is payable to disabled recipients who are not living in institutions.

[Note 4] A monthly transport supplement is payable to those aged between 12 and 64 who are medically certified by a medical practitioner in public hospitals or public clinics to be severely disabled or in need of constant attendance.

[Note 5] A monthly residential care supplement is payable to disabled recipients who are living in non-subservent residential care homes.

8. SWD does not have the data on gastrostomy underwent or the use of nasogastric tubes by persons with severe disabilities living in subservent residential care homes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6241)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the coming year, how many resources will the Government allocate for the home care services for non-severely physically handicapped persons, given that many similar services were terminated last year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 587)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has regularised home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) since March 2014. The target service users have been extended to cover all persons with severe disabilities living in the community, including non-severely physically handicapped persons with other severe disabilities. The estimated expenditure for HCS in 2015-16 is \$230 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6245)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much funding in total has been provided by the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (DSSCYD) over the past year? How much of the funding has been allocated as cash assistance for the participants? How much of the funding has been allocated for the community centres to organise activities? How many children and young people have benefited in total? What is the profile and district distribution of the beneficiaries (including the number of school children receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), number of school children receiving full textbook assistance, number of school children receiving half textbook assistance, and other categories)? How many people have benefited from the activities under DSSCYD? How many of the activities are one-off and how many are for long-term development? How much cash assistance is received by each child or young person on average? What is the effectiveness of DSSCYD? How much funding is expected to be provided in the coming 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 592)

Reply:

The provision for DSSCYD in 2014-15 was \$15 million. The funding under DSSCYD was split into 2 parts, with 60% granted as cash assistance according to the developmental needs of individual disadvantaged children or young people, and the remaining 40% used to implement developmental projects at the district level. The District Social Welfare Officers may revise in due course the funding ratio of cash assistance to developmental projects in the light of their local condition and the developmental needs of children and young people in their districts.

In 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015), there were a total of 27 594 beneficiaries under DSSCYD (including cash assistance and developmental projects). A breakdown of the number of beneficiaries under DSSCYD by Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative districts is at the Annex.

As for the cash assistance, according to the financial status of the families of the beneficiaries, 4 103 individuals were from CSSA households, 2 108 were from low-income families, and the remaining 127 persons were from other families in need. Each beneficiary received cash assistance of \$1,446 on average.

As for the developmental projects, SWD does not have the data on or a breakdown of the financial status of the families of the beneficiaries. The activities under developmental projects broadly fell into the following categories: (1) meeting the study and education needs of the beneficiaries; (2) meeting the vocational training and employment needs of the beneficiaries; and (3) meeting the societal and developmental needs of the beneficiaries. The activities were designed in the light of the developmental needs of children and young persons in underprivileged communities in individual districts.

SWD conducts a review on the overall effectiveness of DSSCYD on a yearly basis. In 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015), the overall utilisation rate of DSSCYD was 98.6%. According to the evaluation of the effectiveness of the services, 100% of the beneficiaries of cash assistance said that cash assistance could cater for their needs. Among the participants of the developmental projects, 98.3% indicated that DSSCYD could promote their personal development. These reflect positively on the effectiveness of DSSCYD. The estimated provision for DSSCYD in 2015-16 is \$15 million. SWD will continue to regularly review DSSCYD to keep abreast of the use of resources and of the demand for services.

**Number of beneficiaries under DSSCYD by SWD administrative districts**

<b>SWD districts</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries of cash assistance</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries of developmental projects</b>	<b>Total of districts</b>
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	661	2 404	3 065
Eastern/Wan Chai	474	1 753	2 227
Kwun Tong	430	1 600	2 030
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	655	1 320	1 975
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	503	1 525	2 028
Sham Shui Po	554	745	1 299
Sha Tin	471	936	1 407
Tai Po/North	601	1 041	1 642
Yuen Long	728	3 700	4 428
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	736	4 773	5 509
Tuen Mun	525	1 459	1 984
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 338</b>	<b>21 256</b>	<b>27 594</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6250)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the brief description regarding policies and programmes that the aim is to: “provide a social safety net of last resort to ensure that assistance is available to the financially vulnerable”. Would the Government please inform this Committee whether it will review the threshold of the current safety net and consider conducting a full and thorough review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, including reviewing the weighting system, proportions and component items of expenditure of the “Social Security Assistance Index of Prices” (SSAIP) to ensure that the CSSA Scheme can meet the basic needs of CSSA families and children? If yes, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 597)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of SSAIP. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update has been made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that CSSA standard payment rates be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

On the other hand, SWD has also implemented targeted measures to improve the CSSA Scheme. For example, in line with the broad policy directions of poverty alleviation

through promoting upward mobility and self-reliance through employment, SWD implemented various measures in 2014 focusing on enhancing support for students receiving CSSA and increasing work incentives for adult CSSA recipients. Those measures included –

- (a) increasing the flat-rate grants for selected items of school related expenses for primary and secondary students of CSSA families by \$1,000 in addition to the annual adjustment according to the established mechanism through regularisation of a Community Care Fund (CCF) programme from the 2014/15 school year;
- (b) including post-secondary students of CSSA families in the calculation of rent allowance with effect from April 2014 so that a family's entitlement to rent allowance will not be affected if it has members receiving post-secondary education; and
- (c) implementing a pilot Incentive Scheme under the CCF from April 2014 to encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net and achieve self-reliance through employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0438****(Question Serial No. 6251)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 5 years by the following categories –

	<b>Household with family member(s) aged 65 or above</b>	<b>Household with family member(s) aged 15 or below</b>	<b>Employed on full-time/long-term basis</b>	<b>Employed on part-time/causal job basis</b>	<b>Living in public housing</b>	<b>Living in non-public housing</b>
2010-11						
2011-12						
2012-13						
2013-14						
2014-15						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 598)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases with recipients aged 65 or above/below 15 from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases</b>	
	<b>With recipients aged 65 or above</b>	<b>With recipients aged below 15</b>
2010-11	139 593	54 856
2011-12	138 019	49 900
2012-13	135 988	45 686
2013-14	132 490	42 115
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	131 435	40 396

The number of CSSA cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 by type of housing was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases</b>	
	<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Private housing</b>
2010-11	162 161	46 793
2011-12	157 914	43 440
2012-13	153 096	40 934
2013-14	147 465	37 171
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	143 128	36 527

The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment from 2010-11 to 2014-15 broken down by those with full-time/part-time employment was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment</b>	
	<b>With full-time employment</b>	<b>With part-time/ casual employment</b>
2010-11	20 896	10 823
2011-12	16 671	11 502
2012-13	13 888	10 488
2013-14	11 983	10 504
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	10 771	10 254

Recipients with full-time employment refer to those with no less than 120 working hours per month, while recipients with part-time/casual employment refer to those with less than 120 working hours per month.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0439****(Question Serial No. 6252)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the 18 districts over the past 5 years with breakdown by the following case nature –

	<b>Able-bodied adults</b>	<b>Disabled adults</b>	<b>Able-bodied children</b>	<b>Disabled children</b>	<b>Elderly person</b>	<b>Household with able-bodied adult</b>	<b>Household without able-bodied adult</b>
Central & Western							
Eastern							
Southern							
Wan Chai							
Kowloon City							
Kwun Tong							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Islands							
Kwai Tsing							
North							
Sai Kung							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							

2. Please set out, by the number of members in the household, the number of CSSA cases in which the level of CSSA payments are below, comparable with and above the poverty line, and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
3. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
4. Please set out, by district of residence and size of household, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
5. Please set out, by district of residence and type of accommodation (public housing, rented private premises, self-owned property) and size of household, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
6. Please set out, by district of residence and case nature, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
7. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases involving households comprising only able-bodied members with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
8. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases involving households with at least 1 child with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
9. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases involving households with at least 1 elderly member aged 60 or above with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
10. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases involving households with at least 1 member in ill health, disabled or requiring long-term care with CSSA payments below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 599)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) The respective numbers of CSSA recipients by selected profiles and by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	2010-11				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Central & Western	668	586	775	26	2 445
Eastern	3 818	2 840	4 735	198	10 413
Islands	2 819	859	3 959	82	2 158
Kowloon City	3 432	2 200	4 104	133	8 780
Kwai Tsing	10 454	5 550	12 665	339	18 558

<b>District</b>	<b>2010-11</b>				
	<b>Able-bodied adults</b>	<b>Disabled adults</b>	<b>Able-bodied children</b>	<b>Disabled children</b>	<b>Elderly persons aged 60 or above</b>
Kwun Tong	13 108	6 149	15 975	455	28 143
North	5 306	2 934	6 992	191	9 184
Sai Kung	3 859	2 506	5 051	171	5 310
Sha Tin	6 581	4 214	8 039	329	11 916
Sham Shui Po	8 291	4 228	9 013	325	16 566
Southern	1 751	2 217	2 267	110	6 397
Tai Po	2 862	2 011	3 469	181	6 911
Tsuen Wan	2 643	1 256	3 380	85	6 015
Tuen Mun	6 949	5 203	8 068	250	13 569
Wan Chai	390	249	377	4	1 343
Wong Tai Sin	7 656	4 074	8 809	311	16 141
Yau Tsim Mong	3 714	1 588	3 392	87	5 837
Yuen Long	13 850	6 193	17 088	475	15 134
<b>Total</b>	<b>98 151</b>	<b>54 857</b>	<b>118 158</b>	<b>3 752</b>	<b>184 820</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>2011-12</b>				
	<b>Able-bodied adults</b>	<b>Disabled adults</b>	<b>Able-bodied children</b>	<b>Disabled children</b>	<b>Elderly persons aged 60 or above</b>
Central & Western	572	556	648	35	2 338
Eastern	3 307	2 811	4 303	194	10 253
Islands	2 390	852	3 531	82	2 191
Kowloon City	3 030	2 281	3 862	130	8 607
Kwai Tsing	9 054	5 573	11 504	336	18 551
Kwun Tong	12 096	6 234	15 219	467	28 329
North	4 741	2 872	6 472	197	9 171
Sai Kung	3 321	2 504	4 409	173	5 469
Sha Tin	5 876	4 113	7 490	324	12 047
Sham Shui Po	7 286	4 219	8 297	312	16 243
Southern	1 551	2 246	2 031	115	6 166
Tai Po	2 527	1 952	3 194	189	6 966
Tsuen Wan	2 288	1 280	3 101	93	5 872
Tuen Mun	5 940	5 242	7 361	252	13 732
Wan Chai	352	220	353	6	1 259
Wong Tai Sin	6 716	4 128	8 130	362	15 874
Yau Tsim Mong	3 356	1 557	3 104	69	5 582
Yuen Long	11 963	5 952	15 203	480	15 035
<b>Total</b>	<b>86 366</b>	<b>54 592</b>	<b>108 212</b>	<b>3 816</b>	<b>183 685</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>2012-13</b>				
	<b>Able-bodied adults</b>	<b>Disabled adults</b>	<b>Able-bodied children</b>	<b>Disabled children</b>	<b>Elderly persons aged 60 or above</b>
Central & Western	520	552	576	37	2 152
Eastern	2 887	2 762	3 733	192	9 975
Islands	2 152	825	3 157	96	2 216
Kowloon City	2 750	2 381	3 606	132	8 586
Kwai Tsing	7 980	5 560	10 012	316	18 350
Kwun Tong	11 092	6 263	13 635	479	28 247
North	4 069	2 825	5 683	218	9 051
Sai Kung	2 770	2 428	3 608	152	5 357

District	2012-13				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Sha Tin	5 197	4 118	6 433	340	11 969
Sham Shui Po	6 916	4 386	7 904	338	16 128
Southern	1 403	2 208	1 806	110	5 893
Tai Po	2 189	1 991	2 735	187	6 787
Tsuen Wan	1 932	1 304	2 747	99	5 753
Tuen Mun	5 139	5 105	6 361	262	13 684
Wan Chai	296	220	324	3	1 168
Wong Tai Sin	6 039	4 068	7 112	359	15 488
Yau Tsim Mong	3 037	1 555	2 907	65	5 512
Yuen Long	10 523	5 882	13 138	501	14 830
<b>Total</b>	<b>76 891</b>	<b>54 433</b>	<b>95 477</b>	<b>3 886</b>	<b>181 146</b>

District	2013-14				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Central & Western	505	581	546	31	2 130
Eastern	2 624	2 717	3 389	198	9 532
Islands	1 893	861	2 797	91	2 140
Kowloon City	3 249	2 666	4 145	156	8 968
Kwai Tsing	6 978	5 549	8 734	317	17 991
Kwun Tong	10 209	6 273	12 268	483	27 186
North	3 762	2 863	5 026	230	8 783
Sai Kung	2 416	2 282	3 040	141	5 166
Sha Tin	4 658	4 190	5 765	368	11 735
Sham Shui Po	6 544	4 473	7 400	332	15 848
Southern	1 314	2 249	1 669	130	5 655
Tai Po	1 954	1 899	2 512	178	6 550
Tsuen Wan	1 873	1 326	2 472	95	5 468
Tuen Mun	4 652	5 051	5 785	248	13 597
Wan Chai	269	211	299	3	1 045
Wong Tai Sin	5 292	4 006	6 242	367	14 888
Yau Tsim Mong	2 640	1 540	2 583	60	5 255
Yuen Long	9 381	5 677	11 549	501	14 509
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 213</b>	<b>54 414</b>	<b>86 221</b>	<b>3 929</b>	<b>176 446</b>

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Central & Western	497	586	562	34	2 137
Eastern	2 494	2 702	3 143	210	9 328
Islands	1 757	844	2 543	96	2 115
Kowloon City	3 319	2 786	4 216	157	9 109
Kwai Tsing	6 607	5 525	8 072	338	17 793
Kwun Tong	9 582	6 229	11 151	501	26 722
North	3 538	2 833	4 649	228	8 684
Sai Kung	2 301	2 256	2 762	148	5 221
Sha Tin	4 144	4 166	5 205	354	11 573
Sham Shui Po	6 397	4 496	6 996	329	15 682



District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Southern	1 235	2 185	1 512	128	5 535
Tai Po	1 865	1 849	2 362	182	6 493
Tsuen Wan	1 815	1 305	2 267	96	5 407
Tuen Mun	4 409	4 994	5 270	241	13 493
Wan Chai	257	205	286	7	1 031
Wong Tai Sin	4 925	4 043	5 725	359	14 565
Yau Tsim Mong	2 727	1 543	2 537	66	5 354
Yuen Long	8 860	5 573	10 562	494	14 456
<b>Total</b>	<b>66 729</b>	<b>54 120</b>	<b>79 820</b>	<b>3 968</b>	<b>174 698</b>

In the above tables, disabled adults and disabled children refer to recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance or in ill health.

1. (b) The number of CSSA recipients in family cases with at least 1 able-bodied adult or without any able-bodied adult by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA recipients in family cases with at least 1 able-bodied adult

District	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central & Western	1 287	1 091	983	978	1 026
Eastern	8 386	7 494	6 476	5 948	5 649
Islands	6 821	5 943	5 284	4 752	4 407
Kowloon City	6 866	6 228	5 809	6 983	7 237
Kwai Tsing	23 549	20 811	18 151	16 035	15 274
Kwun Tong	29 873	27 762	24 980	23 169	21 827
North	11 781	10 719	9 142	8 627	8 198
Sai Kung	9 208	7 957	6 504	5 649	5 291
Sha Tin	14 928	13 540	11 794	10 751	9 719
Sham Shui Po	15 433	13 738	13 105	12 846	12 718
Southern	4 026	3 630	3 227	3 048	2 871
Tai Po	6 564	5 855	4 957	4 577	4 417
Tsuen Wan	5 778	5 211	4 494	4 338	4 156
Tuen Mun	14 475	12 702	10 984	10 221	9 703
Wan Chai	517	446	382	382	355
Wong Tai Sin	16 668	14 929	13 154	11 741	10 982
Yau Tsim Mong	5 342	4 772	4 325	4 010	4 368
Yuen Long	30 481	26 769	23 269	21 015	19 917
<b>Total</b>	<b>211 983</b>	<b>189 597</b>	<b>167 020</b>	<b>155 070</b>	<b>148 115</b>

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients in family cases without any able-bodied adult

District	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central & Western	526	490	465	412	385

<b>District</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Eastern	5 139	4 958	4 659	4 444	4 283
Islands	1 231	1 295	1 360	1 238	1 194
Kowloon City	3 546	3 602	3 480	3 600	3 630
Kwai Tsing	9 474	9 580	9 381	8 871	8 525
Kwun Tong	15 348	15 730	15 684	14 630	13 981
North	4 929	4 924	4 991	4 456	4 223
Sai Kung	3 043	3 111	3 002	2 693	2 642
Sha Tin	7 314	7 320	7 247	7 000	6 929
Sham Shui Po	7 509	7 447	7 400	7 080	6 732
Southern	3 037	2 904	2 774	2 601	2 416
Tai Po	3 444	3 495	3 474	3 242	3 199
Tsuen Wan	2 776	2 751	2 740	2 464	2 333
Tuen Mun	7 279	7 421	7 247	6 941	6 667
Wan Chai	272	229	231	211	211
Wong Tai Sin	8 050	8 134	7 831	7 295	7 082
Yau Tsim Mong	2 082	1 923	1 889	1 588	1 423
Yuen Long	8 430	8 435	8 334	7 726	7 260
<b>Total</b>	<b>93 429</b>	<b>93 749</b>	<b>92 189</b>	<b>86 492</b>	<b>83 115</b>

2. to 10. According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2013, there were about 84 900 CSSA households living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy intervention in 2013, involving a poor population of about 205 800. Relevant characteristics were as follows –

- (a) With breakdown by the number of members in the household, 18.8% were 1-person households, 43.6% were 2-person households, 20.2% were 3-person households, 12.8% were 4-person households, 3.3% were 5-person households and 1.3% were 6-or-more-person households.
- (b) With breakdown by type of accommodation, 76.6% lived in public rental housing, 17.6% in private housing, 4.8% in subsidised sale flats and 1.0% in temporary housing.
- (c) The number of CSSA households living in poverty by District Council district was as follows –

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Number of households</b>
Central & Western	700
Wan Chai	400
Eastern	3 900
Southern	1 900
Yau Tsim Mong	3 200
Sham Shui Po	7 000
Kowloon City	2 400
Wong Tai Sin	6 600
Kwun Tong	12 300
Kwai Tsing	7 500
Tsuen Wan	3 100
Tuen Mun	7 500

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Number of households</b>
Yuen Long	9 000
North	5 000
Tai Po	3 100
Sha Tin	6 300
Sai Kung	3 200
Islands	2 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>84 900</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- (d) 26.4% of the poor population was aged below 18, with 27.8% aged 65 or above.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0440****(Question Serial No. 6255)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information for the past 5 years –

- (a) The number of CSSA households and recipients in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong (HK) and the expenditure involved;
- (b) The numbers and percentages of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in public rental housing in HK, and the expenditure involved;
- (c) The numbers and percentages of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in non-public housing (renting/self-owned), and the expenditure involved;
- (d) A breakdown of the numbers of CSSA recipients and households by case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) as percentage in each geographical district and the expenditure involved; and
- (e) A breakdown of the numbers of CSSA recipients and households by case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) as percentage in each of the public housing estates and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 603)

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

- (a)(i) The number of CSSA cases by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	Number of CSSA cases				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)
Central & Western	3 676	3 465	3 235	3 225	3 143
Eastern	14 323	13 883	13 384	12 846	12 449

District	Number of CSSA cases				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)
Islands	4 679	4 475	4 185	3 987	3 762
Kowloon City	12 969	12 617	12 692	13 861	13 948
Kwai Tsing	27 451	26 706	26 100	25 243	24 741
Kwun Tong	36 695	36 757	36 299	34 867	33 803
North	14 681	14 407	13 965	13 400	13 031
Sai Kung	9 203	9 031	8 653	8 170	8 054
Sha Tin	17 859	17 553	17 024	16 644	16 058
Sham Shui Po	25 450	24 545	24 390	23 916	23 680
Southern	8 741	8 500	8 259	8 087	7 883
Tai Po	9 618	9 675	9 284	8 868	8 559
Tsuen Wan	8 526	8 117	7 810	7 495	7 261
Tuen Mun	21 751	21 368	20 577	20 067	19 633
Wan Chai	2 087	1 964	1 794	1 649	1 606
Wong Tai Sin	22 292	21 772	20 986	20 106	19 448
Yau Tsim Mong	11 250	10 608	10 474	10 017	9 971
Yuen Long	28 641	27 360	26 118	24 796	24 010
<b>Total</b>	<b>279 892</b>	<b>272 803</b>	<b>265 229</b>	<b>257 244</b>	<b>251 040</b>

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA (PCSSA) Scheme.

(a)(ii) The number of CSSA recipients by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	Number of CSSA recipients				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)
Central & Western	4 501	4 149	3 838	3 793	3 816
Eastern	22 012	20 877	19 553	18 467	17 878
Islands	9 877	9 047	8 447	7 782	7 357
Kowloon City	18 652	17 912	17 462	19 194	19 592
Kwai Tsing	47 587	45 034	42 227	39 579	38 349
Kwun Tong	63 850	62 370	59 738	56 436	54 205
North	24 615	23 462	21 851	20 668	19 938
Sai Kung	16 908	15 882	14 322	13 054	12 701
Sha Tin	31 091	29 857	28 066	26 729	25 449
Sham Shui Po	38 432	36 368	35 682	34 606	33 910
Southern	12 748	12 115	11 425	11 021	10 597
Tai Po	15 442	14 846	13 898	13 096	12 759
Tsuen Wan	13 383	12 638	11 837	11 236	10 893
Tuen Mun	34 050	32 535	30 561	29 342	28 411
Wan Chai	2 363	2 190	2 011	1 827	1 787
Wong Tai Sin	37 005	35 222	33 087	30 809	29 625
Yau Tsim Mong	14 621	13 671	13 081	12 079	12 229
Yuen Long	52 761	48 656	44 886	41 629	39 956
<b>Total</b>	<b>459 898</b>	<b>436 831</b>	<b>411 972</b>	<b>391 347</b>	<b>379 452</b>

The above figures do not include the cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

- (a)(iii) The CSSA expenditure (including 1 additional month of standard rate payments) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

	<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised estimate)</b>
Expenditure (\$ million)	18,493	19,548	19,773	19,496	20,831

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information of CSSA expenditure by district.

- (b) The number of CSSA households and recipients living in each public housing estate as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA households</b>	<b>Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>	<b>Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate</b>
Ap Lei Chau	510	12%	900	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	54	20%	68	11%
Broadview Garden	22	5%	36	3%
Butterfly	1 205	23%	1 868	16%
Chai Wan	405	25%	586	15%
Chak On	493	27%	768	19%
Cheung Ching	545	11%	1 001	7%
Cheung Fat	356	30%	537	19%
Cheung Hang	520	12%	845	6%
Cheung Hong	1 311	16%	2 175	10%
Cheung Kwai	52	11%	98	7%
Cheung On	466	37%	655	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	282	20%	489	15%
Cheung Shan	148	9%	316	6%
Cheung Wah	662	37%	1 056	23%
Cheung Wang	772	18%	1 304	10%
Ching Ho	1 857	26%	3 512	17%
Cho Yiu Chuen	218	9%	337	4%
Choi Fai	166	13%	280	7%
Choi Fook	698	20%	1 224	14%
Choi Ha	213	38%	311	23%
Choi Hung	1 308	18%	2 146	12%
Choi Ming Court	526	19%	873	10%
Choi Tak	1 008	18%	1 681	12%
Choi Wan (I)	685	12%	1 313	7%
Choi Wan (II)	363	12%	677	7%
Choi Ying	864	22%	1 463	14%
Choi Yuen	1 210	24%	1 976	15%
Chuk Yuen (North)	532	41%	794	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 387	23%	2 243	15%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	122	13%	180	7%
Chun Shek	386	18%	591	11%
Chung On	503	19%	885	10%
Clague Garden Estate	74	14%	126	8%
Easeful Court	47	9%	136	7%
Fortune	728	35%	917	19%
Fu Cheong	1 791	30%	2 458	15%

<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA households</b>	<b>Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>	<b>Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate</b>
Fu Heng	637	38%	953	22%
Fu Shan	269	17%	445	11%
Fu Shin	691	30%	1 151	19%
Fu Tai	787	16%	1 618	9%
Fu Tung	157	9%	311	5%
Fuk Loi	509	16%	825	11%
Fung Tak	623	50%	853	33%
Fung Wah	125	33%	179	20%
Fung Wo	255	16%	427	12%
Grandeur Terrace	704	17%	1 866	12%
Hau Tak	599	14%	1 033	8%
Healthy Village	131	11%	196	7%
Heng On	351	41%	623	24%
High Prosperity Terrace	50	7%	141	5%
Hin Keng	337	49%	572	28%
Hin Yiu	190	24%	309	15%
Hing Man	257	13%	492	8%
Hing Tin	159	37%	295	22%
Hing Tung	279	13%	470	7%
Hing Wah (I)	412	18%	640	9%
Hing Wah (II)	728	21%	1 158	14%
Ho Man Tin	983	21%	1 435	11%
Hoi Fu Court	750	27%	1 192	15%
Hoi Lai	766	16%	1 771	10%
Hong Tung	217	47%	262	30%
Hung Hom	704	26%	1 088	16%
Jat Min Chuen	449	13%	674	6%
Ka Fuk	330	17%	537	9%
Ka Wai Chuen	289	18%	433	10%
Kai Ching	835	16%	1 415	12%
Kai Tin	492	22%	778	12%
Kai Yip	1 007	24%	1 551	17%
Kam Peng	48	19%	95	12%
Kin Ming	1 239	18%	2 455	12%
Kin Sang	167	30%	266	18%
King Lam	629	40%	851	27%
Ko Cheung Court	215	12%	573	8%
Ko Yee	274	23%	414	12%
Kwai Chung	2 790	21%	4 919	13%
Kwai Fong	1 036	17%	1 727	10%
Kwai Hing	140	42%	225	29%
Kwai Luen	454	16%	885	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 239	20%	1 943	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	706	14%	1 188	8%
Kwong Fuk	904	15%	1 638	9%
Kwong Tin	319	14%	571	8%
Kwong Yuen	540	43%	788	25%
Kwun Lung Lau	225	10%	390	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	664	14%	1 053	8%
Lai King	648	16%	1 049	9%

<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA households</b>	<b>Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>	<b>Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate</b>
Lai Kok	748	26%	1 147	17%
Lai On	262	20%	392	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	215	8%	320	5%
Lai Yiu	404	15%	729	9%
Lakeside Garden	24	10%	46	6%
Lam Tin	647	21%	1 108	14%
Lee On	582	16%	968	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	572	47%	907	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 640	42%	2 901	30%
Lei Tung	676	30%	1 015	18%
Lei Yue Mun	717	23%	1 195	13%
Lek Yuen	538	17%	898	11%
Leung King	881	34%	1 329	21%
Lok Fu	677	19%	1 044	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	451	13%	696	7%
Lok Wah (North)	288	10%	608	6%
Lok Wah (South)	1 790	26%	2 691	19%
Long Bin IH	82	28%	110	21%
Long Ping	1 004	26%	1 770	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	655	15%	1 175	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	849	53%	1 256	33%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	826	13%	1 436	8%
Lung Hang	471	11%	916	7%
Lung Tin	96	25%	130	15%
Lung Yat	150	16%	310	12%
Ma Hang	87	10%	120	4%
Ma Tau Wai	384	19%	670	13%
Mei Lam	678	17%	1 135	11%
Mei Tin	1 312	20%	2 415	13%
Mei Tung	441	19%	756	13%
Ming Tak	249	17%	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	221	10%	310	5%
Model Housing	97	15%	189	8%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	120	13%	178	7%
Nam Cheong	264	38%	410	22%
Nam Shan	596	22%	978	14%
Nga Ning Court	50	12%	83	6%
Ngan Wan	57	13%	112	8%
Oi Man	772	12%	1 472	8%
Oi Tung	1 091	28%	1 543	17%
On Tin	96	13%	261	9%
On Ting	997	20%	1 545	12%
On Yam	751	14%	1 386	9%
Pak Tin	1 883	25%	2 883	14%
Ping Shek	572	13%	958	8%
Ping Tin	1 271	23%	1 877	12%
Po Lam	515	30%	866	18%
Po Tat	1 675	23%	2 919	13%
Po Tin	2 220	37%	2 606	29%
Pok Hong	426	37%	752	24%



<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA households</b>	<b>Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>	<b>Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate</b>
Prosperous Garden	96	15%	103	6%
Sai Wan	54	9%	135	6%
Sam Shing	237	13%	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	831	21%	1 472	14%
Sau Mau Ping	2 752	23%	4 502	13%
Sha Kok	1 296	21%	2 104	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	60	9%	110	4%
Shan King	1 346	23%	2 239	15%
Shatin Pass	223	18%	363	11%
Shek Kip Mei	2 161	24%	3 531	16%
Shek Lei (I)	967	20%	1 588	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 797	22%	3 068	13%
Shek Mun	350	18%	632	13%
Shek Pai Wan	802	16%	1 301	8%
Shek Wai Kok	923	15%	1 627	10%
Shek Yam (East)	485	21%	722	11%
Shek Yam	569	22%	989	12%
Sheung Lok	156	45%	184	32%
Sheung Tak	946	17%	1 620	9%
Shin Ming	379	19%	615	15%
Shui Pin Wai	647	27%	1 020	17%
Shun Lee	692	16%	1 173	10%
Shun On	600	20%	966	13%
Shun Tin	1 238	18%	2 149	11%
Siu Sai Wan	673	11%	1 294	7%
Sun Chui	957	14%	1 684	9%
Sun Tin Wai	435	13%	798	8%
Tai Hang Tung	593	30%	845	17%
Tai Hing	1 792	21%	2 825	14%
Tai Ping	82	29%	157	16%
Tai Wo	747	40%	1 109	24%
Tai Wo Hau	1 264	17%	2 171	10%
Tai Yuen	713	15%	1 451	10%
Tak Long	1 118	15%	1 951	11%
Tak Tin	943	46%	1 313	32%
Tin Chak	904	23%	1 630	13%
Tin Ching	1 564	25%	3 025	18%
Tin Heng	897	16%	2 459	11%
Tin King	199	22%	375	14%
Tin Ping	351	32%	591	18%
Tin Shui	1 044	13%	1 967	8%
Tin Tsz	745	23%	1 110	12%
Tin Wah	830	23%	1 354	12%
Tin Wan	631	20%	919	10%
Tin Yan	1 687	30%	2 523	23%
Tin Yat	504	15%	1 342	11%
Tin Yiu	1 190	14%	2 175	8%
Tin Yuet	977	24%	1 750	14%
Tsing Yi	274	40%	400	24%
Tsui Lam	302	19%	599	12%

<b>Public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA households</b>	<b>Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>	<b>Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate</b>
Tsui Lok	131	41%	187	24%
Tsui Ping (South)	615	13%	972	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 476	45%	2 224	30%
Tsui Wan	199	35%	287	20%
Tsz Ching	1 883	24%	2 762	12%
Tsz Hong	307	15%	727	10%
Tsz Lok	1 200	20%	1 856	10%
Tsz Man	360	18%	659	11%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	26	11%	39	5%
Tung Tau	938	42%	1 351	26%
Tung Wui	412	31%	543	20%
Un Chau	1 759	23%	2 613	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 812	28%	2 660	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 171	24%	1 778	14%
Verbena Heights	190	20%	243	13%
Wah Fu	1 035	11%	1 805	7%
Wah Kwai	390	38%	512	21%
Wah Lai	217	15%	409	9%
Wah Ming	596	38%	925	21%
Wah Sum	293	20%	476	10%
Wan Hon	469	48%	660	33%
Wan Tau Tong	276	45%	392	27%
Wan Tsui	562	16%	998	10%
Wang Tau Hom	737	13%	1 247	7%
Wing Cheong	300	21%	543	15%
Wo Che	849	14%	1 671	8%
Wo Lok	371	19%	596	13%
Wu King	455	11%	955	7%
Yan On	455	18%	744	12%
Yat Tung	1 853	16%	4 501	11%
Yau Lai	1 754	21%	3 165	14%
Yau Oi	1 336	15%	2 453	9%
Yau Tong	842	24%	1 432	14%
Yee Ming	218	12%	453	9%
Yiu On	345	33%	557	19%
Yiu Tung	756	15%	1 140	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	69	8%	94	4%
Yue Wan	379	17%	683	11%
Yung Shing Court	370	22%	609	10%

The above figures do not include the cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

SWD does not have information of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in each public housing estate from 2010-11 to 2013-14 and their respective percentages to all public housing estate households and residents, nor the information of expenditure by public housing estate.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA cases and CSSA recipients in private housing from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)
Number of CSSA cases	47 034	43 625	41 068	41 381	40 513
Number of CSSA recipients	84 024	78 046	73 218	67 446	67 247

SWD does not have information of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in private housing and their respective percentages to all households and residents in private housing in HK, nor the information of CSSA expenditure by private housing.

(d)(i) The number and percentage of CSSA cases in each district with a breakdown by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	2010-11							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 418	264	282	218	118	305	71	<b>3 676</b> <b>(1.3%)</b>
Eastern	8 615	1 160	1 080	1 514	627	1 019	308	<b>14 323</b> <b>(5.1%)</b>
Islands	1 714	237	432	888	524	669	215	<b>4 679</b> <b>(1.7%)</b>
Kowloon City	7 832	744	1 060	1 325	483	1 273	252	<b>12 969</b> <b>(4.6%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	14 873	2 252	2 183	3 073	1 766	2 725	579	<b>27 451</b> <b>(9.8%)</b>
Kwun Tong	21 685	1 643	2 841	4 544	2 085	3 161	736	<b>36 695</b> <b>(13.1%)</b>
North	7 787	934	1 325	2 087	615	1 420	513	<b>14 681</b> <b>(5.2%)</b>
Sai Kung	4 140	874	973	1 298	718	853	347	<b>9 203</b> <b>(3.3%)</b>
Sha Tin	8 930	1 477	1 933	2 502	886	1 505	626	<b>17 859</b> <b>(6.4%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	13 890	1 084	2 470	2 603	1 170	3 603	630	<b>25 450</b> <b>(9.1%)</b>
Southern	5 236	1 161	672	689	364	389	230	<b>8 741</b> <b>(3.1%)</b>
Tai Po	5 740	510	997	1 094	338	687	252	<b>9 618</b> <b>(3.4%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	5 134	436	594	1 055	394	679	234	<b>8 526</b> <b>(3.0%)</b>
Tuen Mun	11 116	2 209	2 294	2 512	665	2 382	573	<b>21 751</b> <b>(7.8%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 312	98	137	103	46	298	93	<b>2 087</b> <b>(0.7%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	12 983	1 206	1 818	2 672	1 257	1 923	433	<b>22 292</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 361	363	1 143	1 054	344	2 614	371	<b>11 250</b> <b>(4.0%)</b>
Yuen Long	12 634	1 834	2 927	4 906	1 684	3 841	815	<b>28 641</b> <b>(10.2%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 400</b>	<b>18 486</b>	<b>25 161</b>	<b>34 137</b>	<b>14 084</b>	<b>29 346</b>	<b>7 278</b>	<b>279 892</b> <b>(100%)</b>

District	2011-12							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 325	231	281	186	88	293	61	<b>3 465</b> <b>(1.3%)</b>
Eastern	8 554	1 187	1 046	1 388	549	868	291	<b>13 883</b> <b>(5.1%)</b>
Islands	1 768	221	405	812	449	613	207	<b>4 475</b> <b>(1.6%)</b>

District	2011-12							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kowloon City	7 745	836	1 014	1 203	405	1 164	250	<b>12 617</b> <b>(4.6%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	14 901	2 273	2 232	2 972	1 425	2 368	535	<b>26 706</b> <b>(9.8%)</b>
Kwun Tong	22 102	1 621	2 966	4 630	1 810	2 883	745	<b>36 757</b> <b>(13.5%)</b>
North	7 825	950	1 328	2 066	511	1 259	468	<b>14 407</b> <b>(5.3%)</b>
Sai Kung	4 297	873	919	1 229	576	782	355	<b>9 031</b> <b>(3.3%)</b>
Sha Tin	8 962	1 453	1 989	2 430	743	1 303	673	<b>17 553</b> <b>(6.4%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	13 768	1 075	2 465	2 404	951	3 277	605	<b>24 545</b> <b>(9.0%)</b>
Southern	5 066	1 185	728	661	324	331	205	<b>8 500</b> <b>(3.1%)</b>
Tai Po	5 963	505	985	1 073	294	609	246	<b>9 675</b> <b>(3.5%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	5 020	416	596	955	345	564	221	<b>8 117</b> <b>(3.0%)</b>
Tuen Mun	11 337	2 207	2 347	2 332	576	2 029	540	<b>21 368</b> <b>(7.8%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 264	83	129	99	30	254	105	<b>1 964</b> <b>(0.7%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	13 020	1 145	1 851	2 592	1 054	1 688	422	<b>21 772</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 192	365	1 083	954	273	2 359	382	<b>10 608</b> <b>(3.9%)</b>
Yuen Long	12 647	1 744	2 824	4 585	1 360	3 428	772	<b>27 360</b> <b>(10.0%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 756</b>	<b>18 370</b>	<b>25 188</b>	<b>32 571</b>	<b>11 763</b>	<b>26 072</b>	<b>7 083</b>	<b>272 803</b> <b>(100%)</b>

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 153	227	294	194	82	226	59	<b>3 235</b> <b>(1.2%)</b>
Eastern	8 399	1 210	973	1 311	444	769	278	<b>13 384</b> <b>(5.0%)</b>
Islands	1 767	199	383	746	365	539	186	<b>4 185</b> <b>(1.6%)</b>
Kowloon City	7 894	887	1 111	1 156	358	1 040	246	<b>12 692</b> <b>(4.8%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	14 968	2 236	2 264	2 879	1 200	2 065	488	<b>26 100</b> <b>(9.8%)</b>
Kwun Tong	22 260	1 576	3 037	4 430	1 533	2 729	734	<b>36 299</b> <b>(13.7%)</b>
North	7 815	955	1 299	1 847	438	1 107	504	<b>13 965</b> <b>(5.3%)</b>

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sai Kung	4 284	871	963	1 075	454	635	371	<b>8 653 (3.3%)</b>
Sha Tin	8 970	1 436	1 949	2 225	609	1 214	621	<b>17 024 (6.4%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	13 781	1 120	2 537	2 496	845	2 972	639	<b>24 390 (9.2%)</b>
Southern	4 948	1 154	713	629	299	327	189	<b>8 259 (3.1%)</b>
Tai Po	5 803	540	927	949	248	539	278	<b>9 284 (3.5%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	4 920	449	593	860	301	456	231	<b>7 810 (2.9%)</b>
Tuen Mun	11 296	2 167	2 232	2 125	515	1 739	503	<b>20 577 (7.8%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 155	78	122	90	26	232	91	<b>1 794 (0.7%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	12 769	1 104	1 849	2 395	863	1 578	428	<b>20 986 (7.9%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 254	384	1 089	940	247	2 158	402	<b>10 474 (3.9%)</b>
Yuen Long	12 570	1 753	2 807	4 159	1 112	2 958	759	<b>26 118 (9.8%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 006</b>	<b>18 346</b>	<b>25 142</b>	<b>30 506</b>	<b>9 939</b>	<b>23 283</b>	<b>7 007</b>	<b>265 229 (100%)</b>

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 165	230	305	187	81	218	39	<b>3 225 (1.3%)</b>
Eastern	8 163	1 209	907	1 221	407	699	240	<b>12 846 (5.0%)</b>
Islands	1 727	194	405	706	318	476	161	<b>3 987 (1.5%)</b>
Kowloon City	8 360	986	1 254	1 596	385	1 089	191	<b>13 861 (5.4%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	14 906	2 282	2 215	2 667	1 030	1 712	431	<b>25 243 (9.8%)</b>
Kwun Tong	21 723	1 539	2 993	4 305	1 312	2 418	577	<b>34 867 (13.6%)</b>
North	7 662	977	1 237	1 810	380	977	357	<b>13 400 (5.2%)</b>
Sai Kung	4 229	791	917	955	394	563	321	<b>8 170 (3.2%)</b>
Sha Tin	8 946	1 473	1 954	2 236	500	1 026	509	<b>16 644 (6.5%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	13 736	1 147	2 611	2 590	713	2 663	456	<b>23 916 (9.3%)</b>
Southern	4 836	1 164	729	621	256	295	186	<b>8 087 (3.1%)</b>

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Po	5 634	511	948	920	179	443	233	8 868 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	4 753	478	583	838	241	446	156	7 495 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 329	2 160	2 163	2 034	497	1 441	443	20 067 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 041	69	129	92	22	208	88	1 649 (0.6%)
Wong Tai Sin	12 472	1 080	1 834	2 268	737	1 338	377	20 106 (7.8%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 134	407	1 089	953	211	1 910	313	10 017 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 351	1 660	2 780	3 843	945	2 600	617	24 796 (9.6%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>149 167</b>	<b>18 357</b>	<b>25 053</b>	<b>29 842</b>	<b>8 608</b>	<b>20 522</b>	<b>5 695</b>	<b>257 244 (100%)</b>

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 080	235	316	208	70	191	43	3 143 (1.3%)
Eastern	7 949	1 200	879	1 188	359	649	225	12 449 (5.0%)
Islands	1 687	191	395	643	282	421	143	3 762 (1.5%)
Kowloon City	8 381	1 062	1 284	1 722	340	1 003	156	13 948 (5.6%)
Kwai Tsing	14 793	2 246	2 181	2 614	907	1 620	380	24 741 (9.9%)
Kwun Tong	21 306	1 493	3 003	4 197	1 165	2 167	472	33 803 (13.5%)
North	7 504	1 005	1 225	1 769	320	879	329	13 031 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 301	770	921	917	334	516	295	8 054 (3.2%)
Sha Tin	8 864	1 414	1 908	2 159	438	866	409	16 058 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 677	1 142	2 678	2 726	633	2 468	356	23 680 (9.4%)
Southern	4 741	1 132	722	596	222	261	209	7 883 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 406	516	931	919	160	402	225	8 559 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	4 644	492	541	843	221	403	117	7 261 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 283	2 124	2 183	1 979	461	1 246	357	19 633 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 017	71	124	98	16	197	83	1 606 (0.6%)

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA cases							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wong Tai Sin	12 179	1 095	1 792	2 181	634	1 245	322	<b>19 448</b> <b>(7.7%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 197	414	1 075	1 103	202	1 758	222	<b>9 971</b> <b>(4.0%)</b>
Yuen Long	12 267	1 620	2 758	3 657	819	2 347	542	<b>24 010</b> <b>(9.6%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 276</b>	<b>18 222</b>	<b>24 916</b>	<b>29 519</b>	<b>7 583</b>	<b>18 639</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>251 040</b> <b>(100%)</b>

(d)(ii) The number and percentage of CSSA recipients in each district with a breakdown by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	2010-11							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 467	306	368	530	404	326	100	<b>4 501</b> <b>(1.0%)</b>
Eastern	10 606	1 575	1 853	3 667	2 160	1 749	402	<b>22 012</b> <b>(4.8%)</b>
Islands	2 304	418	994	2 344	1 843	1 677	297	<b>9 877</b> <b>(2.1%)</b>
Kowloon City	9 067	954	1 485	3 205	1 622	1 929	390	<b>18 652</b> <b>(4.1%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	19 853	3 337	3 972	7 681	6 101	5 601	1 042	<b>47 587</b> <b>(10.3%)</b>
Kwun Tong	30 000	2 548	5 284	11 291	6 943	6 578	1 206	<b>63 850</b> <b>(13.9%)</b>
North	9 989	1 340	2 379	5 238	2 006	2 861	802	<b>24 615</b> <b>(5.4%)</b>
Sai Kung	5 561	1 255	1 945	3 413	2 452	1 884	398	<b>16 908</b> <b>(3.7%)</b>
Sha Tin	11 670	2 199	3 803	6 120	2 967	3 113	1 219	<b>31 091</b> <b>(6.8%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	17 319	1 594	3 456	6 266	3 725	5 097	975	<b>38 432</b> <b>(8.4%)</b>
Southern	6 329	1 506	1 091	1 699	1 180	653	290	<b>12 748</b> <b>(2.8%)</b>
Tai Po	7 256	783	1 901	2 647	1 147	1 314	394	<b>15 442</b> <b>(3.4%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	6 439	646	947	2 530	1 334	1 103	384	<b>13 383</b> <b>(2.9%)</b>
Tuen Mun	14 531	2 783	3 569	5 978	2 250	4 152	787	<b>34 050</b> <b>(7.4%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 346	101	144	249	158	266	99	<b>2 363</b> <b>(0.5%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	17 184	1 815	3 126	6 595	4 046	3 596	643	<b>37 005</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 891	470	1 380	2 379	1 076	2 904	521	<b>14 621</b> <b>(3.2%)</b>



District	2010-11							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Yuen Long	16 919	2 775	5 415	12 340	5 999	8 066	1 247	52 761 (11.5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>194 731</b>	<b>26 405</b>	<b>43 112</b>	<b>84 172</b>	<b>47 413</b>	<b>52 869</b>	<b>11 196</b>	<b>459 898 (100%)</b>

District	2011-12							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 359	257	344	460	317	332	80	4 149 (0.9%)
Eastern	10 434	1 625	1 751	3 386	1 848	1 470	363	20 877 (4.8%)
Islands	2 345	372	943	2 117	1 521	1 474	275	9 047 (2.1%)
Kowloon City	8 961	1 019	1 415	2 967	1 332	1 810	408	17 912 (4.1%)
Kwai Tsing	19 747	3 323	3 940	7 450	4 946	4 686	942	45 034 (10.3%)
Kwun Tong	30 325	2 435	5 282	11 221	5 951	5 915	1 241	62 370 (14.3%)
North	9 956	1 327	2 277	5 107	1 651	2 443	701	23 462 (5.4%)
Sai Kung	5 680	1 217	1 825	3 117	1 967	1 668	408	15 882 (3.6%)
Sha Tin	11 528	2 134	3 787	5 914	2 456	2 718	1 320	29 857 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	17 077	1 571	3 352	5 770	3 006	4 644	948	36 368 (8.3%)
Southern	6 056	1 534	1 136	1 558	1 005	574	252	12 115 (2.8%)
Tai Po	7 310	775	1 804	2 514	968	1 095	380	14 846 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 301	615	976	2 305	1 148	924	369	12 638 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 636	2 737	3 536	5 552	1 884	3 432	758	32 535 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 273	82	137	224	118	244	112	2 190 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	16 998	1 721	3 033	6 346	3 387	3 114	623	35 222 (8.1%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 707	453	1 301	2 156	855	2 661	538	13 671 (3.1%)
Yuen Long	16 808	2 656	5 105	11 298	4 699	6 928	1 162	48 656 (11.1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>193 501</b>	<b>25 853</b>	<b>41 944</b>	<b>79 462</b>	<b>39 059</b>	<b>46 132</b>	<b>10 880</b>	<b>436 831 (100%)</b>

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA recipients							

	<b>Old Age</b>	<b>Permanent Disability</b>	<b>Ill Health</b>	<b>Single Parent</b>	<b>Low-earnings</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	2 184	256	334	446	286	264	68	<b>3 838</b> <b>(0.9%)</b>
Eastern	10 091	1 668	1 599	3 110	1 507	1 257	321	<b>19 553</b> <b>(4.7%)</b>
Islands	2 321	346	902	1 930	1 346	1 367	235	<b>8 447</b> <b>(2.1%)</b>
Kowloon City	8 914	1 076	1 481	2 816	1 169	1 606	400	<b>17 462</b> <b>(4.2%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	19 365	3 130	3 852	7 018	3 995	3 993	874	<b>42 227</b> <b>(10.2%)</b>
Kwun Tong	30 178	2 272	5 201	10 532	4 960	5 390	1 205	<b>59 738</b> <b>(14.5%)</b>
North	9 796	1 320	2 128	4 471	1 369	2 031	736	<b>21 851</b> <b>(5.3%)</b>
Sai Kung	5 544	1 160	1 783	2 636	1 557	1 246	396	<b>14 322</b> <b>(3.5%)</b>
Sha Tin	11 444	2 110	3 572	5 354	1 994	2 379	1 213	<b>28 066</b> <b>(6.8%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	16 941	1 616	3 420	5 902	2 590	4 184	1 029	<b>35 682</b> <b>(8.7%)</b>
Southern	5 797	1 476	1 050	1 455	904	508	235	<b>11 425</b> <b>(2.8%)</b>
Tai Po	7 062	838	1 620	2 235	778	960	405	<b>13 898</b> <b>(3.4%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	6 121	676	908	2 006	955	792	379	<b>11 837</b> <b>(2.9%)</b>
Tuen Mun	14 530	2 680	3 257	5 001	1 611	2 813	669	<b>30 561</b> <b>(7.4%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 181	80	138	218	87	206	101	<b>2 011</b> <b>(0.5%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	16 509	1 637	2 907	5 804	2 631	2 938	661	<b>33 087</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 599	435	1 274	2 082	760	2 350	581	<b>13 081</b> <b>(3.2%)</b>
Yuen Long	16 468	2 559	4 893	10 138	3 765	5 930	1 133	<b>44 886</b> <b>(10.9%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>190 045</b>	<b>25 335</b>	<b>40 319</b>	<b>73 154</b>	<b>32 264</b>	<b>40 214</b>	<b>10 641</b>	<b>411 972</b> <b>(100%)</b>

	<b>2013-14</b>							
	<b>Number of CSSA recipients</b>							
	<b>Old Age</b>	<b>Permanent Disability</b>	<b>Ill Health</b>	<b>Single Parent</b>	<b>Low-earnings</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	2 167	248	364	437	301	231	45	<b>3 793</b> <b>(1.0%)</b>
Eastern	9 657	1 645	1 500	2 919	1 334	1 141	271	<b>18 467</b> <b>(4.7%)</b>
Islands	2 224	333	899	1 781	1 108	1 225	212	<b>7 782</b> <b>(2.0%)</b>
Kowloon City	9 323	1 230	1 666	3 776	1 231	1 684	284	<b>19 194</b> <b>(4.9%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	18 959	3 096	3 691	6 458	3 536	3 070	769	<b>39 579</b> <b>(10.1%)</b>

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwun Tong	29 043	2 203	5 128	10 237	4 157	4 684	984	<b>56 436</b> <b>(14.4%)</b>
North	9 493	1 335	1 987	4 412	1 145	1 778	518	<b>20 668</b> <b>(5.3%)</b>
Sai Kung	5 364	1 054	1 630	2 322	1 269	1 077	338	<b>13 054</b> <b>(3.3%)</b>
Sha Tin	11 415	2 076	3 514	5 274	1 594	1 893	963	<b>26 729</b> <b>(6.8%)</b>
Sham Shui Po	16 644	1 661	3 639	6 061	2 230	3 638	733	<b>34 606</b> <b>(8.8%)</b>
Southern	5 557	1 486	1 051	1 464	784	454	225	<b>11 021</b> <b>(2.8%)</b>
Tai Po	6 817	787	1 603	2 174	572	813	330	<b>13 096</b> <b>(3.3%)</b>
Tsuen Wan	5 792	705	927	2 010	782	759	261	<b>11 236</b> <b>(2.9%)</b>
Tuen Mun	14 369	2 634	3 163	4 773	1 578	2 264	561	<b>29 342</b> <b>(7.5%)</b>
Wan Chai	1 045	69	135	211	84	192	91	<b>1 827</b> <b>(0.5%)</b>
Wong Tai Sin	15 884	1 601	2 829	5 402	2 223	2 321	549	<b>30 809</b> <b>(7.9%)</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 313	439	1 253	2 052	660	1 919	443	<b>12 079</b> <b>(3.1%)</b>
Yuen Long	16 069	2 371	4 777	9 299	3 220	4 941	952	<b>41 629</b> <b>(10.6%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>185 135</b>	<b>24 973</b>	<b>39 756</b>	<b>71 062</b>	<b>27 808</b>	<b>34 084</b>	<b>8 529</b>	<b>391 347</b> <b>(100%)</b>

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 145	256	379	497	261	228	50	<b>3 816</b> <b>(1.0%)</b>
Eastern	9 466	1 667	1 409	2 867	1 164	1 055	250	<b>17 878</b> <b>(4.7%)</b>
Islands	2 194	326	848	1 612	1 045	1 120	212	<b>7 357</b> <b>(1.9%)</b>
Kowloon City	9 504	1 350	1 709	4 127	1 068	1 604	230	<b>19 592</b> <b>(5.2%)</b>
Kwai Tsing	18 661	2 971	3 527	6 349	3 147	3 082	612	<b>38 349</b> <b>(10.1%)</b>
Kwun Tong	28 501	2 132	5 139	9 925	3 582	4 104	822	<b>54 205</b> <b>(14.3%)</b>
North	9 196	1 381	1 924	4 292	964	1 688	493	<b>19 938</b> <b>(5.3%)</b>
Sai Kung	5 432	1 008	1 605	2 207	1 104	1 031	314	<b>12 701</b> <b>(3.3%)</b>
Sha Tin	11 308	1 948	3 430	5 164	1 355	1 496	748	<b>25 449</b> <b>(6.7%)</b>

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sham Shui Po	16 460	1 634	3 629	6 381	2 005	3 293	508	<b>33 910</b> (8.9%)
Southern	5 457	1 455	993	1 389	706	386	211	<b>10 597</b> (2.8%)
Tai Po	6 489	796	1 614	2 197	504	818	341	<b>12 759</b> (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	5 696	699	858	2 011	742	687	200	<b>10 893</b> (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 248	2 582	3 123	4 625	1 486	1 898	449	<b>28 411</b> (7.5%)
Wan Chai	1 029	67	130	206	55	202	98	<b>1 787</b> (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	15 496	1 623	2 738	5 218	1 856	2 220	474	<b>29 625</b> (7.8%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 431	454	1 230	2 398	648	1 776	292	<b>12 229</b> (3.2%)
Yuen Long	15 921	2 266	4 681	8 858	2 816	4 566	848	<b>39 956</b> (10.5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>182 634</b>	<b>24 615</b>	<b>38 966</b>	<b>70 323</b>	<b>24 508</b>	<b>31 254</b>	<b>7 152</b>	<b>379 452</b> (100%)

The above figures do not include the cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

SWD does not have information of CSSA expenditure by case nature and district.

(e)(i) The number and percentage of CSSA households in each public housing estate with a breakdown by case nature as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	<b>510</b>	12%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	<b>54</b>	20%
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	<b>22</b>	5%
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	<b>1 205</b>	23%
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	<b>405</b>	25%
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	<b>493</b>	27%
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	<b>545</b>	11%
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	<b>356</b>	30%
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	<b>520</b>	12%
Cheung	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	<b>1 311</b>	16%

Public housing estate	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Hong									
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52	11%
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	466	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	282	20%
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	148	9%
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	662	37%
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	772	18%
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	1 857	26%
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	218	9%
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	166	13%
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	698	20%
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	213	38%
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	1 308	18%
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	526	19%
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	1 008	18%
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	685	12%
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	363	12%
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	864	22%
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	1 210	24%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	532	41%
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	1 387	23%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	122	13%
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	386	18%
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	503	19%
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	74	14%
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	47	9%
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	728	35%
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	1 791	30%
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	637	38%
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	269	17%
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	691	30%
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	787	16%
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	157	9%
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	509	16%

Public housing estate	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	623	50%
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	125	33%
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	255	16%
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	704	17%
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	599	14%
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	131	11%
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351	41%
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50	7%
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337	49%
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190	24%
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257	13%
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159	37%
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279	13%
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412	18%
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728	21%
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983	21%
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750	27%
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766	16%
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217	47%
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704	26%
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449	13%
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330	17%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289	18%
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835	16%
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492	22%
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007	24%
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48	19%
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239	18%
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167	30%
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629	40%
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215	12%
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274	23%
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790	21%
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036	17%
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140	42%
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239	20%
Kwai Shing	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706	14%

Public housing estate	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
(West)									
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	<b>904</b>	15%
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	<b>319</b>	14%
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	<b>540</b>	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	<b>225</b>	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	<b>664</b>	14%
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	<b>648</b>	16%
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	<b>748</b>	26%
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	<b>262</b>	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	<b>215</b>	8%
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	<b>404</b>	15%
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	<b>24</b>	10%
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	<b>647</b>	21%
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	<b>582</b>	16%
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	<b>572</b>	47%
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	<b>1 640</b>	42%
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	<b>676</b>	30%
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	<b>717</b>	23%
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	<b>538</b>	17%
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	<b>881</b>	34%
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	<b>677</b>	19%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	<b>451</b>	13%
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	<b>288</b>	10%
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	<b>1 790</b>	26%
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	<b>82</b>	28%
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	<b>1 004</b>	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	<b>655</b>	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	<b>849</b>	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	<b>826</b>	13%
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	<b>471</b>	11%
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	<b>96</b>	25%
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	<b>150</b>	16%

Public housing estate	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	87	10%
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	384	19%
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	678	17%
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	1 312	20%
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	441	19%
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	249	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	221	10%
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	97	15%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	120	13%
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	264	38%
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	596	22%
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	50	12%
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	57	13%
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	772	12%
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	1 091	28%
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	96	13%
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	997	20%
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	751	14%
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	1 883	25%
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	572	13%
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	1 271	23%
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	515	30%
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	1 675	23%
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	2 220	37%
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	426	37%
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	96	15%
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	54	9%
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	237	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	831	21%
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	2 752	23%
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	1 296	21%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	60	9%
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	1 346	23%
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	223	18%
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	2 161	24%
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	967	20%
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	1 797	22%
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	350	18%



Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	923	15%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	485	21%
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	569	22%
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	156	45%
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	946	17%
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	379	19%
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	647	27%
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	692	16%
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	600	20%
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	1 238	18%
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	673	11%
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	957	14%
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	435	13%
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	593	30%
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	1 792	21%
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	82	29%
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	747	40%
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	1 264	17%
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	713	15%
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	1 118	15%
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	943	46%
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	904	23%
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	1 564	25%
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	897	16%
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	199	22%
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	351	32%
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	1 044	13%
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	745	23%
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	830	23%
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	631	20%
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	1 687	30%
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	504	15%
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	1 190	14%
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	977	24%
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	274	40%
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	302	19%
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	131	41%
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	615	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	1 476	45%
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	199	35%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	1 883	24%
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	307	15%
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	1 200	20%
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	360	18%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	26	11%
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	938	42%
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	412	31%
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	1 759	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	1 812	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	1 171	24%
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	190	20%
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	1 035	11%
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	390	38%
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217	15%
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596	38%
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293	20%
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469	48%
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276	45%
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562	16%
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737	13%
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300	21%
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849	14%
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371	19%
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455	11%
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455	18%
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853	16%
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754	21%
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336	15%
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842	24%
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218	12%
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345	33%
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756	15%
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69	8%
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379	17%
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>	

The above figures do not include the cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

SWD does not have information of CSSA households in each public housing estate by case nature from 2010-11 to 2013-14.

(e)(ii) The number and percentage of CSSA recipients in each public housing estate with a breakdown by case nature as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	330	124	107	190	91	37	21	<b>900</b>	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	60	-	1	4	3	-	-	<b>68</b>	11%
Broadview Garden	22	2	2	9	1	-	-	<b>36</b>	3%
Butterfly	1 137	84	183	344	34	67	19	<b>1 868</b>	16%
Chai Wan	319	33	58	114	17	30	15	<b>586</b>	15%
Chak On	482	18	50	173	4	41	-	<b>768</b>	19%
Cheung Ching	509	45	86	176	93	82	10	<b>1 001</b>	7%
Cheung Fat	309	62	44	70	17	32	3	<b>537</b>	19%
Cheung Hang	453	51	67	102	82	73	17	<b>845</b>	6%
Cheung Hong	1 308	112	135	349	126	128	17	<b>2 175</b>	10%
Cheung Kwai	44	3	8	17	11	15	-	<b>98</b>	7%
Cheung On	420	51	51	74	12	38	9	<b>655</b>	20%
Cheung Sha Wan	226	12	32	116	48	47	8	<b>489</b>	15%
Cheung Shan	184	16	18	22	55	18	3	<b>316</b>	6%
Cheung Wah	603	38	110	161	45	82	17	<b>1 056</b>	23%
Cheung Wang	531	110	118	236	105	188	16	<b>1 304</b>	10%
Ching Ho	1 223	95	389	1 040	267	436	62	<b>3 512</b>	17%
Cho Yiu Chuen	236	13	18	18	32	18	2	<b>337</b>	4%
Choi Fai	131	6	39	49	28	25	2	<b>280</b>	7%
Choi Fook	530	34	77	352	85	138	8	<b>1 224</b>	14%
Choi Ha	171	17	31	37	33	17	5	<b>311</b>	23%
Choi Hung	1 186	72	197	410	120	140	21	<b>2 146</b>	12%
Choi Ming Court	372	55	138	118	85	96	9	<b>873</b>	10%
Choi Tak	781	38	103	515	99	112	33	<b>1 681</b>	12%
Choi Wan (I)	598	68	142	280	83	120	22	<b>1 313</b>	7%
Choi Wan (II)	352	18	72	124	42	53	16	<b>677</b>	7%
Choi Ying	681	20	123	417	100	117	5	<b>1 463</b>	14%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Choi Yuen	1 194	126	145	317	59	115	20	1 976	15%
Chuk Yuen (North)	407	41	135	106	45	46	14	794	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 251	87	188	488	113	103	13	2 243	15%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	129	5	3	10	24	9	-	180	7%
Chun Shek	323	27	77	105	29	23	7	591	11%
Chung On	323	103	95	147	64	117	36	885	10%
Clague Garden Estate	99	5	4	14	3	1	-	126	8%
Easeful Court	25	6	14	35	28	18	10	136	7%
Fortune	629	45	86	93	14	47	3	917	19%
Fu Cheong	1 475	130	271	275	137	152	18	2 458	15%
Fu Heng	462	84	200	106	19	68	14	953	22%
Fu Shan	245	17	45	88	20	27	3	445	11%
Fu Shin	570	68	168	184	43	74	44	1 151	19%
Fu Tai	499	110	188	269	325	203	24	1 618	9%
Fu Tung	105	17	47	83	35	24	-	311	5%
Fuk Loi	492	49	79	150	18	25	12	825	11%
Fung Tak	521	47	100	84	34	58	9	853	33%
Fung Wah	90	15	22	23	9	13	7	179	20%
Fung Wo	110	30	46	191	12	26	12	427	12%
Grandeur Terrace	322	73	254	609	266	312	30	1 866	12%
Hau Tak	466	66	135	159	82	106	19	1 033	8%
Healthy Village	131	7	24	14	9	10	1	196	7%
Heng On	260	49	92	114	36	35	37	623	24%
High Prosperity Terrace	18	-	24	44	26	26	3	141	5%
Hin Keng	302	26	73	77	39	44	11	572	28%
Hin Yiu	132	17	52	81	17	10	-	309	15%
Hing Man	184	35	34	100	90	47	2	492	8%
Hing Tin	116	13	63	52	36	13	2	295	22%
Hing Tung	207	48	47	92	47	27	2	470	7%
Hing Wah (I)	320	83	60	80	63	33	1	640	9%
Hing Wah (II)	662	78	77	233	56	47	5	1 158	14%
Ho Man Tin	751	88	195	193	80	107	21	1 435	11%
Hoi Fu Court	717	40	126	150	93	62	4	1 192	15%
Hoi Lai	436	104	236	411	315	255	14	1 771	10%
Hong Tung	228	12	7	13	-	2	-	262	30%
Hung Hom	618	51	99	178	59	71	12	1 088	16%

Public housing estate	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
Jat Min Chuen	490	31	47	51	23	27	5	674	6%
Ka Fuk	287	54	34	90	20	45	7	537	9%
Ka Wai Chuen	300	20	43	34	9	25	2	433	10%
Kai Ching	488	76	88	535	89	130	9	1 415	12%
Kai Tin	367	45	124	104	73	55	10	778	12%
Kai Yip	1 047	30	111	267	24	63	9	1 551	17%
Kam Peng	45	3	10	17	-	16	4	95	12%
Kin Ming	567	142	412	622	370	312	30	2 455	12%
Kin Sang	133	23	26	47	16	20	1	266	18%
King Lam	517	57	106	93	19	51	8	851	27%
Ko Cheung Court	129	26	59	197	91	57	14	573	8%
Ko Yee	245	22	28	76	26	17	-	414	12%
Kwai Chung	1 709	269	593	1 169	543	555	81	4 919	13%
Kwai Fong	759	118	221	205	212	189	23	1 727	10%
Kwai Hing	120	15	18	39	15	16	2	225	29%
Kwai Luen	256	28	89	302	92	102	16	885	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	978	102	213	270	171	190	19	1 943	11%
Kwai Shing (West)	645	65	97	206	76	81	18	1 188	8%
Kwong Fuk	779	112	195	334	71	114	33	1 638	9%
Kwong Tin	226	21	104	107	54	48	11	571	8%
Kwong Yuen	335	90	119	123	25	42	54	788	25%
Kwun Lung Lau	157	13	30	67	69	49	5	390	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	671	29	118	95	60	75	5	1 053	8%
Lai King	626	51	54	177	76	53	12	1 049	9%
Lai Kok	661	58	108	207	39	64	10	1 147	17%
Lai On	196	39	58	60	11	27	1	392	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	14	41	21	7	19	-	320	5%
Lai Yiu	335	46	76	97	86	78	11	729	9%
Lakeside Garden	20	9	6	5	-	3	3	46	6%
Lam Tin	553	29	117	225	104	68	12	1 108	14%
Lee On	396	91	176	168	45	77	15	968	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	471	46	74	177	41	86	12	907	30%
Lei Muk Shue	1 178	196	318	614	311	237	47	2 901	30%
Lei Tung	506	109	94	202	48	40	16	1 015	18%
Lei Yue Mun	581	39	117	245	107	96	10	1 195	13%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Lek Yuen	382	58	126	200	44	47	41	898	11%
Leung King	667	78	162	250	71	85	16	1 329	21%
Lok Fu	468	71	119	222	65	93	6	1 044	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	448	22	54	63	57	51	1	696	7%
Lok Wah (North)	254	30	82	132	33	59	18	608	6%
Lok Wah (South)	2 041	54	127	336	23	90	20	2 691	19%
Long Bin IH	17	11	19	25	-	38	-	110	21%
Long Ping	870	89	179	342	88	171	31	1 770	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	510	26	130	272	56	165	16	1 175	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	605	81	138	251	111	55	15	1 256	33%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	571	106	163	324	113	129	30	1 436	8%
Lung Hang	342	25	146	238	82	51	32	916	7%
Lung Tin	62	19	4	19	-	26	-	130	15%
Lung Yat	85	15	23	120	30	28	9	310	12%
Ma Hang	48	8	11	21	23	8	1	120	4%
Ma Tau Wai	289	63	42	198	26	48	4	670	13%
Mei Lam	565	42	149	276	31	49	23	1 135	11%
Mei Tin	681	106	331	772	249	224	52	2 415	13%
Mei Tung	341	46	57	167	58	74	13	756	13%
Ming Tak	214	15	39	56	27	19	5	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	225	19	17	18	15	14	2	310	5%
Model Housing	60	22	26	30	42	7	2	189	8%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	132	9	10	16	9	2	-	178	7%
Nam Cheong	222	29	39	52	36	32	-	410	22%
Nam Shan	481	48	87	260	25	75	2	978	14%
Nga Ning Court	27	-	7	18	18	9	4	83	6%
Ngan Wan	38	7	5	31	17	14	-	112	8%
Oi Man	639	109	174	339	98	105	8	1 472	8%
Oi Tung	916	150	113	219	84	54	7	1 543	17%
On Tin	42	3	14	108	45	36	13	261	9%
On Ting	857	88	123	288	66	104	19	1 545	12%
On Yam	570	120	132	217	210	119	18	1 386	9%
Pak Tin	1 607	99	319	459	155	218	26	2 883	14%
Ping Shek	573	27	82	130	53	88	5	958	8%
Ping Tin	1 043	89	189	305	92	132	27	1 877	12%
Po Lam	421	65	99	170	51	50	10	866	18%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Po Tat	1 391	115	264	461	280	352	56	2 919	13%
Po Tin	1 432	177	377	281	49	269	21	2 606	29%
Pok Hong	416	15	112	141	34	19	15	752	24%
Prosperous Garden	92	-	6	2	-	-	3	103	6%
Sai Wan	38	7	22	24	26	15	3	135	6%
Sam Shing	210	37	27	76	19	45	12	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	605	44	138	373	119	162	31	1 472	14%
Sau Mau Ping	2 233	220	450	648	426	457	68	4 502	13%
Sha Kok	1 015	110	323	439	70	90	57	2 104	14%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	52	6	14	18	6	14	-	110	4%
Shan King	1 205	132	253	407	88	133	21	2 239	15%
Shatin Pass	125	26	31	121	30	25	5	363	11%
Shek Kip Mei	1 797	95	375	766	207	250	41	3 531	16%
Shek Lei (I)	848	120	121	303	79	105	12	1 588	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 244	172	283	664	380	267	58	3 068	13%
Shek Mun	156	16	105	218	55	47	35	632	13%
Shek Pai Wan	578	115	128	193	174	78	35	1 301	8%
Shek Wai Kok	832	123	151	321	83	95	22	1 627	10%
Shek Yam (East)	401	58	72	83	54	48	6	722	11%
Shek Yam	480	86	89	152	91	65	26	989	12%
Sheung Lok	140	9	4	25	2	4	-	184	32%
Sheung Tak	701	90	209	257	202	150	11	1 620	9%
Shin Ming	248	30	74	173	46	43	1	615	15%
Shui Pin Wai	607	37	91	165	40	70	10	1 020	17%
Shun Lee	650	47	109	200	45	113	9	1 173	10%
Shun On	595	54	72	143	38	59	5	966	13%
Shun Tin	1 259	70	225	286	104	169	36	2 149	11%
Siu Sai Wan	433	172	137	301	117	127	7	1 294	7%
Sun Chui	825	93	185	312	129	107	33	1 684	9%
Sun Tin Wai	377	61	83	164	54	50	9	798	8%
Tai Hang Tung	513	23	83	120	54	49	3	845	17%
Tai Hing	1 713	147	232	433	113	164	23	2 825	14%
Tai Ping	60	14	23	30	5	23	2	157	16%
Tai Wo	682	68	163	118	17	48	13	1 109	24%
Tai Wo Hau	1 062	157	224	382	149	177	20	2 171	10%
Tai Yuen	436	129	321	245	127	147	46	1 451	10%
Tak Long	638	97	175	661	143	214	23	1 951	11%
Tak Tin	816	48	179	119	57	74	20	1 313	32%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Tin Chak	622	101	242	352	98	177	38	1 630	13%
Tin Ching	1 020	120	313	936	195	366	75	3 025	18%
Tin Heng	430	104	349	633	431	481	31	2 459	11%
Tin King	134	43	31	111	29	22	5	375	14%
Tin Ping	272	33	93	95	51	42	5	591	18%
Tin Shui	797	104	245	399	184	206	32	1 967	8%
Tin Tsz	616	58	142	158	52	73	11	1 110	12%
Tin Wah	623	77	188	240	79	130	17	1 354	12%
Tin Wan	468	94	102	106	96	43	10	919	10%
Tin Yan	1 155	111	283	601	88	243	42	2 523	23%
Tin Yat	296	54	182	358	187	245	20	1 342	11%
Tin Yiu	919	78	330	437	141	234	36	2 175	8%
Tin Yuet	655	62	204	325	257	228	19	1 750	14%
Tsing Yi	215	25	33	62	21	37	7	400	24%
Tsui Lam	225	26	85	172	46	40	5	599	12%
Tsui Lok	150	10	4	17	2	4	-	187	24%
Tsui Ping (South)	527	44	107	153	60	74	7	972	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 253	102	264	304	133	157	11	2 224	30%
Tsui Wan	160	36	18	43	12	16	2	287	20%
Tsz Ching	1 531	126	254	406	200	227	18	2 762	12%
Tsz Hong	198	31	64	183	94	146	11	727	10%
Tsz Lok	1 005	98	165	272	106	188	22	1 856	10%
Tsz Man	284	30	52	123	80	80	10	659	11%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	16	2	7	7	4	1	2	39	5%
Tung Tau	783	63	118	213	65	96	13	1 351	26%
Tung Wui	361	24	40	76	12	23	7	543	20%
Un Chau	1 519	123	266	321	175	174	35	2 613	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 705	93	248	241	154	192	27	2 660	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	993	127	136	243	144	122	13	1 778	14%
Verbena Heights	182	6	19	14	-	19	3	243	13%
Wah Fu	814	191	164	344	170	94	28	1 805	7%
Wah Kwai	303	43	68	44	33	16	5	512	21%
Wah Lai	133	36	52	91	56	40	1	409	9%
Wah Ming	466	113	73	171	23	58	21	925	21%
Wah Sum	238	54	46	57	31	48	2	476	10%
Wan Hon	568	4	19	50	3	10	6	660	33%
Wan Tau Tong	234	31	36	36	12	41	2	392	27%
Wan Tsui	418	111	90	234	73	64	8	998	10%
Wang Tau Hom	512	106	127	247	105	127	23	1 247	7%



Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total population in the respective public housing estate
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Wing Cheong	203	22	55	145	43	70	5	<b>543</b>	15%
Wo Che	571	132	309	353	125	136	45	<b>1 671</b>	8%
Wo Lok	323	39	63	108	25	26	12	<b>596</b>	13%
Wu King	318	48	147	239	79	108	16	<b>955</b>	7%
Yan On	237	32	103	248	30	84	10	<b>744</b>	12%
Yat Tung	913	182	573	1 114	865	778	76	<b>4 501</b>	11%
Yau Lai	1 388	56	317	876	245	254	29	<b>3 165</b>	14%
Yau Oi	1 110	152	274	440	247	203	27	<b>2 453</b>	9%
Yau Tong	708	59	163	214	176	92	20	<b>1 432</b>	14%
Yee Ming	144	7	56	162	37	47	-	<b>453</b>	9%
Yiu On	215	48	106	102	33	24	29	<b>557</b>	19%
Yiu Tung	610	107	108	150	67	96	2	<b>1 140</b>	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	56	9	11	10	-	7	1	<b>94</b>	4%
Yue Wan	291	44	61	210	31	44	2	<b>683</b>	11%
Yung Shing Court	246	63	61	70	74	81	14	<b>609</b>	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>119 359</b>	<b>13 680</b>	<b>27 167</b>	<b>48 218</b>	<b>18 780</b>	<b>21 160</b>	<b>3 457</b>	<b>251 821</b>	

The above figures do not include the cases under the PCSSA Scheme.

SWD does not have information of CSSA recipients in each public housing estate by case nature from 2010-11 to 2013-14, nor the information of CSSA expenditure by public housing estate and case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6257)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients as well as their median age and average age by different case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.) over the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the number of CSSA cases and recipients by different case nature (old age, low-earnings, single parent, unemployment, etc.) over the past 5 years.
3. Please provide for the past 5 years, the number of CSSA applicants who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years with their applications accepted on a discretionary basis, broken down by case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.). Please also give the reasons for exercising discretion.
4. Please provide for the past 5 years, the number of CSSA applicants who have resided in HK for less than 7 years with their applications for discretionary approval rejected, broken down by case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.). Please also give the reasons for rejection.
5. Regarding the year of residence of CSSA recipients, please list the number of recipients by year of residence who have resided in HK for 7 years or less over the past 5 years, the CSSA expenditure and its percentage in the total number of CSSA cases.
6. Please list the number of CSSA cases by year of residence in HK with at least 1 recipient who has resided in HK for less than 7 years and the total number of recipients involved for the past 5 years.
7. Please list the number of CSSA cases with family member(s) aged 18 or above having resided in HK for 7 years or less over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 605)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The number of CSSA cases, number of CSSA recipients and their median age by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014) are as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases

Case nature	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Old age	154 096	154 176	153 237	151 183	149 149
Permanent disability	18 491	18 376	18 351	18 362	18 225
Ill health	25 221	25 271	25 217	25 111	24 973
Single parent	34 142	32 579	30 513	29 852	29 529
Low-earnings	14 088	11 765	9 942	8 613	7 584
Unemployment	29 364	26 081	23 293	20 536	18 650
Others	7 330	7 135	7 070	5 765	4 944
<b>Total</b>	<b>282 732</b>	<b>275 383</b>	<b>267 623</b>	<b>259 422</b>	<b>253 054</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients

Case nature	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Old age	197 397	195 886	192 221	187 141	184 489
Permanent disability	26 405	25 853	25 335	24 973	24 615
Ill health	43 112	41 944	40 319	39 756	38 966
Single parent	84 172	79 462	73 154	71 062	70 323
Low-earnings	47 413	39 059	32 264	27 808	24 508
Unemployment	52 869	46 132	40 214	34 084	31 254
Others	11 196	10 880	10 641	8 529	7 152
<b>Total</b>	<b>462 564</b>	<b>439 216</b>	<b>414 148</b>	<b>393 353</b>	<b>381 307</b>

Table 3: Median age of CSSA recipients

Case nature	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Old age	69	69	70	70	70
Permanent disability	45	45	46	46	46
Ill health	44	44	45	45	45
Single parent	37	37	38	38	38
Low-earnings	43	43	44	44	44
Unemployment	43	44	44	44	44
Others	20	21	21	21	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average age of CSSA recipients.

3. Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. The number of CSSA applicants aged 18 or above who had been

exempted from the 7-year residence requirement from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013) with a breakdown by case nature was as follows –

<b>Case nature</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>	<b>Year</b>				
	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)</b>
Old age	280	346	320	297	194
Low-earnings	482	477	417	303	185
Single parent	682	822	786	667	447
Unemployment	146	157	155	106	62
Ill health	300	365	382	329	235
Others	28	26	31	39	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 918</b>	<b>2 193</b>	<b>2 091</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 159</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> There were no exempted cases under the category of permanent disability in the above 5 years.

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the 7-year residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme, SWD took into account all relevant factors to establish whether there was genuine hardship. Each case was considered on its own merits. The main factors considered included the applicant's means of livelihood after arrival, the cause of the current hardship, resources available and other possible sources of assistance in HK, and whether other forms of assistance were available.

If a new arrival was working to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion was normally exercised to treat him/her as an eligible family member for CSSA in recognition of the new arrival's efforts to become self-reliant.

4. The number of applications rejected (excluding withdrawal by applicants) due to the applicants not meeting the 7-year residence requirement from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013), with a breakdown by case nature and by reasons for rejection, was as follows –

(a) By case nature

<b>Case nature</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>	<b>Year</b>				
	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)</b>
Old age	6	8	1	-	1
Low-earnings	4	1	-	-	-
Single parent	-	1	3	1	1
Unemployment	4	2	3	-	-
Ill health	2	7	3	1	2
Others	14	5	3	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> There were no rejected cases under the category of permanent disability in the above 5 years.

(b) By reasons for rejection

Reason	Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Suffering no substantial changes in circumstances (e.g. means of livelihood after arrival)	25	16	7	1	5
Total resources exceeding recognised needs under CSSA	5	8	5	1	-
Receiving other forms of assistance	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

5. & 6. The number and percentage of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years, the CSSA expenditure and the number of CSSA cases involved from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014), with a breakdown by year of residence in HK, are as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients and their percentage to the total number of CSSA recipients

Year of residence in HK	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Less than 1 year	971	788	629	572	567
1 – less than 2 years	2 214	1 604	1 421	1 490	1 743
2 – less than 3 years	2 390	2 590	1 881	2 336	2 706
3 – less than 4 years	2 632	2 496	2 738	2 590	2 990
4 – less than 5 years	3 099	2 706	2 475	3 482	3 501
5 – less than 6 years	3 915	3 035	2 599	2 955	4 067
6 – less than 7 years	3 409	3 735	2 836	2 921	3 553
<b>Total</b> <b>(Percentage to all</b> <b>CSSA recipients)</b>	<b>18 630</b> <b>(4.0%)</b>	<b>16 954</b> <b>(3.9%)</b>	<b>14 579</b> <b>(3.5%)</b>	<b>16 346</b> <b>(4.2%)</b>	<b>19 127</b> <b>(5.0%)</b>

Table 2: Estimated CSSA expenditure for recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA is on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation that has included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years)

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	699
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14	582
2014-15 (up to 31 December 2014)	588

Table 3: Number of CSSA cases involved

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2010-11	13 317
2011-12	12 007
2012-13	10 461
2013-14	11 601
2014-15 (up to 31 December 2014)	13 551

7. The number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) aged 18 or above having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014) was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2010-11	6 934
2011-12	6 664
2012-13	5 804
2013-14	8 463
2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)	11 418

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6258)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients whose applications have been accepted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since the residence requirement was restored from 7 years to 1 year.
2. Please provide, by years of residence in Hong Kong (HK), the number of CSSA recipients whose applications have been accepted by SWD since the residence requirement was restored from 7 years to 1 year.
3. Please provide, by case nature and household size, the number of CSSA recipients whose applications have been accepted by SWD since the residence requirement was restored from 7 years to 1 year.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients who having resided in HK for less than 1 year have their applications approved by SWD on a discretionary basis since the residence requirement was restored from 7 years to 1 year. Please also give the reasons for giving the approval.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 606)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

1. to 3. SWD does not have the cumulative number of approved CSSA cases since the date of the CFA judgment, and therefore the information mentioned in the relevant parts of the question is not available.

4. From the date of the CFA judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD had exempted 248 CSSA applications failing to meet the 1-year residence requirement on a discretionary basis. SWD does not have the number of applicants exempted from the 1-year residence requirement on a discretionary basis nor the reasons for exercising such discretion.

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt an applicant from the residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme, SWD will take into account all relevant factors to establish whether there is genuine hardship. Each case is to be considered on its own merits. The main factors to be considered include –

- (a) whether the applicant or his/her family has relatives and friends to whom they can turn to;
- (b) whether the applicant is unable to work because there is a need to look after dependent members of the household, or because he/she has been medically certified to be unfit for work because of ill health/disability; and
- (c) the assets owned by the applicant.

Where a new arrival works to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion will normally be exercised to waive the residence requirement and to treat him/her as an eligible member for CSSA in recognition of the new arrival's efforts to become self-supporting.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6259)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the single parent (SP) case nature, please provide the number of recipients and their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, the number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0-4, aged 5-9, aged 10-11, aged 12-14 and aged 15 or above) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments over the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the respective number of CSSA old age cases with elderly recipients living with their families in each of the past 5 years. How many elderly persons living on their own, or families living with elderly persons, have monthly household earnings less than the CSSA payments for CSSA households of the same size in Hong Kong (HK)?
3. Please provide the following information on CSSA –
  - (a) The number of new CSSA applications (including re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before), and number of cases which have left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by case nature in each of the past 5 years;
  - (b) The number of new CSSA applicants (including re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before), number of recipients who have left the CSSA net (please provide the number of recipients who left the CSSA net due to death separately) and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by age group in each of the past 5 years;
  - (c) The number of recipients who have left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving (please provide the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net due to death separately), with a breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA in each of the past 5 years; and
  - (d) The number of re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before, the reasons for re-application and the average duration of leaving the CSSA net over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 607)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment and number of children from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	13	428	<b>441</b>	17	413	<b>430</b>
25-29	56	1 200	<b>1 256</b>	51	1 120	<b>1 171</b>
30-39	692	8 465	<b>9 157</b>	585	7 904	<b>8 489</b>
40-49	1 672	12 956	<b>14 628</b>	1 483	12 405	<b>13 888</b>
50-59	1 953	3 216	<b>5 169</b>	1 928	3 202	<b>5 130</b>
60 or above	841	166	<b>1 007</b>	845	167	<b>1 012</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 227</b>	<b>26 431</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>4 909</b>	<b>25 211</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Age group	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	8	355	<b>363</b>	8	340	<b>348</b>
25-29	54	1 058	<b>1 112</b>	47	1 108	<b>1 155</b>
30-39	513	7 369	<b>7 882</b>	437	7 466	<b>7 903</b>
40-49	1 307	11 466	<b>12 773</b>	1 176	10 997	<b>12 173</b>
50-59	1 824	2 993	<b>4 817</b>	1 645	2 932	<b>4 577</b>
60 or above	818	166	<b>984</b>	837	165	<b>1 002</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 524</b>	<b>23 407</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>

Age group	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	11	380	<b>391</b>
25-29	41	1 148	<b>1 189</b>
30-39	427	7 655	<b>8 082</b>
40-49	1 101	10 827	<b>11 928</b>
50-59	1 556	2 734	<b>4 290</b>
60 or above	849	176	<b>1 025</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2010-11			2011-12		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	141	2 038	<b>2 179</b>	141	2 094	<b>2 235</b>
Married/Cohabited	1 549	2 199	<b>3 748</b>	1 338	2 143	<b>3 481</b>
Separated	1 088	4 863	<b>5 951</b>	1 014	4 438	<b>5 452</b>
Divorced	2 095	12 593	<b>14 688</b>	2 097	12 157	<b>14 254</b>

Widowed	354	4 738	<b>5 092</b>	319	4 379	<b>4 698</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 227</b>	<b>26 431</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>4 909</b>	<b>25 211</b>	<b>30 120</b>

Marital status	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	143	2 118	<b>2 261</b>	150	2 156	<b>2 306</b>
Married/Cohabited	1 201	2 155	<b>3 356</b>	1 039	2 416	<b>3 455</b>
Separated	820	3 904	<b>4 724</b>	731	3 749	<b>4 480</b>
Divorced	2 078	11 406	<b>13 484</b>	1 969	11 154	<b>13 123</b>
Widowed	282	3 824	<b>4 106</b>	261	3 533	<b>3 794</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 524</b>	<b>23 407</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>

Marital status	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	147	2 188	<b>2 335</b>
Married/Cohabited	977	2 657	<b>3 634</b>
Separated	709	3 707	<b>4 416</b>
Divorced	1 903	11 085	<b>12 988</b>
Widowed	249	3 283	<b>3 532</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
No schooling/kindergarten	2 555	2 263	1 871	1 671	1 498
Primary	13 516	12 624	11 346	10 838	10 423
Lower Secondary	9 459	9 122	8 677	8 559	8 656
Upper Secondary	5 913	5 898	5 815	5 857	6 062
Post-secondary	215	213	222	233	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>30 120</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1	18 194	17 546	16 649	15 937	15 900
2	10 853	10 098	9 153	9 059	8 868
3	2 194	2 077	1 773	1 797	1 763
4	356	332	297	296	300
5 or above	61	67	59	69	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 658</b>	<b>30 120</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 5: Number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of children

<b>Age of children</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
4 or below	5 423	5 142	5 072	5 435	5 916
5-9	10 067	9 598	9 321	9 610	9 969
10-11	6 093	5 662	5 030	5 030	5 153
12-14	11 324	10 300	9 561	9 004	8 696
15-21	15 664	15 247	13 056	9 017	8 453
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 571</b>	<b>45 949</b>	<b>42 040</b>	<b>38 096</b>	<b>38 187</b>

Table 6: Total monthly earnings of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly earnings

<b>Type of monthly earning</b>	<b>2010-11 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2011-12 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2012-13 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2013-14 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014) (\$ thousand)</b>
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	26,691	27,077	23,751	22,303	20,749
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,025	1,202	1,217	1,431	1,724
Meals provided by other parties	58	65	64	62	65
Maintenance payment	3,279	3,370	3,568	3,976	4,384
Pension	149	134	139	143	134
Other income	181	200	155	214	224
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,382</b>	<b>32,048</b>	<b>28,895</b>	<b>28,127</b>	<b>27,280</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

2. The number of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients aged 60 or above living with at least 1 CSSA recipient aged below 60 from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases</b>
2010-11	26 616
2011-12	25 189
2012-13	23 628
2013-14	21 940
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	21 101

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the number of households in HK with only elderly persons aged 60 or above (excluding foreign domestic helpers) and monthly household earnings less than the average monthly CSSA payment from 2009 to 2013 broken down by the number of elderly persons was as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons in the household (Number of households in HK)	
	1 elderly person	2 elderly persons or above
2009	81 600	66 900
2010	87 000	71 900
2011	99 900	73 700
2012	104 600	78 600
2013	110 400	83 400

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the number of households in HK with at least 1 elderly person aged 60 or above and at least 1 member aged below 60 (excluding foreign domestic helpers) and with monthly household earnings less than the average monthly CSSA payment from 2009 to 2013 was as follows –

Year	Number of households in HK
2009	80 900
2010	75 600
2011	75 900
2012	72 400
2013	67 700

The figures of households in HK are provided by the Census and Statistics Department. Figures for 2014 are currently not available.

3. The breakdown figures of CSSA new applications and closed cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

(a) The numbers of CSSA new applications and cases closed (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once) with a breakdown by case nature were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA new applications

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)
Old age	15 071	14 146	14 125	13 178	9 998
Permanent disability	1 640	1 566	1 574	1 601	1 222
Ill health	7 012	6 563	6 476	6 423	4 918
Single parent	3 954	3 314	3 435	3 657	3 381
Low-earnings	2 937	2 186	1 985	1 742	1 255
Unemployment	10 369	8 619	7 790	6 996	5 156
Others	5 851	5 432	5 593	5 917	4 080
<b>Total</b>	<b>46 834</b>	<b>41 826</b>	<b>40 978</b>	<b>39 514</b>	<b>30 010</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases closed

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Old age	14 109	14 019	14 455	15 049	11 610
Permanent disability	1 211	1 238	1 262	1 199	913
Ill health	2 548	2 538	2 423	2 397	1 826
Single parent	3 759	3 773	4 095	3 806	2 813
Low-earnings	2 966	3 127	2 627	2 296	1 637
Unemployment	6 719	6 086	5 244	4 669	3 332
Others	1 398	1 442	1 508	1 490	999
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 710</b>	<b>32 223</b>	<b>31 614</b>	<b>30 906</b>	<b>23 130</b>

Table 3: Reasons for closure

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases closed in 2010-11</b>						
	<b>Reasons for closure</b>						
	<b>Excessive absences over limit</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Lost contact</b>	<b>Withdrawal</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Old age	81	11 268	281	233	2 090	156	<b>14 109</b>
Permanent disability	4	268	86	89	687	77	<b>1 211</b>
Ill health	10	500	94	300	1 458	186	<b>2 548</b>
Single parent	9	11	97	447	3 122	73	<b>3 759</b>
Low-earnings	3	6	81	256	2 591	29	<b>2 966</b>
Unemployment	20	134	253	1 807	4 085	420	<b>6 719</b>
Others	1	11	24	315	891	156	<b>1 398</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>12 198</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>3 447</b>	<b>14 924</b>	<b>1 097</b>	<b>32 710</b>

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12</b>						
	<b>Reasons for closure</b>						
	<b>Excessive absences over limit</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Lost contact</b>	<b>Withdrawal</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	<b>14 019</b>
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	<b>1 238</b>
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	<b>2 538</b>
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	<b>3 773</b>
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	<b>3 127</b>
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	<b>6 086</b>
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	<b>1 442</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>11 622</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>2 847</b>	<b>15 748</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>32 223</b>

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13						
	Reasons for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	<b>14 455</b>
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	<b>1 262</b>
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	<b>2 423</b>
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	<b>4 095</b>
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	<b>2 627</b>
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	<b>5 244</b>
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	<b>1 508</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>11 794</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>15 202</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>31 614</b>

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2013-14						
	Reasons for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	23	10 823	205	178	3 639	181	<b>15 049</b>
Permanent disability	4	235	94	61	722	83	<b>1 199</b>
Ill health	8	429	65	255	1 496	144	<b>2 397</b>
Single parent	3	9	94	314	3 330	56	<b>3 806</b>
Low-earnings	-	5	59	112	2 082	38	<b>2 296</b>
Unemployment	3	121	183	1 014	3 111	237	<b>4 669</b>
Others	-	11	28	360	979	112	<b>1 490</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11 633</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>2 294</b>	<b>15 359</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>30 906</b>

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed in 2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)						
	Reasons for closure						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	45	8 591	152	139	2 536	147	<b>11 610</b>
Permanent disability	1	156	51	47	616	42	<b>913</b>
Ill health	7	335	63	177	1 142	102	<b>1 826</b>
Single parent	4	10	72	219	2 460	48	<b>2 813</b>
Low-earnings	1	5	51	87	1 470	23	<b>1 637</b>
Unemployment	4	88	111	797	2 165	167	<b>3 332</b>
Others	1	15	19	278	591	95	<b>999</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9 200</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1 744</b>	<b>10 980</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>23 130</b>

(b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of CSSA recipients of new applications broken down by age, or the number of recipients of CSSA closed cases broken down by age and duration of receiving CSSA.

(d) The number of CSSA re-applications from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA re-applications</b>
2010-2011	19 043
2011-2012	17 121
2012-2013	16 652
2013-2014	16 367
2014-2015 (as at end-December 2014)	12 293

SWD does not have information on the reasons for re-application or the average duration of leaving the CSSA net.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0444****(Question Serial No. 6260)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list the number of school children on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with a breakdown by types across all districts in Hong Kong over the past 5 years, and the average amount of CSSA payments provided to students each year.
2. Please provide the following information on claims for additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses by CSSA recipients over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of grants and by age group (aged 0-6, aged 7-14, aged 15-24, aged over 25) –
  - (a) The district of residence, number of applicants and number of claims;
  - (b) The number of applicants and claims with additional grant approved;
  - (c) The average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved; and
  - (d) The total expenditure of the grants.
3. Please provide the numbers of approved and rejected claims for additional grant under CSSA Scheme due to school-related expenses exceeding the grant for selected items of school-related expenses over the past 5 years. Please give reasons for rejection.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 608)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of school children on CSSA from 2010 to 2015 by district and education level was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2010)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	95	294	321	14	<b>724</b>
Eastern	509	1 559	2 169	183	<b>4 420</b>
Islands	382	1 373	1 821	93	<b>3 669</b>
Kowloon City	582	1 401	1 605	111	<b>3 699</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2010)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kwai Tsing	1 304	4 109	5 906	381	<b>11 700</b>
Kwun Tong	1 686	5 116	7 637	640	<b>15 079</b>
North	846	2 322	3 149	203	<b>6 520</b>
Sai Kung	325	1 514	2 889	229	<b>4 957</b>
Sha Tin	783	2 545	4 127	304	<b>7 759</b>
Sham Shui Po	1 162	3 057	3 924	248	<b>8 391</b>
Southern	223	749	1 106	90	<b>2 168</b>
Tai Po	369	1 108	1 672	123	<b>3 272</b>
Tsuen Wan	354	1 151	1 476	92	<b>3 073</b>
Tuen Mun	910	2 699	3 593	244	<b>7 446</b>
Wan Chai	51	162	107	4	<b>324</b>
Wong Tai Sin	808	2 629	4 595	324	<b>8 356</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	521	1 274	1 146	48	<b>2 989</b>
Yuen Long	1 732	5 592	8 041	532	<b>15 897</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 642</b>	<b>38 654</b>	<b>55 284</b>	<b>3 863</b>	<b>110 443</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2011)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	73	239	287	12	<b>611</b>
Eastern	488	1 464	2 123	78	<b>4 153</b>
Islands	323	1 220	1 738	45	<b>3 326</b>
Kowloon City	574	1 328	1 574	50	<b>3 526</b>
Kwai Tsing	1 157	3 767	5 636	161	<b>10 721</b>
Kwun Tong	1 535	4 995	7 584	276	<b>14 390</b>
North	733	2 188	3 063	52	<b>6 036</b>
Sai Kung	302	1 282	2 653	86	<b>4 323</b>
Sha Tin	747	2 447	3 918	113	<b>7 225</b>
Sham Shui Po	1 059	2 799	3 841	107	<b>7 806</b>
Southern	227	661	1 041	43	<b>1 972</b>
Tai Po	357	1 065	1 656	43	<b>3 121</b>
Tsuen Wan	354	1 081	1 435	33	<b>2 903</b>
Tuen Mun	844	2 425	3 479	86	<b>6 834</b>
Wan Chai	60	137	130	2	<b>329</b>
Wong Tai Sin	807	2 461	4 450	129	<b>7 847</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	469	1 099	1 141	22	<b>2 731</b>
Yuen Long	1 579	4 923	7 685	199	<b>14 386</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 688</b>	<b>35 581</b>	<b>53 434</b>	<b>1 537</b>	<b>102 240</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2012)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	82	192	258	32	<b>564</b>
Eastern	451	1 328	1 767	192	<b>3 738</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2012)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Islands	287	1 103	1 579	135	<b>3 104</b>
Kowloon City	540	1 266	1 388	182	<b>3 376</b>
Kwai Tsing	980	3 400	4 608	834	<b>9 822</b>
Kwun Tong	1 404	4 849	6 443	749	<b>13 445</b>
North	672	2 068	2 571	275	<b>5 586</b>
Sai Kung	277	1 090	2 033	268	<b>3 668</b>
Sha Tin	632	2 297	3 125	422	<b>6 476</b>
Sham Shui Po	982	2 791	3 404	367	<b>7 544</b>
Southern	195	606	895	134	<b>1 830</b>
Tai Po	327	995	1 292	160	<b>2 774</b>
Tsuen Wan	324	994	1 193	188	<b>2 699</b>
Tuen Mun	748	2 217	2 869	433	<b>6 267</b>
Wan Chai	46	123	106	16	<b>291</b>
Wong Tai Sin	728	2 334	3 575	489	<b>7 126</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	455	1 063	949	154	<b>2 621</b>
Yuen Long	1 465	4 394	6 272	881	<b>13 012</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 595</b>	<b>33 110</b>	<b>44 327</b>	<b>5 911</b>	<b>93 943</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level (as at end-December 2013)</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	75	210	219	24	<b>528</b>
Eastern	405	1 222	1 569	208	<b>3 404</b>
Islands	275	953	1 404	163	<b>2 795</b>
Kowloon City	559	1 418	1 393	169	<b>3 539</b>
Kwai Tsing	876	3 024	3 935	823	<b>8 658</b>
Kwun Tong	1 236	4 418	5 743	743	<b>12 140</b>
North	576	1 910	2 252	287	<b>5 025</b>
Sai Kung	259	934	1 680	250	<b>3 123</b>
Sha Tin	594	2 136	2 687	475	<b>5 892</b>
Sham Shui Po	962	2 694	3 088	456	<b>7 200</b>
Southern	181	589	793	160	<b>1 723</b>
Tai Po	317	928	1 143	134	<b>2 522</b>
Tsuen Wan	313	880	1 042	160	<b>2 395</b>
Tuen Mun	690	2 008	2 510	428	<b>5 636</b>
Wan Chai	57	114	93	23	<b>287</b>
Wong Tai Sin	632	2 157	3 120	459	<b>6 368</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	423	925	870	144	<b>2 362</b>
Yuen Long	1 284	3 944	5 411	803	<b>11 442</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 714</b>	<b>30 464</b>	<b>38 952</b>	<b>5 909</b>	<b>85 039</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Education level [as at end-December 2014 (preliminary figure)]</b>				
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	93	185	219	46	<b>543</b>
Eastern	353	1 124	1 359	310	<b>3 146</b>
Islands	242	772	1 179	324	<b>2 517</b>
Kowloon City	641	1 591	1 369	372	<b>3 973</b>
Kwai Tsing	857	2 678	3 394	985	<b>7 914</b>
Kwun Tong	1 136	3 763	4 869	1 241	<b>11 009</b>
North	548	1 653	1 879	472	<b>4 552</b>
Sai Kung	242	809	1 348	400	<b>2 799</b>
Sha Tin	536	1 833	2 247	665	<b>5 281</b>
Sham Shui Po	933	2 414	2 635	738	<b>6 720</b>
Southern	147	528	667	233	<b>1 575</b>
Tai Po	283	820	954	300	<b>2 357</b>
Tsuen Wan	289	780	924	188	<b>2 181</b>
Tuen Mun	589	1 677	2 025	823	<b>5 114</b>
Wan Chai	59	104	73	28	<b>264</b>
Wong Tai Sin	572	1 916	2 550	733	<b>5 771</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	393	786	703	348	<b>2 230</b>
Yuen Long	1 081	3 359	4 554	1 356	<b>10 350</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 994</b>	<b>26 792</b>	<b>32 948</b>	<b>9 562</b>	<b>78 296</b>

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average amount of CSSA payable to school children per year.

- The number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses by age group of CSSA recipients for the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	
	<b>Number of approved claims</b>	<b>Amount of the grant approved (\$)</b>
6 or below	275	282,961
7-14	368	328,607
15-24	112	103,947
25 or above	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>715,515</b>

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	
	<b>Number of approved claims</b>	<b>Amount of the grant approved (\$)</b>
6 or below	283	292,043
7-14	319	274,501
15-24	65	64,698
25 or above	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>631,242</b>

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	
	<b>Number of approved claims</b>	<b>Amount of the grant approved (\$)</b>
6 or below	267	323,401
7-14	230	193,240
15-24	37	28,583
25 or above	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>545,224</b>

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	
	<b>Number of approved claims</b>	<b>Amount of the grant approved (\$)</b>
6 or below	243	294,563
7-14	249	201,751
15-24	14	14,034
25 or above	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>510,348</b>

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)</b>	
	<b>Number of approved claims</b>	<b>Amount of the grant approved (\$)</b>
6 or below	111	131,500
7-14	108	109,284
15-24	11	8,550
25 or above	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>249,334</b>

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for additional grant for school-related expenses within 1 year. SWD does not have the other information mentioned in part (2) of the question.

3. (a) The numbers of approved claims for additional grant for school-related expenses from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of approved claims</b>
2010-11	755
2011-12	667
2012-13	534
2013-14	506
2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	230

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for additional grant within 1 year. SWD does not have the number of claims being turned down.

- (b) Reasons for turning down the claims include unreasonable prices of the purchased items, failure to provide receipts of the purchased items, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6262)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide the following information for the past 5 years –
  - (a) With regard to the application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the number of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved with breakdown by age group; and
  - (b) The number and geographical distribution of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients.
2. Please provide the numbers of CSSA recipients (by age group) who have been on CSSA for over 3 years and 5 years respectively in the 5 years listed below.

	<b>Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 3 years</b>	<b>Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 5 years</b>
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		

3. Please provide, with a breakdown by age group and case nature, the numbers of cases in which the recipients have been on CSSA for over 3 years and 5 years respectively in the 5 years mentioned above.
4. Please provide the numbers of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving CSSA by nature of CSSA cases in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 611)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1(a) The number of approved claims and the related amount of dental grant by age of the recipients from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

(i) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 18 or below

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	32	22	42	30	40
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	1,715	1,762	1,627	1,763	2,261
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	0.1	Less than 0.05	0.1	0.1	0.1

(ii) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 19-59

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	3 101	3 340	3 594	3 795	2 734
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,150	4,209	4,267	4,196	4,741
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	12.9	14.1	15.3	15.9	13.0

(iii) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 60 or above

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	6 806	7 643	8 155	8 461	6 101
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,926	4,991	5,073	5,119	5,703
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	33.5	38.1	41.4	43.3	34.8

- (iv) Total number of approved claims (the sum of approved claims by recipients of all age groups)

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end- December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	9 939	11 005	11 791	12 286	8 875
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,674	4,747	4,815	4,826	5,391
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	46.5	52.2	56.8	59.3	47.8

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for dental grant within a year. SWD does not have figures on the number of recipients who have their dental grant approved and the approved amount. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- 1(b)(i) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Number of designated dental clinics (including 2 mobile clinics)	47	51	53	59	61

- (ii) The number of dental clinics (excluding the 2 mobile clinics) designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by district was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of designated dental clinics</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Aberdeen	1	1	1	1	1
Central	1	1	1	1	1
Chai Wan	2	2	2	2	2
Diamond Hill	2	2	2	2	2
Fanling	-	1	1	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	1	1	2	3	3
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	5	6	6	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	1	1	3	3
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2	2	2



District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)
North Point	1	1	1	1	1
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	2	1	1	2
Shau Kei Wan	1	-	1	2	2
Sheung Wan	-	-	-	1	1
Tai Po	3	3	3	3	4
Tin Shui Wai	1	1	2	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	1	2	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	2	2	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	2	2	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	2	3	3	3	3
Yuen Long	1	1	1	2	2

- 2(a) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 3 years with a breakdown by age from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Year	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
2010-11	50 675	42 221	20 838	40 797	40 523	152 023
2011-12	47 384	38 916	19 493	38 061	39 318	151 575
2012-13	44 636	32 781	18 386	34 809	38 771	150 935
2013-14	41 470	28 928	17 170	31 441	36 991	149 438
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	38 954	25 340	16 172	29 605	35 167	148 327

- 2(b) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 5 years with a breakdown by age from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Year	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
2010-11	36 823	37 130	15 615	34 108	34 636	132 449
2011-12	33 952	33 970	14 498	31 588	33 610	132 691
2012-13	30 846	28 061	13 246	28 371	32 570	131 112
2013-14	29 196	24 983	12 510	25 869	31 328	129 266
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	28 283	22 108	12 094	24 324	30 191	129 265

- 3(a) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 3 years with a breakdown by age and case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

(i) 2010-11

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	4 051	5 626	1 273	3 773	4 721	140 272
Permanent disability	1 814	1 882	3 518	5 497	6 576	1 820
Ill health	4 159	3 981	2 957	6 465	10 194	2 538
Single parent	21 196	15 374	6 351	11 733	4 498	1 423
Low-earnings	9 688	7 540	3 592	6 661	4 836	3 818
Unemployment	6 665	6 497	2 875	6 373	9 403	1 862
Others	3 102	1 321	272	295	295	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 675</b>	<b>42 221</b>	<b>20 838</b>	<b>40 797</b>	<b>40 523</b>	<b>152 023</b>

(ii) 2011-12

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	3 911	5 287	1 157	3 546	4 455	140 460
Permanent disability	1 733	1 792	3 403	5 426	6 716	1 781
Ill health	3 977	3 739	2 891	6 347	10 361	2 564
Single parent	20 175	14 864	5 969	11 186	4 505	1 376
Low-earnings	8 385	6 355	3 085	5 577	3 994	3 320
Unemployment	6 182	5 565	2 728	5 679	8 971	1 726
Others	3 021	1 314	260	300	316	348
<b>Total</b>	<b>47 384</b>	<b>38 916</b>	<b>19 493</b>	<b>38 061</b>	<b>39 318</b>	<b>151 575</b>

(iii) 2012-13

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	3 758	4 483	1 120	3 151	4 463	140 357
Permanent disability	1 613	1 592	3 326	5 211	6 998	1 849
Ill health	3 890	3 235	2 913	6 109	10 481	2 556
Single parent	19 402	12 888	5 602	10 232	4 340	1 311
Low-earnings	7 321	4 854	2 671	4 626	3 515	2 900
Unemployment	5 660	4 570	2 499	5 176	8 664	1 595
Others	2 992	1 159	255	304	310	367
<b>Total</b>	<b>44 636</b>	<b>32 781</b>	<b>18 386</b>	<b>34 809</b>	<b>38 771</b>	<b>150 935</b>

(iv) 2013-14

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	3 567	3 951	1 086	2 740	4 235	139 595
Permanent disability	1 560	1 444	3 249	5 044	7 085	1 807
Ill health	3 742	2 943	2 946	5 898	10 577	2 542
Single parent	18 919	11 764	5 235	9 360	4 137	1 281
Low-earnings	6 488	4 130	2 269	3 967	3 012	2 433

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Unemployment	4 814	3 640	2 150	4 161	7 667	1 431
Others	2 380	1 056	235	271	278	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 470</b>	<b>28 928</b>	<b>17 170</b>	<b>31 441</b>	<b>36 991</b>	<b>149 438</b>

(v) 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	3 438	3 303	1 045	2 565	3 990	138 717
Permanent disability	1 524	1 351	3 196	4 929	7 142	1 816
Ill health	3 563	2 596	2 889	5 786	10 433	2 586
Single parent	18 512	10 459	4 899	8 820	3 878	1 294
Low-earnings	5 726	3 449	2 062	3 428	2 581	2 174
Unemployment	4 215	3 279	1 876	3 834	6 886	1 379
Others	1 976	903	205	243	257	361
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 954</b>	<b>25 340</b>	<b>16 172</b>	<b>29 605</b>	<b>35 167</b>	<b>148 327</b>

- 3(b) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 5 years with a breakdown by age and case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

(i) 2010-11

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	3 134	5 188	1 073	3 364	4 164	122 224
Permanent disability	1 437	1 639	2 950	4 901	5 814	1 647
Ill health	3 069	3 451	2 202	5 280	8 540	2 175
Single parent	15 413	13 461	4 496	9 709	3 907	1 181
Low-earnings	7 194	6 643	2 688	5 526	4 254	3 345
Unemployment	4 797	5 813	2 027	5 109	7 725	1 623
Others	1 779	935	179	219	232	254
<b>Total</b>	<b>36 823</b>	<b>37 130</b>	<b>15 615</b>	<b>34 108</b>	<b>34 636</b>	<b>132 449</b>

(ii) 2011-12

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	2 953	4 806	984	3 153	3 990	122 979
Permanent disability	1 336	1 553	2 865	4 804	6 012	1 647
Ill health	2 865	3 237	2 156	5 104	8 653	2 197
Single parent	14 525	12 988	4 166	9 189	3 927	1 147
Low-earnings	6 188	5 561	2 318	4 635	3 544	2 941
Unemployment	4 272	4 876	1 838	4 474	7 234	1 491
Others	1 813	949	171	229	250	289
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 952</b>	<b>33 970</b>	<b>14 498</b>	<b>31 588</b>	<b>33 610</b>	<b>132 691</b>

## (iii) 2012-13

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	2 698	3 970	933	2 738	3 935	121 998
Permanent disability	1 232	1 333	2 746	4 600	6 226	1 695
Ill health	2 730	2 738	2 141	4 863	8 623	2 178
Single parent	13 479	11 063	3 734	8 215	3 708	1 080
Low-earnings	5 257	4 237	1 952	3 810	3 090	2 557
Unemployment	3 655	3 915	1 569	3 912	6 754	1 320
Others	1 795	805	171	233	234	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 846</b>	<b>28 061</b>	<b>13 246</b>	<b>28 371</b>	<b>32 570</b>	<b>131 112</b>

## (iv) 2013-14

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	2 615	3 465	920	2 388	3 691	120 831
Permanent disability	1 178	1 227	2 670	4 427	6 328	1 618
Ill health	2 707	2 560	2 163	4 789	8 746	2 174
Single parent	13 119	10 167	3 436	7 509	3 595	1 045
Low-earnings	4 807	3 615	1 723	3 278	2 671	2 127
Unemployment	3 222	3 191	1 435	3 268	6 083	1 203
Others	1 548	758	163	210	214	268
<b>Total</b>	<b>29 196</b>	<b>24 983</b>	<b>12 510</b>	<b>25 869</b>	<b>31 328</b>	<b>129 266</b>

## (v) 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	60 or above
Old age	2 583	2 892	879	2 171	3 452	120 862
Permanent disability	1 162	1 155	2 676	4 347	6 399	1 646
Ill health	2 608	2 264	2 120	4 642	8 727	2 216
Single parent	13 162	9 071	3 294	7 053	3 350	1 082
Low-earnings	4 371	3 096	1 623	2 839	2 348	1 944
Unemployment	3 039	2 954	1 359	3 082	5 710	1 221
Others	1 358	676	143	190	205	294
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 283</b>	<b>22 108</b>	<b>12 094</b>	<b>24 324</b>	<b>30 191</b>	<b>129 265</b>

4. The numbers of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving CSSA from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 935	2 871	2 310	2 171	1 519
Number of prosecuted cases	274	252	253	330	322
Number of convicted cases	269	247	250	316	315

SWD does not have breakdown on fraud cases by case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6263)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare Services

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the recipients belonging to the unemployment and low-earnings categories under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information –
  - (a) the number of CSSA unemployed recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past 5 years; and
  - (b) the number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) over the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature (such as “old age”, “low-earnings”, “single parent”, “unemployment”, etc.), and the average amount of DE and the median monthly income involved.
3. Regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme and the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects under the CSSA Scheme, please provide the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) over the past 5 years.
4. Please advise how effective have been the various employment support services under the CSSA Scheme, including the SFS Scheme and the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, over the past 5 years, in helping CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net.
5. Please provide the numbers of CSSA unemployment cases and low-earnings cases over the past 5 years in which the recipients have attained post-secondary education level or above, with a breakdown by age group and size of household.
6. Regarding the work to consider integrating various employment support services under the CSSA Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following –
  - (a) What are the details of the work?
  - (b) What are the estimated expenditure and manpower?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 612)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.(a) The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, past occupation, earnings from employment and district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Male	18 679	16 142	14 416	11 622	9 960
Female	12 450	11 340	10 585	9 384	8 467
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
15-19	1 600	1 054	977	794	732
20-29	2 281	1 827	1 585	1 306	1 293
30-39	3 683	3 146	2 749	2 233	1 872
40-49	9 026	8 166	7 367	6 019	5 371
50-59	14 539	13 289	12 323	10 654	9 159
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
1 year or less	4 414	3 320	3 013	2 585	2 518
More than 1 year – 2 years	3 747	2 612	2 008	1 568	1 388
More than 2 years – 3 years	2 878	2 670	1 978	1 399	1 144
More than 3 years – 4 years	1 826	2 197	2 138	1 439	1 132
More than 4 years – 5 years	1 772	1 478	1 772	1 531	1 106
More than 5 years	16 492	15 205	14 092	12 484	11 139
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Unemployed recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood). Not all of them have all along been receiving the assistance as a result of unemployment.

Table 4: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by educational attainment

<b>Educational attainment</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Primary or below	17 460	15 020	13 232	10 938	9 156
Secondary	13 333	12 179	11 471	9 780	8 972
Post secondary or above	336	283	298	288	299
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 5: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by past occupation

<b>Past occupation</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Cleaner	324	308	281	285	250
Clerk	37	31	24	27	19
Construction worker/ labourer/ decoration worker	92	65	65	47	32
Delivery worker	260	226	220	188	197
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	209	189	225	176	137
Driver	68	83	67	38	45
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	781	700	605	602	554
Salesperson	124	121	107	116	107
Waiter/waitress	129	129	133	111	113
Watchman/guard	45	30	31	32	14
Others	640	599	562	551	521
Jobless	28 420	25 001	22 681	18 833	16 438
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 6: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by earnings from employment

<b>Earnings from employment per month</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
\$0	28 420	25 001	22 681	18 833	16 438
\$1 – less than \$1,000	1 157	1 002	827	728	699
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 552	1 479	1 493	1 445	1 290
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 7: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by district

<b>District</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	246	233	199	178	156
Eastern	1 238	1 060	946	846	760
Islands	693	606	577	517	465
Kowloon City	1 226	1 101	1 006	967	858
Kwai Tsing	2 908	2 452	2 267	1 764	1 512
Kwun Tong	3 772	3 453	3 333	2 892	2 507
North	1 637	1 421	1 190	1 032	863
Sai Kung	985	872	779	677	654
Sha Tin	1 836	1 690	1 518	1 209	960
Sham Shui Po	3 439	3 065	2 897	2 430	2 176
Southern	491	432	441	382	353
Tai Po	791	701	622	491	439
Tsuen Wan	662	552	460	439	406
Tuen Mun	2 294	1 947	1 649	1 312	1 144
Wan Chai	210	195	172	140	128
Wong Tai Sin	2 343	2 091	1 924	1 592	1 374
Yau Tsim Mong	2 082	1 876	1 694	1 342	1 249
Yuen Long	4 276	3 735	3 327	2 796	2 423
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 129</b>	<b>27 482</b>	<b>25 001</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

- (b) The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, earnings from employment and district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Male	10 359	8 406	6 885	6 270	5 972
Female	10 382	8 708	7 237	6 175	5 548
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by age

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
15-19	1 090	701	516	477	455
20-29	3 216	2 473	2 012	1 719	1 571
30-39	3 249	2 823	2 356	2 031	1 919
40-49	8 216	6 981	5 669	4 938	4 449
50-59	4 970	4 136	3 569	3 280	3 126
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>



Table 3: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1 year or less	1 385	1 033	806	664	776
More than 1 year – 2 years	1 751	1 176	877	772	667
More than 2 years – 3 years	1 483	1 325	874	727	689
More than 3 years – 4 years	1 149	1 196	1 082	760	668
More than 4 years – 5 years	1 311	921	971	926	711
More than 5 years	13 662	11 463	9 512	8 596	8 009
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Low-earnings recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood). Not all of them have all along been receiving the assistance as a result of low-earnings.

Table 4: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by educational attainment

<b>Educational attainment</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Primary or below	10 666	8 630	6 899	5 836	5 211
Secondary	9 786	8 237	7 008	6 393	6 073
Post secondary or above	289	247	215	216	236
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 5: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by occupation

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Cleaner	2 903	2 273	1 803	1 421	1 271
Clerk	882	718	574	464	438
Construction worker/ labourer/ decoration worker	772	639	524	405	388
Delivery worker	1 033	905	745	695	634
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	558	424	363	331	319
Driver	902	766	668	609	554
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 647	3 951	3 224	2 945	2 754
Salesperson	1 462	1 257	1 005	904	801
Waiter/waitress	1 284	1 084	922	839	815
Watchman/guard	1 570	1 215	978	773	662
Others	4 728	3 882	3 316	3 059	2 884
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 6: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by earnings from employment

<b>Earnings from employment per month</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Less than \$4,000	7 690	5 584	4 321	3 660	3 399
\$4,000 – less than \$6,000	6 484	4 744	4 087	3 842	3 688
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	4 763	4 282	3 272	2 585	2 174
\$8,000 or above	1 804	2 504	2 442	2 358	2 259
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed, with earnings from employment equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,920 as at end-December 2014) and with not less than 120 working hours per month.

Table 7: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by district

<b>District</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	136	112	108	100	93
Eastern	841	690	569	507	453
Islands	641	528	459	374	355
Kowloon City	678	577	488	536	533
Kwai Tsing	2 515	2 072	1 728	1 542	1 451
Kwun Tong	3 030	2 601	2 186	1 927	1 760
North	1 016	865	698	589	546
Sai Kung	1 005	823	594	497	442
Sha Tin	1 348	1 095	916	790	716
Sham Shui Po	1 556	1 281	1 138	1 036	996
Southern	419	331	282	271	246
Tai Po	619	522	394	332	273
Tsuen Wan	663	540	421	339	325
Tuen Mun	1 225	978	834	783	699
Wan Chai	59	45	29	28	30
Wong Tai Sin	1 840	1 516	1 192	985	873
Yau Tsim Mong	425	372	303	302	300
Yuen Long	2 725	2 166	1 783	1 507	1 429
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 741</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>14 122</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

- 2.(a) The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Number of recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement per month</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Old age	2 844	2 764	2 712	2 620	2 554
Permanent disability	3 256	3 232	3 221	3 181	3 135
Ill health	2 758	2 695	2 602	2 663	2 574
Single parent	8 201	7 668	6 635	6 144	5 680
Low-earnings	13 528	10 888	9 023	7 714	6 753
Unemployment	5 858	5 160	4 386	4 328	4 500
Others	218	253	235	206	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>36 663</b>	<b>32 660</b>	<b>28 814</b>	<b>26 856</b>	<b>25 379</b>

- (b) The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Old age	1,593	1,566	1,520	1,481	1,437
Permanent disability	753	761	769	765	752
Ill health	1,255	1,257	1,238	1,245	1,244
Single parent	1,779	1,861	1,878	1,880	1,887
Low-earnings	2,238	2,317	2,325	2,341	2,345
Unemployment	1,608	1,597	1,595	1,628	1,671
Others	1,541	1,510	1,483	1,585	1,573
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>1,718</b>

- (c) The median earnings from employment of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Median earnings from employment per month (\$)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Old age	2,540	2,500	2,300	2,077	2,000
Permanent disability	440	455	472	471	454
Ill health	1,454	1,413	1,300	1,340	1,400
Single parent	2,881	3,360	3,360	3,500	3,500
Low-earnings	5,000	5,400	5,350	5,431	5,430
Unemployment	2,275	2,200	2,175	2,300	2,483
Others	2,320	2,178	2,019	2,361	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,263</b>

3. The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)</b>
2010-11	1,775
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14	1,736
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	1,718

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

4. SWD has been implementing various employment assistance programmes under the SFS Scheme (including the New Dawn Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme) to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. In January 2013, the above employment assistance programmes were integrated into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS).

The number of participants of the various employment assistance programmes, the number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling and the number of participants having successfully left the CSSA net in 2010-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling</b>	<b>Number of participants having left the CSSA net</b>
2010-11	30 291	7 476	1 448
2011-12	23 090	6 027	1 379
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	15 483 (as at end-December 2012)	4 222 (as at end-December 2012)	1 030

From January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 30 997 people participated in the IEAPS. Of these participants, 9 930 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS, and 1 870 had left the CSSA net. SWD does not have the number of IEAPS participants, number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling or

number of participants having successfully left the CSSA net broken down by financial year.

- 5.(a) The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above from 2010-11 to 2014-15 broken down by age and by the number of eligible members was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above by age group

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
15-19	11	3	8	4	4
20-29	74	63	65	72	97
30-39	36	27	31	31	35
40-49	100	92	79	72	65
50-59	115	98	115	109	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>299</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above by the number of eligible members

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
1	155	130	143	127	124
2	60	44	50	47	51
3	62	54	52	57	64
4	40	41	37	37	40
5	15	11	11	12	12
6 or above	4	3	5	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>299</b>

- (b) The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above from 2010-11 to 2014-15 broken down by age and by the number of eligible members was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above by age group

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
15-19	7	8	4	2	4
20-29	177	157	138	139	141
30-39	27	25	20	23	25
40-49	41	34	28	26	36
50-59	37	23	25	26	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>236</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above by the number of eligible members

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1	8	10	9	11	11
2	31	21	21	18	21
3	111	98	95	93	101
4	92	76	61	59	59
5	36	32	21	20	30
6 or above	11	10	8	15	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>236</b>

- 6.(a) & (b) Since January 2013, SWD has commissioned 26 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate 41 projects under the IEAPS to assist and encourage employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant. The Financial Secretary has announced in his 2015-16 Budget that \$220 million would be earmarked to extend the IEAPS for 2 years. SWD will continue to commission NGOs to provide employment assistance services for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients, and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$112 million. NGOs operating the IEAPS may use the allocated resources flexibly to arrange suitable manpower for providing employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on a family basis, including individual interviews, formulating individual action plans for job hunting, providing information on the labour market, career matching, career-related training, arranging job experience accumulation, post-employment support, short-term financial assistance, etc., so as to assist them to secure employment and become self-reliant.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6269)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients –
  - (a) the number of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1-2 years, 3-5 years and 6 years or above respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 14 or below, aged 15-59, aged 60 or above);
  - (b) the number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15-59 who are not required to join the Support for Self-reliance Scheme (SFS) in the past 5 years (year-end figures), and the reasons for exemption from joining the SFS; and
  - (c) the number of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1-2 years, 3-5 years and 6 years or above respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 15-24, aged 25-39, aged 40-49, aged 50-59) and educational attainment.
2. Please provide the following information on CSSA recipients –
  - (a) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by employment earnings (\$999 or below, \$1,000-\$2,499, \$2,500-\$4,999, \$5,000-\$9,999, \$10,000-\$14,999 and \$15,000 or above);
  - (b) The number of CSSA cases with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by total monthly household employment earnings (\$999 or below, \$1,000-\$2,499, \$2,500-\$4,999, \$5,000-\$9,999, \$10,000-\$14,999 and \$15,000 or above) and by household size (1 member, 2 members, 3 members, 4 members or above);
  - (c) The numbers of CSSA cases with and without household members engaging in paid employment respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures); and
  - (d) The number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above, and the number of CSSA cases involving 2-member households with both being aged over 65 in the past 5 years (year-end figures).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 618)

**Reply:**

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) Under the CSSA Scheme, employable adults refer to CSSA recipients who are aged 15-59 and considered capable of working. Those aged 14 or below and 60 or above are not considered as employable. The number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (Year)	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
1 or less	5 799	4 353	3 819	3 249	3 294
More than 1 - 3	9 859	7 783	5 737	4 466	3 888
More than 3 - 5	6 058	5 792	5 963	4 656	3 617
More than 5	30 154	26 668	23 604	21 080	19 148
<b>Total</b>	<b>51 870</b>	<b>44 596</b>	<b>39 123</b>	<b>33 451</b>	<b>29 947</b>

Employable adults might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood) in their earlier years and not all recipients have all along been receiving CSSA while being employable.

- (b) All employable adults on CSSA are required to participate in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance.
- (c) The numbers of employable adults by age, educational attainment and duration of receiving CSSA from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –
- (i) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for 1 and less than 1 year

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	39	65	116	<b>224</b>
	Primary	38	466	728	1 146	<b>2 378</b>
	Lower secondary	163	693	511	436	<b>1 803</b>
	Upper secondary	168	493	362	250	<b>1 273</b>
	Post secondary	21	35	36	29	<b>121</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>1 726</b>	<b>1 702</b>	<b>1 977</b>	<b>5 799</b>
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	2	37	49	110	<b>198</b>
	Primary	27	305	523	783	<b>1 638</b>
	Lower secondary	116	538	433	341	<b>1 428</b>
	Upper secondary	104	383	320	199	<b>1 006</b>
	Post secondary	28	18	19	18	<b>83</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1 281</b>	<b>1 344</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>4 353</b>
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	1	23	52	88	<b>164</b>
	Primary	28	245	410	704	<b>1 387</b>
	Lower secondary	76	439	418	308	<b>1 241</b>
	Upper secondary	101	344	281	207	<b>933</b>
	Post secondary	31	16	17	30	<b>94</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 178</b>	<b>1 337</b>	<b>3 819</b>
2013-14	No schooling/kindergarten	5	19	52	74	<b>150</b>
	Primary	18	208	346	582	<b>1 154</b>
	Lower secondary	72	376	331	271	<b>1 050</b>
	Upper secondary	83	292	241	190	<b>806</b>
	Post secondary	22	26	19	22	<b>89</b>



Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1 139</b>	<b>3 249</b>
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	No schooling/kindergarten	4	17	64	78	<b>163</b>
	Primary	17	180	423	544	<b>1 164</b>
	Lower secondary	70	348	377	264	<b>1 059</b>
	Upper secondary	107	254	245	206	<b>812</b>
	Post secondary	22	34	22	18	<b>96</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1 131</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>3 294</b>

- (ii) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than 1 year and up to 3 years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	77	168	276	<b>525</b>
	Primary	56	702	1 336	2 025	<b>4 119</b>
	Lower secondary	210	1 044	1 010	755	<b>3 019</b>
	Upper secondary	336	648	632	440	<b>2 056</b>
	Post secondary	16	41	38	45	<b>140</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>3 184</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>9 859</b>
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	4	52	115	197	<b>368</b>
	Primary	33	550	1 026	1 627	<b>3 236</b>
	Lower secondary	150	779	811	628	<b>2 368</b>
	Upper secondary	206	556	523	408	<b>1 693</b>
	Post secondary	14	31	35	38	<b>118</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 510</b>	<b>2 898</b>	<b>7 783</b>
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	4	38	74	152	<b>268</b>
	Primary	30	390	746	1 211	<b>2 377</b>
	Lower secondary	113	525	583	513	<b>1 734</b>
	Upper secondary	139	408	410	322	<b>1 279</b>
	Post secondary	7	23	20	29	<b>79</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1 384</b>	<b>1 833</b>	<b>2 227</b>	<b>5 737</b>
2013-14	No schooling/kindergarten	3	18	73	107	<b>201</b>
	Primary	17	271	597	921	<b>1 806</b>
	Lower secondary	83	383	478	400	<b>1 344</b>
	Upper secondary	112	299	352	273	<b>1 036</b>
	Post secondary	11	22	17	29	<b>79</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1 517</b>	<b>1 730</b>	<b>4 466</b>
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	No schooling/kindergarten	4	20	66	90	<b>180</b>
	Primary	20	233	477	725	<b>1 455</b>
	Lower secondary	78	367	433	374	<b>1 252</b>
	Upper secondary	102	270	317	236	<b>925</b>
	Post secondary	13	19	15	29	<b>76</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1 308</b>	<b>1 454</b>	<b>3 888</b>

- (iii) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than 3 years and up to 5 years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	4	54	150	200	<b>408</b>
	Primary	33	400	981	1 329	<b>2 743</b>
	Lower secondary	201	465	687	423	<b>1 776</b>
	Upper secondary	251	272	346	202	<b>1 071</b>
	Post secondary	9	12	24	15	<b>60</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>1 203</b>	<b>2 188</b>	<b>2 169</b>	<b>6 058</b>

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	10	39	111	185	345
	Primary	40	330	898	1 238	2 506
	Lower secondary	152	526	649	485	1 812
	Upper secondary	160	286	383	245	1 074
	Post secondary	8	12	19	16	55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1 193</b>	<b>2 060</b>	<b>2 169</b>	<b>5 792</b>
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	5	37	73	172	287
	Primary	37	328	835	1 271	2 471
	Lower secondary	141	546	683	542	1 912
	Upper secondary	162	323	414	312	1 211
	Post secondary	10	18	23	31	82
	<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1 252</b>	<b>2 028</b>	<b>2 328</b>	<b>5 963</b>
2013-14	No schooling/kindergarten	2	18	62	109	191
	Primary	27	276	629	1 026	1 958
	Lower secondary	82	379	523	459	1 443
	Upper secondary	142	248	308	300	998
	Post secondary	7	13	20	26	66
	<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1 542</b>	<b>1 920</b>	<b>4 656</b>
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	No schooling/kindergarten	3	15	47	84	149
	Primary	20	191	553	744	1 508
	Lower secondary	73	269	387	354	1 083
	Upper secondary	108	187	282	244	821
	Post secondary	5	12	17	22	56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1 286</b>	<b>1 448</b>	<b>3 617</b>

(iv) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than 5 years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2010-11	No schooling/kindergarten	34	133	1 101	1 693	2 961
	Primary	1 245	914	5 332	7 277	14 768
	Lower secondary	1 418	1 253	2 440	1 924	7 035
	Upper secondary	2 114	855	1 252	865	5 086
	Post secondary	137	61	43	63	304
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4 948</b>	<b>3 216</b>	<b>10 168</b>	<b>11 822</b>	<b>30 154</b>
2011-12	No schooling/kindergarten	26	113	924	1 450	2 513
	Primary	823	806	4 630	6 587	12 846
	Lower secondary	1 034	1 171	2 441	1 890	6 536
	Upper secondary	1 615	768	1 185	931	4 499
	Post secondary	103	69	53	49	274
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 601</b>	<b>2 927</b>	<b>9 233</b>	<b>10 907</b>	<b>26 668</b>
2012-13	No schooling/kindergarten	35	91	708	1 220	2 054
	Primary	734	667	3 809	5 913	11 123
	Lower secondary	826	1 056	2 330	1 877	6 089
	Upper secondary	1 310	727	1 103	940	4 080
	Post secondary	96	65	47	50	258
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 001</b>	<b>2 606</b>	<b>7 997</b>	<b>10 000</b>	<b>23 604</b>
2013-14	No schooling/kindergarten	54	71	533	1 036	1 694
	Primary	609	605	3 178	5 228	9 620
	Lower secondary	736	943	2 113	1 902	5 694
	Upper secondary	1 144	694	1 043	921	3 802
	Post secondary	117	53	42	58	270
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 660</b>	<b>2 366</b>	<b>6 909</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>21 080</b>
2014-15	No schooling/kindergarten	66	58	394	836	1 354

<b>Year</b> (as at end- December 2014)	<b>Educational attainment</b>	<b>Age group</b>				
		<b>15-24</b>	<b>25-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Primary	574	550	2 664	4 606	<b>8 394</b>
	Lower secondary	717	905	1 970	1 845	<b>5 437</b>
	Upper secondary	1 042	667	1 020	927	<b>3 656</b>
	Post secondary	140	61	47	59	<b>307</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 539</b>	<b>2 241</b>	<b>6 095</b>	<b>8 273</b>	<b>19 148</b>

2. (a) The number of adults having earnings from employment with a breakdown by the range of earnings from employment from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Monthly earnings from employment</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Less than \$1,000	6 181	5 980	5 575	5 420	5 358
\$1,000 – less than \$2,500	7 982	6 428	5 791	5 633	5 295
\$2,500 – less than \$5,000	11 618	10 372	9 072	8 301	7 847
\$5,000 – less than \$10,000	10 634	9 533	7 842	6 851	6 163
\$10,000 – less than \$15,000	414	487	606	740	811
\$15,000 or above	62	51	91	57	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>36 891</b>	<b>32 851</b>	<b>28 977</b>	<b>27 002</b>	<b>25 512</b>

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information mentioned in part 2(b) of the question.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having earnings from employment from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases with recipient(s) having earnings from employment</b>	<b>Number of cases without any recipient having earnings from employment</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010-11	34 381	233 116	<b>267 497</b>
2011-12	30 946	228 713	<b>259 659</b>
2012-13	27 453	224 206	<b>251 659</b>
2013-14	25 572	216 516	<b>242 088</b>
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	24 167	212 713	<b>236 880</b>

- (d) The numbers of CSSA cases involving 1-person and 2-person households with recipient(s) being aged 65 or above from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases involving 2-person households with both recipients aged 65 and above</b>
2010-11	98 899	16 994
2011-12	98 394	17 070
2012-13	97 745	16 763
2013-14	96 208	16 261
2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)	95 892	16 104

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6271)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) continues to implement various employment assistance projects to help employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant. Please provide the number of participants, the number of CSSA recipients who have successfully secured employment after participating in the projects, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved in the various employment assistance projects for this financial year.
2. Please provide the numbers of CSSA cases and recipients under low-earnings and unemployment categories and their percentage to the overall number of CSSA cases in the past 5 years.
3. Among the CSSA cases of the low-earnings and unemployment categories, please provide the number of cases and recipients who have secured employment and left the CSSA net over the past 5 years with a breakdown by age, district of residence, gender, and size of household.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients who have taken up full-time re-training programmes provided by the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) with a breakdown by age, district of residence, gender and case nature over the past 5 years.
5. Please provide the following information with a breakdown by age over the past 5 years –
  - (a) How many CSSA unemployment (UT) cases have changed to CSSA low-earnings (LE) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long does it take for such CSSA cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long do the changes last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above;
  - (b) How many CSSA UT cases have changed to CSSA single-parent (SP) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long does it take for such cases to change to CSSA SP cases and how long do the changes last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above; and
  - (c) How many CSSA cases originally under other categories have changed to CSSA LE cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long does it take for

such cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long do the changes last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 620)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In January 2013, SWD integrated various employment assistance projects for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). From January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 30 997 persons had participated in the IEAPS and 9 930 of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. SWD does not capture the numbers of IEAPS participants or participants having successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling with a breakdown by financial year.

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate various employment assistance projects is \$112 million. NGOs operating the IEAPS may use the allocated funding flexibly to arrange suitable manpower for providing employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on a family basis.

2. The number and percentage of CSSA LE and UT cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>LE cases</b>		<b>UT cases</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
2010-11	14 088	5.0	29 364	10.4
2011-12	11 765	4.3	26 081	9.5
2012-13	9 942	3.7	23 293	8.7
2013-14	8 613	3.3	20 536	7.9
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	7 584	3.0	18 650	7.4

The number and percentage of CSSA LE and UT recipients from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>LE recipients</b>		<b>UT recipients</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
2010-11	20 741	4.5	31 129	6.7
2011-12	17 114	3.9	27 482	6.3
2012-13	14 122	3.4	25 001	6.0
2013-14	12 445	3.2	21 006	5.3
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	11 520	3.0	18 427	4.8

3. SWD does not have the number of CSSA cases or recipients leaving the CSSA net after having secured employment.
4. SWD does not have the number of CSSA recipients attending full-time training courses offered by the ERB.
- 5.(a) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA LE cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier</b>
As at end-December 2010	1 312
As at end-December 2011	899
As at end-December 2012	705
As at end-December 2013	628
As at end-December 2014	626

- (b) The number of CSSA SP cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA SP cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier</b>
As at end-December 2010	434
As at end-December 2011	395
As at end-December 2012	399
As at end-December 2013	340
As at end-December 2014	321

- (c) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 which were originally under others categories 1 year earlier was as follows –

Table 1: As at end-December 2010, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2009

<b>Case nature in end-December 2009</b>	<b>Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2010</b>
Old age	382
Permanent disability	69
Ill health	218
Single parent	414
Unemployment	1 312
Others	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 507</b>

Table 2: As at end-December 2011, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2010

<b>Case nature in end-December 2010</b>	<b>Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2011</b>
Old age	347
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	213
Single parent	283

Unemployment	899
Others	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 887</b>

Table 3: As at end-December 2012, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2011

<b>Case nature in end-December 2011</b>	<b>Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2012</b>
Old age	292
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	139
Single parent	275
Unemployment	705
Others	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 540</b>

Table 4: As at end-December 2013, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2012

<b>Case nature in end-December 2012</b>	<b>Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2013</b>
Old age	225
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	124
Single parent	244
Unemployment	628
Others	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 345</b>

Table 5: As at end-December 2014, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2013

<b>Case nature in end-December 2013</b>	<b>Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2014</b>
Old age	178
Permanent disability	38
Ill health	107
Single parent	223
Unemployment	566
Others	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 169</b>

SWD does not have information on the duration of receiving CSSA before or after such changes of case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0449****(Question Serial No. 6274)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved.

	<b>Number of cases receiving rent allowance</b>	<b>Number of persons affected by rent allowance</b>	<b>Total expenditure on rent allowance</b>
2010-11			
2011-12			
2012-13			
2013-14			
2014-15			

2. Please provide the total number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowing and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats) in the past 5 year with a breakdown by case nature.
3. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats), please provide the average amount of rent allowance received in the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence and size of household.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) over the past 5 years –

	<b>Actual rent less than MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1-person household			
2-person household			
3-person household			
4-person household			
5-person household			



Household with 6 persons or above			
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5. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats) and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding MRA over the past 5 years –

	<b>Actual rent less than MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1-person household			
2-person household			
3-person household			
4-person household			
5-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

6. Please provide the number and percentage of cases being eligible for the subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing under the Community Care Fund (CCF), living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats) and receiving CSSA rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding MRA, after receiving the subsidy.

	<b>Actual rent less than MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1-person household			
2-person household			
3-person household			
4-person household			
5-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 623)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA cases and the number of recipients receiving rent allowance, and the expenditure involved from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance</b>	<b>Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance</b>	<b>CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	247 667	436 004	2,831
2011-12	240 881	414 248	2,978
2012-13	233 424	390 180	2,825
2013-14	224 992	370 889	2,902
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	221 305	361 509	2,546

2. The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by case nature is as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Old age	14 540	13 897	13 301	12 002	11 923
Permanent disability	1 794	1 679	1 680	1 610	1 607
Ill health	4 237	3 988	3 821	3 718	3 732
Single parent	8 136	7 479	7 083	7 078	7 853
Low-earnings	2 280	1 894	1 660	1 512	1 392
Unemployment	7 099	6 352	5 484	4 480	4 083
Others	2 054	1 963	2 013	1 341	932
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 140</b>	<b>37 252</b>	<b>35 042</b>	<b>31 741</b>	<b>31 522</b>

3. Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing receiving rent allowance with a breakdown by number of eligible members and by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is presented in the following tables –

<b>District</b>	<b>Median actual rent in private housing in 2010-11 (\$)</b>					
	<b>Number of eligible members</b>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 or above</b>
Central & Western	1,400	2,700	3,700	4,200	4,800	4,865
Eastern	1,500	2,700	3,600	4,500	4,125	4,700
Islands	1,400	2,500	3,100	3,000	3,400	3,800
Kowloon City	1,400	2,550	3,300	3,500	3,875	4,300
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,250	4,700
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,600	3,425	3,600	3,800	4,500
North	1,500	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,450
Sai Kung	767	2,500	3,600	3,670	4,500	6,243
Sha Tin	765	2,000	3,775	4,184	4,200	4,500
Sham Shui Po	1,350	2,500	3,300	3,390	3,700	4,300
Southern	1,500	2,600	3,300	4,000	3,500	5,150
Tai Po	1,500	2,566	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,000

Tsuen Wan	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,800	3,550	4,500
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,486	3,500	3,707	4,600	4,500
Wan Chai	1,350	2,600	3,250	4,100	4,500	6,600
Wong Tai Sin	1,375	2,500	3,385	3,850	4,200	4,300
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,550	3,330	3,700	4,000	4,850
Yuen Long	1,300	2,500	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,200
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2011-12 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,450	2,732	3,800	4,500	4,600	5,650
Eastern	1,500	2,750	3,791	4,233	5,000	5,200
Islands	1,500	2,575	3,000	3,200	3,000	4,500
Kowloon City	1,450	2,600	3,402	3,750	4,000	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,600	3,345	3,550	4,000	4,889
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,775	4,000	4,600
North	1,500	2,600	3,300	3,550	3,800	4,300
Sai Kung	787	2,050	3,250	3,915	5,000	6,385
Sha Tin	781	1,169	3,775	4,500	4,175	5,100
Sham Shui Po	1,400	2,600	3,300	3,500	3,900	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,700	3,700	4,000	5,400	5,380
Tai Po	1,500	2,600	3,600	3,800	4,500	5,500
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,650
Tuen Mun	1,300	2,500	3,500	3,923	4,800	4,700
Wan Chai	1,400	2,600	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,150
Wong Tai Sin	1,323	2,550	3,500	3,800	4,500	4,400
Yau Tsim Mong	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	3,800	5,350
Yuen Long	1,360	2,500	3,300	3,600	3,800	4,500
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,800</b>

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2012-13 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,500	3,000	3,950	4,500	5,000	6,300
Eastern	1,500	2,800	4,000	4 500	4,141	5,500
Islands	1,500	2,600	3,350	3,250	3,500	4,200
Kowloon City	1,500	2,795	3,600	3,900	4,050	4,750
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,800	4,000	5,200
Kwun Tong	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,250	4,650
North	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,800	3,800	4,850
Sai Kung	807	1,888	3,359	4,000	4,300	5,393
Sha Tin	831	949	3,700	4,500	4,500	4,700
Sham Shui Po	1,500	2,800	3,500	3,700	3,800	4,500
Southern	1,500	2,800	3,700	4,000	4,500	5,500
Tai Po	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,700	5,300
Tsuen Wan	1,500	2,800	3,600	4,000	4,000	4,600
Tuen Mun	1,340	2,500	3,500	4,081	5,000	4,500
Wan Chai	1,450	2,700	3,600	4,100	5,000	6,500
Wong Tai Sin	1,400	2,700	3,700	3,800	4,350	5,150

Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	3,000	3,950	4,500	5,000	6,300
Yuen Long	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,800
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>5,000</b>

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2013-14 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,500	3,000	4,000	4,800	6,500	9,250
Eastern	1,600	3,000	4,300	4,800	4,650	5,900
Islands	1,500	3,000	3,589	3,800	3,800	4,546
Kowloon City	1,500	3,000	3,900	4,500	4,725	5,500
Kwai Tsing	1,500	2,900	3,700	4,100	5,000	5,680
Kwun Tong	1,550	2,900	3,900	4,300	4,450	5,000
North	1,500	3,000	3,600	4,000	4,050	5,050
Sai Kung	788	934	3,533	4,200	3,500	3,489
Sha Tin	859	897	3,800	4,800	5,000	6,100
Sham Shui Po	1,500	3,000	3,700	4,000	4,300	5,000
Southern	1,500	3,000	3,900	4,300	7,000	6,200
Tai Po	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,500	5,200	6,000
Tsuen Wan	1,535	3,000	3,700	4,000	4,800	4,500
Tuen Mun	1,500	2,700	3,900	4,050	5,750	5,150
Wan Chai	1,500	2,875	3,900	4,450	5,150	6,625
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	3,000	4,000	4,100	4,750	5,600
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,200	4,800	5,700
Yuen Long	1,500	2,900	3,800	4,210	4,100	5,600
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,535	3,100	4,032	4,850	6,500	8,000
Eastern	1,700	3,100	4,295	4,800	5,400	6,800
Islands	1,600	3,000	3,925	4,150	4,250	6,047
Kowloon City	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,500	5,000	6,100
Kwai Tsing	1,500	3,000	4,000	4,300	5,000	5,900
Kwun Tong	1,700	3,100	4,100	4,500	4,500	5,000
North	1,700	3,200	3,800	4,000	4,380	5,050
Sai Kung	1,113	1,300	3,100	3,500	5,000	5,722
Sha Tin	1,206	1,310	4,000	4,700	5,250	6,000
Sham Shui Po	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,000	4,500	5,000
Southern	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,400	7,600	6,200
Tai Po	1,700	3,200	4,150	4,750	4,400	6,101
Tsuen Wan	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,200	5,000	5,000
Tuen Mun	1,535	2,900	4,000	4,500	6,050	5,500
Wan Chai	1,500	3,050	4,200	5,250	5,175	6,500
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	3,100	4,000	4,300	4,775	5,415
Yau Tsim Mong	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,500	4,750	5,800
Yuen Long	1,600	3,000	3,900	4,300	4,500	5,800

<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>5,600</b>
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4. The numbers of CSSA cases living in public housing estate and receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA, from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by number of eligible members are as follows –

<b>2010-11</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	66 841	3 307
2	44 399	315
3	22 614	46
4	12 332	38
5	4 425	11
6 or above	1 573	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>152 184</b>	<b>3 719</b>

<b>2011-12</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	68 229	2 732
2	43 980	184
3	20 840	36
4	10 760	32
5	3 755	6
6 or above	1 378	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>148 942</b>	<b>2 991</b>

<b>2012-13</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	68 867	3 231
2	42 822	198
3	18 867	32
4	8 988	17
5	2 998	14
6 or above	1 179	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>143 721</b>	<b>3 493</b>

<b>2013-14</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	68 994	2 703
2	40 886	154
3	17 269	27
4	7 988	21
5	2 672	13
6 or above	1 157	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>138 966</b>	<b>2 920</b>

<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	63 812	7 585
2	39 540	410
3	16 086	100
4	7 288	29
5	2 448	26
6 or above	1 111	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>130 285</b>	<b>8 161</b>

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5. The numbers of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA, from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by number of eligible members are as follows –

<b>2010-11</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	6 972	13 445
2	5 494	4 842
3	3 009	2 900
4	1 174	1 205
5	284	453
6 or above	172	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 105</b>	<b>23 035</b>

<b>2011-12</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	8 309	10 675
2	5 118	4 408
3	3 096	2 329
4	1 144	1 138
5	282	423
6 or above	152	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 101</b>	<b>19 151</b>

<b>2012-13</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	8 096	9 693
2	5 267	3 882
3	2 853	2 236
4	1 160	909
5	302	341
6 or above	168	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 846</b>	<b>17 196</b>

<b>2013-14</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	8 235	7 444
2	4 726	3 457
3	2 996	1 840
4	1 059	971
5	322	374
6 or above	154	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 492</b>	<b>14 249</b>

<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>		
<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Actual rent less than or equal to MRA</b>	<b>Actual rent exceeding MRA</b>
1	6 891	8 188
2	4 140	4 200
3	2 760	2 206
4	976	1 120
5	279	419
6 or above	150	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 196</b>	<b>16 326</b>

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6. Taking into account the one-off measure provided by CCF (i.e. \$2,000 for singleton cases; \$4,000 for family cases) and making a projection based on the average monthly allowances (i.e. \$167 per month for singleton cases; \$333 per month for family cases), the numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing, with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding MRA, with CCF's average monthly allowance, as at end-December 2014 were compared as follows –

<b>Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA and CCF's average monthly allowance</b>	<b>Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and CCF's average monthly allowance</b>
18 939	12 583

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6275)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats), and receiving CSSA rent allowance, but despite receiving subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing under the Community Care Fund (CCF), still have to pay rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA).
2. Please provide the numbers of CSSA cases living in public housing estates (PHEs) and private housing with actual rent exceeding the MRA over the past 5 years.
3. Please list the number and percentage of households which are currently on CSSA living in all PHEs, and the number of households on CSSA in each PHE by case nature of CSSA (the case nature must include old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and their total).
4. Regarding the CSSA Scheme, please advise –
  - (a) What are the number and percentage of CSSA households living in PHEs? What is the total amount of CSSA payments involved?
  - (b) What are the number and percentage of CSSA recipients living in PHEs?
  - (c) What is the number of different CSSA households currently living in PHEs, with a breakdown by the following case nature –
    - (i) singleton cases: able-bodied adult, adult with disability/in ill-health, able-bodied child, child with disability/in ill health, and elderly person;
    - (ii) family cases with able-bodied adult(s); and
    - (iii) family cases without able-bodied adult.
5. Please provide in table form the number of CSSA recipients of the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their families, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0-5, aged 5-10, aged 10-12, aged 12-14 and aged 15) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively.
6. As stipulated by the Government, children under the age of 18 cannot apply for CSSA on their own. To be eligible for CSSA, they must be living with a guardian. If the guardian is in financial hardship, they can apply for CSSA on a family basis. In this



connection, would the Government please provide the number of CSSA new applications and renewal cases in which children under the age of 18 receive CSSA on such a basis, and the government expenditure involved in the past 5 financial years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 624)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. If a projection is made taking into account the one-off measure by CCF (i.e. \$2,000 for singleton cases; \$4,000 for family cases) and based on the average monthly subsidy (i.e. \$167 per month for singleton cases; \$333 per month for family cases), there were about 12 583 CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing, with actual rent still exceeding MRA and CCF's average monthly subsidy, as at end-December 2014.
2. The numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in PHEs and private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

Year	With actual rent exceeding MRA	
	PHE	Private housing
2010-11	3 719	23 035
2011-12	2 991	19 151
2012-13	3 493	17 196
2013-14	2 920	14 249
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	8 161	16 326

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

3. The number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

PHE	Case nature								Percentage to all households in the PHE
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	510	12%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	54	20%
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	22	5%
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	1 205	23%
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	405	25%
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	493	27%
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	545	11%
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	356	30%
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	520	12%
Cheung Hong	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	1 311	16%
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52	11%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	<b>466</b>	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	<b>282</b>	20%
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	<b>148</b>	9%
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	<b>662</b>	37%
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	<b>772</b>	18%
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	<b>1 857</b>	26%
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	<b>218</b>	9%
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	<b>166</b>	13%
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	<b>698</b>	20%
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	<b>213</b>	38%
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	<b>1 308</b>	18%
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	<b>526</b>	19%
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	<b>1 008</b>	18%
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	<b>685</b>	12%
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	<b>363</b>	12%
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	<b>864</b>	22%
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	<b>1 210</b>	24%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	<b>532</b>	41%
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	<b>1 387</b>	23%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	<b>122</b>	13%
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	<b>386</b>	18%
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	<b>503</b>	19%
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	<b>74</b>	14%
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	<b>47</b>	9%
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	<b>728</b>	35%
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	<b>1 791</b>	30%
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	<b>637</b>	38%
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	<b>269</b>	17%
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	<b>691</b>	30%
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	<b>787</b>	16%
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	<b>157</b>	9%
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	<b>509</b>	16%
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	<b>623</b>	50%
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	<b>125</b>	33%
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	<b>255</b>	16%
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	<b>704</b>	17%
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	<b>599</b>	14%
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	<b>131</b>	11%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351	41%
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50	7%
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337	49%
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190	24%
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257	13%
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159	37%
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279	13%
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412	18%
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728	21%
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983	21%
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750	27%
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766	16%
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217	47%
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704	26%
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449	13%
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330	17%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289	18%
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835	16%
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492	22%
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007	24%
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48	19%
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239	18%
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167	30%
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629	40%
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215	12%
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274	23%
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790	21%
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036	17%
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140	42%
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239	20%
Kwai Shing (West)	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706	14%
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	904	15%
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	319	14%
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	540	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	225	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	664	14%
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	648	16%
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	748	26%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	262	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	215	8%
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	404	15%
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	24	10%
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	647	21%
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	582	16%
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	572	47%
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	1 640	42%
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	676	30%
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	717	23%
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	538	17%
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	881	34%
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	677	19%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	451	13%
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	288	10%
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	1 790	26%
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	82	28%
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	1 004	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	655	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	849	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	826	13%
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	471	11%
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	96	25%
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	150	16%
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	87	10%
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	384	19%
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	678	17%
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	1 312	20%
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	441	19%
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	249	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	221	10%
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	97	15%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	120	13%
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	264	38%
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	596	22%
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	50	12%
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	57	13%

<b>PHE</b>	<b>Case nature</b>								
	<b>Old Age</b>	<b>Permanent Disability</b>	<b>Ill Health</b>	<b>Single Parent</b>	<b>Low-earnings</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage to all households in the PHE</b>
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	<b>772</b>	12%
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	<b>1 091</b>	28%
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	<b>96</b>	13%
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	<b>997</b>	20%
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	<b>751</b>	14%
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	<b>1 883</b>	25%
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	<b>572</b>	13%
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	<b>1 271</b>	23%
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	<b>515</b>	30%
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	<b>1 675</b>	23%
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	<b>2 220</b>	37%
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	<b>426</b>	37%
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	<b>96</b>	15%
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	<b>54</b>	9%
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	<b>237</b>	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	<b>831</b>	21%
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	<b>2 752</b>	23%
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	<b>1 296</b>	21%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	<b>60</b>	9%
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	<b>1 346</b>	23%
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	<b>223</b>	18%
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	<b>2 161</b>	24%
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	<b>967</b>	20%
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	<b>1 797</b>	22%
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	<b>350</b>	18%
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	<b>802</b>	16%
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	<b>923</b>	15%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	<b>485</b>	21%
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	<b>569</b>	22%
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	<b>156</b>	45%
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	<b>946</b>	17%
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	<b>379</b>	19%
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	<b>647</b>	27%
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	<b>692</b>	16%
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	<b>600</b>	20%
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	<b>1 238</b>	18%
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	<b>673</b>	11%
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	<b>957</b>	14%
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	<b>435</b>	13%
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	<b>593</b>	30%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	<b>1 792</b>	21%
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	<b>82</b>	29%
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	<b>747</b>	40%
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	<b>1 264</b>	17%
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	<b>713</b>	15%
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	<b>1 118</b>	15%
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	<b>943</b>	46%
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	<b>904</b>	23%
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	<b>1 564</b>	25%
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	<b>897</b>	16%
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	<b>199</b>	22%
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	<b>351</b>	32%
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	<b>1 044</b>	13%
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	<b>745</b>	23%
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	<b>830</b>	23%
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	<b>631</b>	20%
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	<b>1 687</b>	30%
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	<b>504</b>	15%
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	<b>1 190</b>	14%
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	<b>977</b>	24%
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	<b>274</b>	40%
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	<b>302</b>	19%
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	<b>131</b>	41%
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	<b>615</b>	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	<b>1 476</b>	45%
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	<b>199</b>	35%
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	<b>1 883</b>	24%
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	<b>307</b>	15%
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	<b>1 200</b>	20%
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	<b>360</b>	18%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	<b>26</b>	11%
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	<b>938</b>	42%
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	<b>412</b>	31%
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	<b>1 759</b>	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	<b>1 812</b>	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	<b>1 171</b>	24%
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	<b>190</b>	20%
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	<b>1 035</b>	11%
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	<b>390</b>	38%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217	15%
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596	38%
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293	20%
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469	48%
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276	45%
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562	16%
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737	13%
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300	21%
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849	14%
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371	19%
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455	11%
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455	18%
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853	16%
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754	21%
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336	15%
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842	24%
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218	12%
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345	33%
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756	15%
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69	8%
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379	17%
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>	

- 4.(a) As at end-December 2014, there were 150 297 CSSA cases in PHEs, accounting for about 20% of all PHE households. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the amount of the CSSA payments.
- (b) As at end-December 2014, there were 251 821 CSSA recipients living in PHEs, accounting for about 12% of all PHE residents.
- (c) As at end-December 2014, the numbers of CSSA cases in PHEs by the following selected profiles were as follows –

(i) Number of CSSA singleton cases by category

Category	Number of CSSA 1-person household cases
Able-bodied adult	4 317
Disabled adult	12 939
Able-bodied child	616
Disabled child	32
Elderly person aged 60 and above	56 948

Disabled adults or disabled children refer to the recipients of standard rates for those who are 50% disabled or 100% disabled, or requiring constant attendance or in ill health.

(ii) As at end-December 2014, there were 36 493 CSSA cases in PHEs with at least 1 able-bodied adult in the household.

(iii) As at end-December 2014, there were 31 676 CSSA cases in PHEs without any able-bodied adult in the household.

5. The numbers of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment, number of children from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were as follows –

(i) Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and age

Age group	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	8	355	363	8	340	348
25-29	54	1 058	1 112	47	1 108	1 155
30-39	513	7 369	7 882	437	7 466	7 903
40-49	1 307	11 466	12 773	1 176	10 997	12 173
50-59	1 824	2 993	4 817	1 645	2 932	4 577
60 or above	818	166	984	837	165	1 002
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 524</b>	<b>23 407</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>

Age group	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18-24	11	380	391
25-29	41	1 148	1 189
30-39	427	7 655	8 082
40-49	1 101	10 827	11 928
50-59	1 556	2 734	4 290
60 or above	849	176	1 025
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

(ii) Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and marital status

Marital status	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	143	2 118	2 261	150	2 156	2 306
Married/Cohabited	1 201	2 155	3 356	1 039	2 416	3 455
Separated	820	3 904	4 724	731	3 749	4 480
Divorced	2 078	11 406	13 484	1 969	11 154	13 123
Widowed	282	3 824	4 106	261	3 533	3 794
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 524</b>	<b>23 407</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>



<b>Marital status</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end-December 2014)</b>		
	<b>Gender</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	
Never Married	147	2 188	<b>2 335</b>
Married/Cohabited	977	2 657	<b>3 634</b>
Separated	709	3 707	<b>4 416</b>
Divorced	1 903	11 085	<b>12 988</b>
Widowed	249	3 283	<b>3 532</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

(iii) Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

<b>Educational attainment</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end-December 2014)</b>
No schooling/kindergarten	1 871	1 671	1 498
Primary	11 346	10 838	10 423
Lower Secondary	8 677	8 559	8 656
Upper Secondary	5 815	5 857	6 062
Post secondary	222	233	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

(iv) Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

<b>Number of children</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end-December 2014)</b>
1	16 649	15 937	15 900
2	9 153	9 059	8 868
3	1 773	1 797	1 763
4	297	296	300
5 or above	59	69	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 931</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

(v) Number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of children

<b>Age of children</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end-December 2014)</b>
4 or below	5 072	5 435	5 916
5-9	9 321	9 610	9 969
10-11	5 030	5 030	5 153
12-14	9 561	9 004	8 696
15-21	13 056	9 017	8 453
<b>Total</b>	<b>42 040</b>	<b>38 096</b>	<b>38 187</b>

(vi) Total monthly earnings of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly earnings

<b>Type of monthly earnings</b>	<b>2012-13 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2013-14 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014) (\$ thousand)</b>
Employment earnings from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	23,751	22,303	20,749
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,217	1,431	1,724
Meals provided by other parties	64	62	65
Maintenance payment	3,568	3,976	4,384
Pension	139	143	134
Other income	155	214	224
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,895</b>	<b>28,127</b>	<b>27,280</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

6. SWD does not have the number of CSSA new applications made by children aged below 18 living with guardians, nor information on relevant expenditure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0451****(Question Serial No. 6277)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- Regarding social security, please provide details of the number of cases for persons aged 65 or above who receive Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years –

Category/Age					Total amount involved (\$)
		Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)	Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)	Aged 75 or above (Cases)	
SSA	Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA)				
	Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA)				
	Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)				
	Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)				
CSSA	Able-bodied				
	50% Disabled				
	100% Disabled				
	Requiring constant attendance				
	Portable CSSA (PCSSA) Scheme				

- Please provide the number of CSSA recipients having been referred to food banks due to special circumstances and the reasons for such referrals over the past 5 years.
- Please provide the number of CSSA recipients having received special grant for glasses and the average amount received over the past 5 years.
- Please provide the case nature of "Others" as one of the categories of CSSA cases and the reasons for approving such cases over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 630)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of SSA cases with recipients aged 65 or above from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Type of allowance	2010-11		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
HOAA	Not applicable	154 990	282 012
NOAA	71 068	Not applicable	Not applicable
HDA	969	1 563	9 823
NDA	7 615	8 319	30 070

Type of allowance	2011-12		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
HOAA	Not applicable	150 760	294 537
NOAA	76 189	Not applicable	Not applicable
HDA	1 075	1 481	10 632
NDA	8 464	7 986	31 163

Type of allowance	2012-13		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
HOAA	Not applicable	147 906	309 359
NOAA	89 010	Not applicable	Not applicable
HDA	1 143	1 441	11 011
NDA	9 430	7 356	30 606

Type of allowance	2013-14		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Old Age Allowance (OAA)	Not applicable	67 043	124 591
Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)	109 723	86 780	219 663
Guangdong (GD) Scheme	17 194 <sup>[Note]</sup>		
HDA	1 232	1 409	11 074
NDA	5 206	2 749	10 753

Type of allowance	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	71 168	142 829
OALA	115 848	86 809	209 634
GD Scheme	2 938	4 626	9 937
HDA	1 297	1 392	11 233
NDA	5 860	2 750	10 662

<sup>[Note]</sup> The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no information of the GD Scheme recipients by age for 2013-14.

The relevant expenditure (\$ million), including the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Type of allowance	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised estimate)
OAA	6,449	6,894	7,461	2,860	2,939
OALA	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	13,127	12,397
GD Scheme	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	84	280
HDA	399	443	486	503	550
NDA	749	798	855	435	363

OALA and the GD Scheme were launched in 2013-14. The expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 included the back payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

The number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above (including those of the PCSSA Scheme) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Category	2010-11		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	22 104	27 071	57 138
100% disabled	4 219	5 296	27 633
Requiring constant attendance	915	1 689	13 005

Category	2011-12		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	22 093	25 289	56 932
100% disabled	4 647	5 024	27 687
Requiring constant attendance	954	1 648	13 273

Category	2012-13		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	22 155	23 491	56 842
100% disabled	5 073	4 719	27 146
Requiring constant attendance	996	1 495	13 267

Category	2013-14		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	21 606	21 569	55 266
100% disabled	5 383	4 411	26 638
Requiring constant attendance	1 088	1 365	13 682

Category	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	21 454	20 716	54 228
100% disabled	5 783	4 395	26 452
Requiring constant attendance	1 165	1 445	14 161

The relevant expenditure (CSSA was on a family basis; the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation and included 1 additional month of standard rate payments) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11 (Actual)	7,627
2011-12 (Actual)	8,209
2012-13 (Actual)	8,691
2013-14 (Actual)	8,766
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9,316

SWD has no information of the expenditure for CSSA recipients aged 65 or above by the above categories.

2. There were about 3 000, 5 100, 2 900, 2 400 and 1 000 CSSA recipients referred to the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects for food assistance under special circumstances in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015) respectively. The main reason for referral is immediate financial hardship encountered by the CSSA recipients because of unexpected expenses arising from sudden changes of their personal circumstances.
3. SWD does not have information on applications for special grant for glasses.
4. CSSA cases are categorised by the conditions of CSSA recipients/families, the categories of which include old age, single parent, permanent disability, ill health, low-earnings and unemployment. Other cases not belonging to the above-mentioned categories are grouped under the “Others” category, such as orphans and able-bodied adults receiving residential treatment or rehabilitation services. SWD does not have information on the reasons for approving CSSA applications under the “Others” category.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6590)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on all emergency shelters for street sleepers in the territory, including geographical distribution, addresses (if applicable), number of beds, number of enrolments and utilisation rate.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 714)

Reply:

In each singleton hostel/temporary shelter/street sleepers' shelter, there are placements for street sleepers having urgent housing needs. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on emergency placements. The geographical distribution and addresses of singleton hostels/temporary shelters/street sleepers' shelters are tabulated in the Annex.

**Geographical distribution and addresses of singleton hostels/  
temporary shelters/street sleepers' shelters**

<b>District</b>	<b>Address</b>
Hong Kong Island	Li Chit Street Hostel, St. James' Settlement 1/F., 1 Li Chit Street, Wan Chai
	Wanchai Shelter 1/F., 83 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai
	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Hostel for Single Persons Flat 106, Sui Keung House, Siu Sai Wan Estate, Chai Wan
Kowloon	Jockey Club Lok Fu Hostel for Single Persons G/F., Lok Tsui House, Lok Fu Estate, Wong Tai Sin
	Caritas Hostel – Hung Hom 1 Hung Ling Street, Hung Hom
	Yee On Hostel, the Salvation Army 111-116, Hoi Yu House, Hoi Fu Court, Mongkok
	Home for Blessings, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 69 & 71 Portland Street, Yaumatei
	Yaumatei Shelter 1/F., 345A, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei
	Home of Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Flat A, 4/F, Ka Wui Building, 1-11 Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo
	Home of Abundant Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 2/F, Sung Tak Building, 39-41 Wong Chuk Street, Shamshuipo
	Shamshuipo Shelter 2/F to 4/F., 15A Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo
	Home of Love, Missionaries of Charity G/F., Cheong Chit House, Nam Cheong Estate, Shamshuipo

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6591)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on all emergency shelters for mandate refugees or asylum seekers in the territory, including geographical distribution, addresses, number of beds, number of enrolments and utilisation rate.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 715)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on all emergency shelters for mandate refugees or asylum seekers in the territory.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6595)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Pease provide, by scope of services (family, medical, young people, elderly, community work.....), the number of organisations receiving Government subventions and the manpower and expenditure involved in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 727)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have figures for manpower of subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under each service programme in the past 5 years.

The number of subvented NGOs under each service programme as at 1 March 2015 and the provisional subvention allocations for subvented NGOs in 2015-16 are provided in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

**No. of subvented NGOs under Each Service Programme as at 1 March 2015**

<b>Service Programme</b>	<b>No. of Subsidised NGOs</b>
Family and Child Welfare	67
Social Security	1
Services for The Elderly	92
Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	84
Services for Offenders	2
Community Development	13
Young People	64

## Provisional Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2015-16

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Subvention Allocation in 2015-16 (\$)
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	63,633,215
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	3,275,014
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	13,353,447
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,179,686
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	1,332,716
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	2,069,714
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	3,930,777
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	58,527,701
9	ALICE LAN AND VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,960,323
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,104,973
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	15,129,547
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	45,775,714
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HK) LIMITED	19,755,972
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	171,976
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	4,330,507
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	73,948,993
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	6,407,919
18	BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	241,280,270
19	BOYS' BRIGADE, HONG KONG (THE)	3,541,806
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	45,923,572
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	19,816,772
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	846,259,311
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	664,858
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTEGRATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,809,803
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	13,705,120
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	49,113,134
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	3,331,087
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	7,350,671
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	68,794,524
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	158,866,632
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	31,911,756
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION HONG KONG LIMITED	17,025,625
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	10,789,413
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	233,891,176
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	4,386,080
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED	3,346,305

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Subvention Allocation in 2015-16 (\$)
	PEOPLE CENTRE	
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	27,930,995
38	CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	34,216,261
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	32,321,972
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	10,510,444
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	3,236,760
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED	592,138,769
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	3,277,992
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED	14,228,078
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	619,289
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	10,547,892
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	12,099,310
48	ELCHK, SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	188,980,607
49	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	22,229,490
50	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,074,532
51	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	6,289,346
52	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	20,082,362
53	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,894,231
54	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	7,063,935
55	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	214,444,266
56	HELPING HAND	64,959,378
57	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	161,025,364
58	HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	6,262,332
59	HONG KONG AND MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	15,560,727
60	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	231,588,429
61	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	3,645,449
62	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	13,193,969
63	HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES	153,964,324
64	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	35,995,527
65	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,298,964
66	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	6,612,276
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	295,213,081
68	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	35,004,278
69	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	12,384,265
70	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	10,755,219
71	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	3,417,608
72	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	241,759,501
73	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,985,991
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	2,138,890
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	201,353,197
76	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE	16,864,406

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name of NGO</b>	<b>Provisional Subvention Allocation in 2015-16 (\$)</b>
77	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	234,202,070
78	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	6,436,933
79	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	36,591,995
80	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	87,524,243
81	HONG KONG RED CROSS	5,543,550
82	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	3,541,971
83	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	280,275,676
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	119,934,190
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	35,665,247
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	32,293,393
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	40,003,898
88	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	2,085,904
89	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	50,348,094
90	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	27,873,802
91	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	2,141,927
92	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	216,056,136
93	HONG KONG-MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	12,855,533
94	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	3,344,150
95	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	86,879,938
96	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	3,315,191
97	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	3,397,576
98	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	176,995,520
99	KIANGSU CHEKIANG AND SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	30,339,931
100	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	3,621,719
101	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	151,417,485
102	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	14,800,877
103	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	13,561,014
104	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	3,380,551
105	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	3,310,206
106	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON (THE)	47,413,142
107	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	6,838,340
108	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	4,142,987
109	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	193,475,177
110	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	6,720,417
111	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	41,990,425
112	MONGKOK KAI-FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	30,602,989
113	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,312,927
114	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	364,864,779
115	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,116,954
116	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	6,368,192

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Subvention Allocation in 2015-16 (\$)
117	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	261,460,292
118	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN AND JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	7,990,116
119	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,655,774
120	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,932,720
121	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	25,748,276
122	PO LEUNG KUK	616,998,537
123	POK OI HOSPITAL	177,377,198
124	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	13,038,500
125	PROJECT CARE	9,262,495
126	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	51,204,486
127	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED	6,773,383
128	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	367,258,785
129	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	32,398,940
130	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	2,970,035
131	SIK SIK YUEN	146,644,611
132	SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	2,052,626
133	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	2,333,767
134	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION, HONG KONG (THE)	107,409,581
135	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	51,074,167
136	FU HONG SOCIETY	303,787,030
137	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	886,494
138	SAHK	344,831,209
139	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	2,385,880
140	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	49,550,810
141	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	173,345,732
142	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	1,038,924
143	STEWARDS LIMITED	67,300,524
144	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,773,310
145	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,127,762
146	METHODIST CENTRE	26,023,981
147	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	4,119,033
148	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	3,303,834
149	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	8,692,560
150	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,517,914
151	SUEN MEI SPEECH AND HEARING CENTRE	3,765,169
152	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	2,371,749
153	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	33,402,206
154	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,890,040
155	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	10,583,984
156	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	7,912,858
157	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	1,071,290,539
158	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH	9,010,344

S/N	Name of NGO	Provisional Subvention Allocation in 2015-16 (\$)
	SERVICE	
159	WATCHDOG LIMITED	4,825,540
160	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	3,262,954
161	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	32,664,744
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG	7,867,783
163	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	350,596,706
164	YAN OI TONG	88,441,811
165	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	180,375,217
166	YOUTH OUTREACH	11,573,616
167	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	25,413,821
168	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	34,739,007
169	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,335,769
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,004,044,007</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0455****(Question Serial No. 6596)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” assistance programme under the Community Care Fund (CCF), please provide the number of applications, the number of successful applications and the amount involved by district in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 730)Reply:

CCF launched the assistance programme of “Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” in October 2011, September 2013 and September 2014 respectively, to provide a one-off subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying a rent which exceeded the maximum rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme, so as to relieve their financial burden as a result of the periodic increase of rent. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) identifies eligible CSSA households mainly according to their previously reported rental information. The households concerned are therefore not required to submit applications. The number of households benefited and the amount of subsidies involved in the 3 launches of the programme are as follows –

	<b>First launch</b>	<b>Second launch</b>	<b>Third launch (as at end- February 2015)</b>
Number of households benefited	22 605	17 771	14 970
Amount involved	\$ 32.09 million	\$ 51.3 million	\$ 44.52 million

SWD does not have statistics on the number of households benefited under the programme by district.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6601)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is proposed in the Budget (paragraph 161) that the Government will “provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please list by district the number of additional places for the services, and provide details of how relevant services will be improved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 735)Reply:

The Government will increase the recurrent funding by \$71 million to provide 58 additional places for day care (DC) service and 169 additional subsidised residential care places, and to adjust the subsidies for 6 existing contract homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, with a view to enhancing the existing services, including end-of-life care service. The residential care places/number of places involved in the funding are as follows –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Estimated annual expenditure (\$ million)	Year of service commencement
DC places for the elderly <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	58	5.35	2015-16
Newly constructed contract homes <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	60	13.39	2017-18
Making better use of space in subvented and contract homes <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	109	14.14	2015-16 to 2016-17
Adjustment of subsidies for the 6 existing contract homes	560	38.16	2016-17
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>71.04</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> One of the contract homes also provides DC service for the elderly.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The additional places for DC service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The newly constructed contract home will be provided in Sha Tin.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> The additional residential care places will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6602)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Starting from 30 June 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has invited eligible elderly persons on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for long term care services to join the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme (the Pilot Scheme) in Guangdong. Please provide the following information –

- (1) the respective cost per place per month for the 2 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Scheme;
- (2) the total number of cases currently joining the Scheme and the respective number of admissions to the 2 RCHEs; and
- (3a) the number of invitations issued by SWD to eligible elderly persons on CWL;
- (3b) the number of cases accepting the invitation;
- (3c) the number of cases rejecting the invitation;
- (3d) the number of cases of no response; and
- (3e) the number of new applications by those who have never applied for subsidised care and attention places under CWL before.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 736)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Under the Pilot Scheme, the current unit rate of subsidy for each place ranges from HK\$7,100 to \$9,600 per month, depending on the care level required by the elderly person concerned. Such amount of subsidy covers the basic fees charged by the 2 RCHEs on any service user for the same type of services, basic medical fees and/or medical insurance for the elderly person, and transportation and escort costs for the elderly person's return for periodic medical consultation in Hong Kong.

(2) to (3e) SWD has invited a total of some 29 900 eligible elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places via their Responsible Workers (RWs) to join the Pilot Scheme since June 2014, and has arranged for the elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme to be admitted into the RCHes concerned since September 2014. As from February 2015, new elderly applicants on the waiting list for C&A places may also choose to join the Pilot Scheme.

As at end-February 2015, SWD received RWs' replies for about 19 000 elderly persons and 3 direct applications from the elderly person. 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 (including 1 elderly person who made direct application) chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen, and 12 chose to reside in Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home in Zhaoqing.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6603)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) Please provide the number of participants of the "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families" (the Pilot Scheme).
- (2) It is understood that a consultancy team has been commissioned to review the Pilot Scheme. Please give the details of the scope and timetable of the review.
- (3) Will the Government consider launching a living allowance scheme for carers of persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 737)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Community Care Fund launched the Pilot Scheme in June 2014. A total of 2 870 applications have been received under the Pilot Scheme. As at 17 March 2015, 1 700 applicants had been assessed to be eligible. Currently, 441 applications are still being processed. It is estimated that the target of benefiting 2 000 carers can be met after processing all the applications.
- (2) & (3) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will evaluate the effectiveness, long-term implications to the care-giving policies and the family support structure, etc. of the Pilot Scheme during the 2-year pilot period. The outcome indicators may include the number of participants, the amount of subsidies disbursed, application criteria, as well as the views collected from carers, the elderly persons being taken care of, service providers and other stakeholders. In October 2014, SWD commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of The University of Hong Kong to assist in the evaluation. SWD will keep in view the development and outcome evaluation of the Pilot Scheme and consider the way forward in the light

of the review findings, including whether relevant measures are applicable to people with severe disabilities, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6716)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the staff establishment of and the financial resources required by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the handling of domestic violence currently? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the current number of cases? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 750)

Reply:

SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The total estimated funding for all these services for 2015-16 is \$2,628.7 million. Since these services are also available for other families in need, SWD does not keep the breakdown of the staffing establishment or funding for handling domestic violence.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0460****(Question Serial No. 6719)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of people in need of psychiatric services among the cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years. How many of them used refuge centres?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 758)Reply:

SWD does not keep information on the number of people in need of psychiatric services in the cases handled, nor the number of people among them who used refuge centres. The numbers of cases handled by psychiatric medical social workers (MSWs) in the past 5 years are set out in the table –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total number of cases handled by psychiatric MSWs</b>
2010-11	71 398
2011-12	69 482
2012-13	71 140
2013-14	69 545
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	70 703

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6720)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of applications under the Conditional Tenancy (CT) Scheme in the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the number of cases approved under the CT Scheme in the past 5 years.
3. Please provide the number of cases rejected under the CT Scheme in the past 5 years.
4. Please provide the average processing time for cases under the CT Scheme in the past 5 years.
5. Please provide the number of applications self-withdrawn under the CT Scheme in the past 5 years.
6. Please provide the number of applications for Compassionate Rehousing (CR) in the past 5 years.
7. Please provide the number of CR cases approved in the past 5 years.
8. Please provide the number of CR cases rejected in the past 5 years.
9. Please provide the average processing time for CR cases in the past 5 years.
10. Please provide the number of CR applications self-withdrawn in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 759)

Reply:

The respective numbers of applications for CR and CT processed by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations in the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15) are set out in the Annex.

### Numbers of CR and CT applications processed

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at January 2015)
No. of CR applications (excluding CT)	2 983	2 254	2 077	1 868	1 359
No. of CT applications	505	442	352	338	198
No. of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	2 261	2 103	1 863	1 661	1 142
No. of CT cases recommended to HD	477	385	308	302	178
No. of rejected CR applications (excluding CT) <sup>[Note]</sup>	49	57	53	33	26
No. of rejected CT applications <sup>[Note]</sup>	5	3	3	1	3
No. of self-withdrawn CR applications (excluding CT)	49	35	27	18	15
No. of self-withdrawn CT applications	2	1	1	2	2
Average processing time for CR applications (excluding CT) (no. of days)	38	42	39	42	39
Average processing time for CT applications (no. of days)	34	36	34	35	33

<sup>[Note]</sup> Apart from the rejected applications, some CR and CT applications were withdrawn by the applicants because of alternate arrangements being available, e.g. applicants being allocated public housing units through the general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6721)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Is there any scheme/fund to assist victims of domestic violence who are offered public rental housing, and what are the financial resources required? How many families and persons have applied for assistance under the fund, and what is the amount sought? Among these what is the number of applications approved? How many applicants have been rejected, and for what reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 760)

Reply:

The case social workers will help the victims of domestic violence apply for suitable community resources and services having regard to their financial situation and needs, so that they can move into the flats as soon as possible to start a new life. Currently, there are a number of organisations or groups in the community which assist people in need by, for instance, providing basic renovation service for families who have been granted Compassionate Rehousing on grounds of domestic violence, and arranging second-hand electrical appliances and furniture for needy families. If the above community resources, services and other financial assistance schemes are not applicable or not readily available to the victims, the case social workers may assist the victims to apply for charitable/trust funds, including those administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), to cover removal-related expenses. These charitable/trust funds include Brewin Trust Fund, Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund, Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund, and Kwan Fong Trust Fund for the Needy. Social workers may refer victims who have long-term financial difficulties to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). Victims of domestic violence on CSSA may receive rent allowance when they move into public rental housing (PRH) units to cover PRH rents. Rent allowance is calculated on the basis of eligible members of a family. The amount to be received by the recipient is the actual rent paid or the maximum rent allowance appropriate to the number of eligible members in a family, whichever is the less.

SWD does not have statistics on the number of families and persons, who are victims of domestic violence, having applied for assistance under the funds, the amount sought, the number of applications approved or the number of applicants rejected.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0463**

**(Question Serial No. 6723)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in table form the number of cases of domestic violence with a breakdown by category (including ethnic and sexual minorities), as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category for the past 5 years.
2. Please set out in table form the number of cases of domestic violence with a breakdown by ethnic groups and sexual orientation, as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category for the past 5 years.
3. Please set out in table form the number of cases of domestic violence with a breakdown by people of different ethnic groups and sexual orientation having been admitted to refuge centres, as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category for the past 5 years.
4. Please set out in table form the respective number of cases of domestic violence with a breakdown by elderly persons, children, young people and mother/daughter-in-laws, as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category for the past 5 years.
5. Please set out in table form the number of cases of sexual violence with a breakdown by category (including ethnic minorities, foreign domestic helpers and sexual minorities), as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category for the past 5 years.
6. How many resources have been allocated for publicity every year after the law amendment in 2010? What have been the forms of relevant publicity programmes? Through what channels? Please give details, if any, in table form. If such details are not available, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 762)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry, the breakdowns of domestic violence cases (including

spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) for the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the number of people of different ethnic groups and sexual orientation in domestic violence cases having been admitted to refuge centres.
4. The Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases mainly collect statistics on spouse/cohabitant battering cases and sexual violence cases and does not include statistics relating to children, young people and mothers/daughters-in-law. Regarding domestic violence cases involving children and young people, please refer to the statistics on child abuse cases set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

The numbers of spouse/cohabitant battering cases involving victims aged 60 or above for the past 5 years are listed by gender of victims in the ensuing table –

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Number of spouse/cohabitant battering cases involving victims aged 60 or above	87	163	114	129	82	149	156	220	136	187
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>243</b>		<b>231</b>		<b>376</b>		<b>323</b>	

5. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, the numbers of sexual violence cases, listed by gender of victims, and those involving abuse by same-sex cohabitants for the past 5 years are provided in the ensuing table –

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Number of sexual violence cases	4	339	8	333	1	237	12	669	30	1 075
(i) Total	343		341		238		681		1 105	
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims being abused by same-sex cohabitants	No breakdown relating to such cases <sup>[Note 1]</sup>						1		1	

SWD does not have statistical information on the number of sexual violence cases involving ethnic minorities nor the number of such cases involving foreign domestic helpers.

6. SWD has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence to the general public irrespective of their gender identity, including broadcasting of docudramas and publicity videos on TV, showing educational short films on transportation systems/Internet, posting

of posters at public venues and transportation systems, organising games and competitions through the Internet, and distribution of promotional leaflets and premiums, etc. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. From 2010-11 to 2015-16, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million, plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million in 2013-14 for the production of a new series of docudrama jointly with the Radio Television Hong Kong. In 2015-16, SWD will continue to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public through different channels and modes.

**Table 1: Breakdown of spouse/cohabitant battering cases by gender of victims, and by involvement of abuse by same-sex cohabitants and ethnic minorities**

Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3 163	3 174	2 734	3 836	3 917
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	520	558	434	692	655
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	2 643	2 616	2 300	3 144	3 262
(iv) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	1	2	0	1	5
(v) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants	0	2	3	10	12
(vi) Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	No breakdown relating to such cases <sup>[Note 1]</sup>			4	18
(vii) Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases <sup>[Note 2]</sup>				176	224

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> SWD does not have the relevant statistical information prior to the enhancement of the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases in 2013.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.



**Table 2: Breakdown of spouse/cohabitant battering cases by ethnicities and gender of victims**

Ethnicities	2010-2012	2013			2014		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Chinese	No breakdown of cases involving different ethnic groups	542	2 451	<b>2 993</b>	592	2 878	<b>3 470</b>
Indonesian		-	63	<b>63</b>	1	60	<b>61</b>
Filipino		1	33	<b>34</b>	3	65	<b>68</b>
White		7	5	<b>12</b>	3	9	<b>12</b>
Indian		-	15	<b>15</b>	7	22	<b>29</b>
Pakistani		2	31	<b>33</b>	4	28	<b>32</b>
Nepalese		1	21	<b>22</b>	2	26	<b>28</b>
Japanese		1	-	<b>1</b>	-	1	<b>1</b>
Thai		-	13	<b>13</b>	1	23	<b>24</b>
Other Asian		-	21	<b>21</b>	7	41	<b>48</b>
African		1	2	<b>3</b>	2	9	<b>11</b>
Others		1	9	<b>10</b>	3	12	<b>15</b>
Unknown		136	480	<b>616</b>	30	88	<b>118</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>692</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>3 836</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>3 262</b>	<b>3 917</b>

**Table 3: Breakdown of child abuse cases by gender of victims**

Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(i) Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	1 001	877	894	963	856
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	373	329	327	392	379
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	628	548	567	571	477

SWD does not have statistical information on the number of victims of different ethnicities or with different sexual orientations involved in child abuse cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6724)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the expenditure or estimates, the specific increase in manpower and the posts involved in the following work over the past 5 years and the coming financial year –

1. Financial assistance for victims of domestic violence rehoused to public rental housing flats;
2. Additional resources for Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) and Small Group Homes (SGHs);
3. Further enhancing the support for Refuge Centres for Women;
4. Further enhancing the support for refuge centres for women of ethnic minorities;
5. Further enhancing the support for refuge centres for sexual minorities;
6. Further enhancing the support for Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) and Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) for sexual minorities;
7. Further enhancing the support for victims of sexual violence;
8. Enhancing the clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence (especially for children witnessing the incidents of domestic violence);
9. Provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems;
10. Continuing to launch publicity campaign on combating domestic violence and sexual violence;
11. Continuing to provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 763)

Reply:

The expenditure, the specific increase in manpower and the posts involved in the following services over the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) and in 2015-16 are set out in table form at the Annex.

### Expenditure on Services Related to Domestic Violence Cases

Items		2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
1. Rehousing of victims of domestic violence to public rental housing flats	Expenditure (\$M)	No breakdown for funding specifically for this purpose.					
	Increase in manpower and posts						
2. (a) FCPSUs	Expenditure (\$M)	171.8	180.5	186.3	197.8	203.5	205.7
	Increase in manpower and posts	No increase in manpower for FCPSUs.					
(b) SGHs	Expenditure (\$M)	133.7	151.7	160.6	172.8	196.2	203.4
	Increase in manpower and posts	No increase in service units for SGHs.					
3. Support for Refuge Centres for Women [Note 1]	Expenditure (\$M)	23.1	24.0	26.3	27.3	29.7	30.0
	Increase in manpower and posts	Such centres are run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, NGOs concerned have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.					
4. Support for refuge centres for women of ethnic minorities	Expenditure (\$M)	Please see Note 1.					
	Increase in manpower and posts						
5. Support for refuge centres for sexual minorities	Expenditure (\$M)	Please see Note 1.					
	Increase in manpower and posts						
6. Support for MCISC and FCSC for sexual minorities [Note 2]	Expenditure (\$M)	17.0 [Note 3]	16.6	17.5	18.3	19.0	19.1
	Increase in manpower and posts	Such centres are run by NGOs. Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs concerned have flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.					
7. Support for victims of sexual violence	Expenditure (\$M)	The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, support and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence (including victims of sexual violence) and families in need. SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically for services for supporting victims of sexual					
	Increase in manpower and posts						

Items		2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
		violence.					
8. Clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence (especially for children witnessing the incidents of domestic violence)	Expenditure (\$M)	The Clinical Psychology Units of SWD offer services to different types of service users. SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically for services for victims of domestic violence.					
	Increase in manpower and posts						
9. Provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems	Expenditure (\$M)	10.5	26.4	23.6	24.4	37.4	39.9
	Increase in manpower and posts	In 2014-15, SWD has increased the funds allocated to the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project with a view to strengthening social work support. Service operators may deploy manpower according to their operation.					
10. Continuing to launch publicity campaign on combating domestic violence and sexual violence	Expenditure (\$M)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0 (plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of docu-drama)	5.0	5.0
	Increase in manpower and posts	Launching of relevant publicity and public education programmes is part of the daily work of various service units under SWD in combating domestic violence, thus there is no increase in manpower specifically for this purpose.					

<b>Items</b>		<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
11. Provision of training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence	Expenditure (\$M)	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
	Increase in manpower and posts	Increase in manpower and posts is not involved.					

[Note 1] Female victims of domestic violence who are of ethnic minorities or different sexual orientation may also receive the services of Refuge Centres for Women.

[Note 2] Victims of sexual violence who are of ethnic minorities or different sexual orientation, individuals/families suffering from domestic violence or in crisis/distress may also receive the services of MCISC and FCSC.

[Note 3] The expenditure in 2010-11 included the time-limited subventions for hotline service for financial crisis ended in October 2010.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6725)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What are the current staffing establishment and financial resources required for the batterer intervention/treatment programmes? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the number of exiting cases?
2. Please set out in table form the number of participants of the batterer intervention/treatment programmes, the number of compulsory participation as required by the court and the relevant sex ratio in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 764)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) is part of the counselling services provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for batterers. SWD does not have the breakdown on the funding allocation and manpower for the BIP.
2. The number of participants of the BIP, the relevant sex ratio, and the number of participants mandated by the court in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Year	No. of participants			No. of participants mandated by court [Note]
	Male	Female	Total	
2010-11	57	24	<b>81</b>	20
2011-12	65	9	<b>74</b>	8
2012-13	66	5	<b>71</b>	7
2013-14	48	9	<b>57</b>	7
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	61	0	<b>61</b>	8

[Note] Participants mandated by court refers to those participants who are supervised by probation officers under probation orders made by the court and are required to join the BIP as directed by the probation officers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6729)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. It is stated in the Budget that the Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. Many women have expressed the view that the current service hours of child care centres (CCCs) are too short to meet the needs of women who have long working hours or whose place of work is relatively far away from home. The number of places are also inadequate. Please advise specifically which services will be provided with additional places? How many will be the additional places respectively for different services? What will be the geographical distribution of the additional places? Will the service hours be further extended to meet the needs?
2. How to improve flexibility in service utilisation? For example, will the Government consider allowing families to choose flexibly the services they require by means of Education Vouchers, so as to meet the needs of working family carers?

Furthermore, does the Government provide any channels for women who are using/unable to use child care services to express their view on relevant services? How will the views received be handled? How to ensure relevant policies are improved from time to time in order to meet users' needs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 768)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. The services under which additional places will be provided and the number of such additional places are as follows –
  - Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition



of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards;

- Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards.

2. To cater for the working needs of the family carers, the Government has adopted a number of measures to extend the operating hours of child care services to cover the morning, afternoon and evening sessions on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, the centre-based care groups provide services from 9 am to 9 pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays); while the home-based child care service operates from 7 am to 11 pm, and overnight service can be provided in exceptional circumstances. Outside these service hours, families with urgent needs of child care services may contact the Social Welfare Department (SWD) hotline for assistance. SWD hotline will liaise with the relevant organisations to arrange the provision of suitable services for these families.

The Government has all along been collecting views on child care services from service operators, service applicants and users through different channels such as briefing sessions and meetings. When reviewing and formulating policies, the Government will give careful consideration to the views collected. In addition, the Government will conduct a consultancy study in 2015-16 to explore the long-term development direction of child care services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6731)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) are facing the problem of inadequate space, in addition to the shortage of human resources. How will the Government provide more space to dovetail with the enhanced human resources and services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 770)

Reply:

For those IFSCs with space provision below the entitlement, the Social Welfare Department has been making its best efforts to identify suitable premises at convenient locations within their geographical service boundaries. Some of the IFSCs with inadequate space are making use of the premises of other welfare service units or community organisations within their geographical service boundaries as their temporary sub-offices.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6732)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How does the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD), which focuses on providing matching grants, help to promote cross-sectoral cooperation specifically? What does after-school learning include? Will this become some kind of after school care or tuition? What support will be available to the organisations under the specific proposals?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 771)

Reply:

PFD was set up in 2005 to promote tripartite cross-sectoral partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support non-governmental organisations (NGOs) running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. To encourage more NGOs, schools and business corporations to participate in PFD projects, the Social Welfare Department has enlisted the support of various chambers of commerce, agencies, organisations, schools and business partners through briefings, issuing press releases and sharing sessions.

The Government plans to further inject \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which will be dedicated for the provision of after-school learning and support programmes (the Dedicated Fund), with a view to encouraging more business partners to collaborate with NGOs and schools in the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families. The proposals for such programmes should include training programmes on whole-person development, and may also include tutorial classes or programmes for developing the disadvantaged students' learning capability and study skills, improving students' life planning skills, alleviating stress of parenting and improving parenting skills, as well as supporting parents to stay in employment or enter the job market, etc.

More flexibility in the operation of the Dedicated Fund is allowed in the initial stage, including relaxing the application criteria so that primary and secondary schools may also apply, raising the ceiling of the matching grant for each approved project from \$2 million to \$3 million with a view to facilitating welfare NGOs and schools to launch projects of a larger scale and for a longer term, and considering applications with the same substance as other previously approved projects having regard to the benefits of the programmes demonstrated for their target students.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6733)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 about child care services being enhanced. What will that be? What does “enhance the administrative support” mean? Does it mean more administrative work for the organisations operating the services? Does it mean more reports to be submitted?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 772)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Enhancing child care services as mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 will include:

- Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards; and
- Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service (OCCS) and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards.

To assist staff in aided standalone CCCs and units operating OCCS and EHS to handle both service and administrative work effectively, the Social Welfare Department will provide additional resources to such units so as to enhance administrative support. Each unit may adopt different measures which suit its operation to alleviate the workload of child care workers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6734)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much resources did and will the Government allocate for its work on handling domestic violence in the past 5 years and in the coming year (2015-16)? Please inform this Committee of the proportion of resources allocated to each initiative, the actual and estimated number of beneficiaries under various initiatives as well as the sex ratio and ethnicity ratio among the service users under each initiative in the past 5 years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 774)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past 5 years and the coming year is set out in the Annex.

Since these services are also available for families in need, SWD does not keep statistics on the breakdown of funding specifically for supporting victims of domestic violence, the number of service users or their gender and ethnicity.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	1,743.1
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,427.3
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,628.7

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6735)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much resources did and will the Government allocate for its work on **preventing the occurrence of sexual violence incidents** in the past 5 years and in the coming year (2015-16)? Please inform this Committee of the proportion of resources allocated to each initiative, the actual and estimated number of beneficiaries under various initiatives as well as the sex ratio and ethnicity ratio among the beneficiaries under each initiative in the past 5 years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 775)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2002 launched publicity and public education programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence”, including publicity for prevention of sexual violence. From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” was around \$5 million. In 2013-14, there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudramas. Various media channels have been used to publicise the messages of preventing domestic violence (including sexual violence) and strengthening families, including producing docudramas, organising a short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of sexual abuse through the Internet and casting the entries into DVDs for wide distribution, producing public education short films with the theme on prevention of sexual abuse for broadcasting on public transportation systems and casting into DVDs for wide distribution, etc. The publicity and education short films were also uploaded to the Internet for continuous showing. Public education programmes and activities on these themes have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

In 2015-16, SWD has earmarked a provision of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence (including sexual violence). SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of sexual violence, the number of beneficiaries as well as the sex ratio and the ethnicity ratio among them.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6737)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much resources have been and will be allocated by the Government for handling domestic violence for the past year (2014-15) and for the coming year (2015-16)? Please provide information on the proportion of resources allocated to each initiative, the actual and estimated number of service users under various initiatives, as well as sex ratio and ethnicity ratio among the service users under each initiative for the past year and for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 778)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services were provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The revised estimate for such services in 2014-15 was \$2,427.3 million. In 2015-16, the total estimated expenditure is \$2,628.7 million. As the above services are also available for families in need, SWD does not have statistics on the breakdown of funding specifically allocated to services provided for victims of domestic violence, the number of service users or their gender and ethnicity.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6738)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many resources did/will the Government allocate for the work on **preventing domestic violence** in last year (2014-15) and coming year (2015-16) respectively? Please provide the percentage of the resources allocated for each item of prevention work in both years? For each item of prevention work, please provide the actual number of beneficiaries in the past year and the estimated number of beneficiaries in the coming year, as well as the sex ratio and the ethnicity ratio of such beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 780)

Reply:

The annual budget of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million. In 2014-15, SWD produced and introduced a series of television and radio announcements in public interest (APIs) and posters on "Don't let you and your children become victims of domestic violence" to publicise the message that parents should not use violence against partners in order to ensure healthy development of their children and assistance should be sought early. The relevant APIs were broadcast on television, public transportation systems, the Internet and the radio, and the posters were displayed on public transportation systems and in various departments, organisations and other public venues. In addition, SWD has produced a series of animations to promote inter-generational family harmony. This series of animations was broadcast on public transportation systems and uploaded onto the Internet. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence were also organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

In 2015-16, \$5 million is earmarked for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence. SWD does not have the breakdown of the funding for individual publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, the number of beneficiaries as well as the sex ratio and the ethnicity ratio among them.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6739)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many resources did/will the Government allocate for the work on dealing with sexual violence in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively? Please provide the percentage of the resources allocated for each kind of work in both years? For each kind of work, please provide the actual number of beneficiaries in the past year and the estimated number of beneficiaries in the coming year, as well as the sex ratio and the ethnicity ratio of such beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 781)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving multidisciplinary efforts in handling sexual violence cases. Under the service model, a designated social worker is assigned to provide a range of services including 24-hour outreaching and immediate support, counselling services, reporting to the Police, arrangement of medical treatment and forensic examination, as well as escorting and accompanying the victims to go through all necessary procedures. This service model enables victims to receive service and go through all relevant procedures in a convenient, safe, confidential and supportive environment and minimises the need for the victims to repeat their unpleasant experience. The resources required for SWD to provide the services are absorbed within the existing provision.

As an integral part of this service model, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre) has been set up to provide crisis intervention and support services, including short-term accommodation, for victims of sexual violence and their family members. The provision for 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) for CEASE Crisis Centre is the same as the provision for 2015-16 (Estimate), i.e. about \$11.7 million.

In 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014), CEASE Crisis Centre provided services for 102 newly reported sexual violence cases. In 2015-16, it is estimated that services will be provided for some 130 newly reported sexual violence cases. SWD does not have the figures on the gender and ethnicity of the service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6863)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out, by nationality, the number of cases involving transgender persons handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 805)

Reply:

SWD does not have statistics on the number of cases involving transgender persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6864)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the staffing establishment and the financial resources required by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for handling cases involving transgender persons? Is the staffing establishment sufficient to handle the caseload at present? How much expenditure is involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 806)

Reply:

SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need regardless of their sexual orientation. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Victims of domestic violence of different sexual orientations may also receive support from the above-mentioned services. The total estimated funding of SWD for 2015-16 is \$2,628.7 million. SWD does not keep information on the manpower or the breakdown of funding specifically for handling cases of transgender persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7064)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the information, including the geographical distribution, the address (if applicable), the number of places, the number of admissions and the enrolment rate, on all the emergency placements in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 713)

Reply:

Emergency placements are provided in some subvented residential care homes for the elderly to offer temporary or short-term residential care services for the elderly persons. There are 65 service places in total. In 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), the service was used for a total of 271 times. The geographical distribution of the emergency placements is set out at Annex. In addition, a hostel for physically handicapped persons cum sheltered workshop in Sai Kung provides 6 temporary residential care places for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above who are homeless, abandoned or without carer. In 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), the service was used for a total of 2 times.

### Geographical Distribution of the Emergency Placements

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of places</b>
Eastern	4
Wan Chai	4
Southern	4
Sham Shui Po	2
Kowloon City	4
Wong Tai Sin	6
Sai Kung	3
Kwun Tong	6
Sha Tin	5
Tai Po	4
North	3
Yuen Long	6
Tuen Mun	6
Tsuen Wan	2
Kwai Tsing	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3545)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of day activity centre (DAC) places is expected to increase from 5 146 to 5 297. Please advise how many of such additional places are provided by existing and new day activity centres respectively, and the details of the distribution?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

The additional DAC places include 42 places to be provided through in-situ expansion in Tai Po and North District and 109 places to be provided in new centres in Sham Shui Po and Southern District.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3546)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding rehabilitation services, the private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) have a total of 450 places with cost per place per month estimated to be \$8,237. Please inform us of –

- a. the number of such RCHD places under BPS that belongs to supported hostels, small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children, halfway houses, long stay care homes (LSCHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind respectively; and
- b. the cost per place per month of various private RCHDs participating in the BPS.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Social Welfare Department purchases a total of 450 places from private RCHDs under the BPS. These places are not categorised by type of service. Places are offered to applicants waiting for LSCHs or HMMHs who indicate preference for a BPS placement.
- b. In 2015-16, the cost per place per month of private RCHDs participating in the BPS is \$8,237.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 3547)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the numbers of different types of rehabilitation residential service units by District Council district from 2010 to 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

The numbers of various types of rehabilitation residential service units by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department are set out in the Annex.

**Table 1: Numbers of rehabilitation residential service units by district in 2010-11 (as at end-March 2011) and 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	Number of units									
	RSCCC	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGH	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	SHOS	HWH	C&A/ AB	LSCH
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	-	5	11	4	2	2	4	7	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8	2	4	2	1	2	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	3	6	5	-	2	3	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	1	10	3	8	2	2	5	6	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	4	2	-	1	2	-	1	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	4	1	1
Sha Tin/ Ma On Shan	-	1	3	6	2	2	1	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	2	-	-
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	-	-	4	2	2	1	2	3	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	3	5	10	3	1	2	3	-	2
Tuen Mun	-	-	5	7	2	1	1	4	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 2: Numbers of rehabilitation residential service units by district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	Number of units									
	RSCCC	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGH	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	SHOS	HWH	C&A/ AB	LSCH
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	-	5	11	4	2	2	4	7	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8	2	4	2	1	2	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	3	6	5	-	2	3	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	1	10	3	8	2	2	5	6	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	4	2	-	1	2	-	1	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	4	1	1
Sha Tin/ Ma On Shan	-	1	3	6	2	2	1	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	2	-	-
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	-	-	4	2	2	1	2	3	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	3	5	11	4	1	2	3	-	2
Tuen Mun	-	-	5	7	2	1	1	4	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 3: Numbers of rehabilitation residential service units by district  
in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of units									
	RSCCC	SGH(MMHC)/ ISGH	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	SHOS	HWH	C&A/ AB	LSCH
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	-	5	11	4	2	2	4	7	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8	2	4	2	1	2	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	3	6	5	-	2	3	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	1	10	3	8	2	2	4	6	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	4	2	-	1	2	-	1	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	4	1	1
Sha Tin/ Ma On Shan	-	1	3	6	2	2	2	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	2	-	-
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	-	-	4	2	2	1	2	3	1	1
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	3	5	11	4	1	2	3	-	2
Tuen Mun	-	-	6	7	2	1	1	4	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>

Legend

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children / integrated small group home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

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

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

SHOS – supported hostel

HWH – halfway house

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

LSCH – long stay care home

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3548)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places provided by supported hostels (SHOS) is estimated to increase from 596 to 666, but a total of 1 474 persons were on the waiting list for such service as at 31 December 2014. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and new supported hostels where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of persons of different age groups with disabilities occupying the supported hostels who could lead a semi-independent life each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of persons with disabilities aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above);
- c. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of persons of different age groups with disabilities waiting for the supported hostels who could lead a semi-independent life each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of persons with disabilities aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above); and
- d. As the number of persons waiting for the supported hostels exceeds the number of places provided by more than twofold, has the Government identified the causes and what are the solutions? If yes, what are the causes? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 70 additional SHOS places planned for 2015-16 are to be provided through in-situ expansion and increasing the number of places in Yuen Long, Sham Shui Po and Sheung Shui.
- b. The breakdown of the number of SHOS service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. The

statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.

- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for SHOS service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2 and the average waiting time for SHOS is set out in Annex 3.
- d. About 160 additional SHOS places are planned to be provided during the term of this Government. SWD will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision, in addition to reviewing the service planning of SHOS.

**Table 1: Number of SHOS service users by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	6	12	15	8	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	8	16	15	11	1	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	7	14	32	7	1	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	12	11	27	7	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	8	12	11	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	3	4	14	8	11	1	-	-
Sha Tin	-	13	6	13	4	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	19	19	17	12	3	-	-
Yuen Long	1	3	12	16	7	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	11	23	22	12	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	3	9	11	6	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of SHOS service users by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	7	12	16	11	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	9	16	18	16	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	8	18	30	8	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	13	10	21	12	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	6	14	10	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	5	11	6	10	2	-	-
Sha Tin	-	11	9	12	5	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	19	19	17	10	5	-	-
Yuen Long	1	3	12	15	5	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	11	23	21	14	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	3	9	13	9	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of SHOS service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	8	15	16	14	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	11	16	15	16	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	10	16	30	12	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	12	9	31	13	-	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	5	13	13	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	8	14	8	15	3	-	-
Sha Tin	-	10	12	16	5	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	17	16	18	10	6	-	-
Yuen Long	1	2	11	15	9	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	11	21	23	16	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	6	7	13	6	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of SHOS service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	7	17	15	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	9	14	16	17	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	10	15	25	13	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	12	10	30	12	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	6	10	16	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	13	11	12	5	-	-
Sha Tin	-	8	14	15	9	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	16	13	20	7	8	-	-
Yuen Long	1	1	10	18	9	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	9	22	20	18	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	5	8	10	9	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	11	16	22	9	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	23	25	24	21	1	-	-
Kwun Tong	10	21	37	25	22	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	35	31	39	21	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	17	15	17	17	1	1	-
Sham Shui Po	8	13	9	24	20	2	-	-
Sha Tin	3	20	21	9	11	3	-	-
Tai Po/North	16	33	24	21	16	3	-	-
Yuen Long	3	28	16	17	4	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	18	14	22	11	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	42	38	18	13	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	9	14	14	16	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	18	17	23	11	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	7	29	32	29	21	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	30	39	45	26	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	16	14	19	15	2	1	-
Sham Shui Po	3	10	7	21	22	2	-	-
Sha Tin	3	20	19	13	13	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	18	33	24	21	13	3	-	-
Yuen Long	7	35	15	19	5	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	26	16	24	13	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	37	43	19	19	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	17	14	17	18	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	22	21	22	14	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	5	31	35	31	19	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	17	39	37	56	36	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	16	16	16	18	3	1	-
Sham Shui Po	3	13	12	25	24	3	-	-
Sha Tin	3	25	29	18	17	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	15	34	31	24	17	3	-	-
Yuen Long	6	40	26	25	8	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	32	20	23	17	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	6	41	46	18	17	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	23	15	28	19	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	22	25	28	20	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	10	32	36	34	21	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	19	51	37	45	50	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	15	19	23	21	4	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	14	16	29	24	4	-	-
Sha Tin	2	34	35	19	17	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	18	34	39	20	17	3	-	-
Yuen Long	6	39	29	27	13	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	31	39	27	23	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	9	40	45	18	17	5	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	30	16	25	24	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	23	25	31	21	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	13	31	37	41	20	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14	57	35	53	54	7	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	17	16	27	24	3	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	15	21	31	24	4	-	-
Sha Tin	2	34	39	18	22	7	-	-
Tai Po/North	17	55	40	24	21	3	-	-
Yuen Long	6	45	35	35	12	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	34	39	41	28	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	8	40	47	17	18	5	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

### Average waiting time for SHOS

	<b>Average waiting time (in months) <sup>[Note]</sup></b>
2010-11	25.0
2011-12	31.5
2012-13	26.0
2013-14	16.5

[Note]

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0482****(Question Serial No. 3549)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The number of places provided by small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)s) is estimated to increase from 64 to 80. Please provide –

- the respective numbers of existing and new SGH(MMHC)s where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of mildly mentally handicapped children of different age groups occupying the SGH(MMHC)s and integrated small group homes (ISGHs) each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of children with disabilities aged between 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and 16-18);
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of mildly mentally handicapped children of different age groups waiting for the SGH(MMHC)s and ISGHs each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of children with disabilities aged between 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and 16-18).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 55)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The 16 additional places are to be provided by 2 new SGH(MMHC)s in Wong Tai Sin.
- The breakdown of the number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2 and the average waiting time is as follows –

Year	Average waiting time (in months)
2010-11	22.4

<b>2011-12</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>18.8</b>

**Table 1: Number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users  
by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	1	3	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	4	5	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	7	6
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	4	2
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	1
Sha Tin	-	1	2	2
Tai Po/North	-	2	3	1
Yuen Long	-	1	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	-	3	2
Tuen Mun	1	-	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>

**Table 2: Number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users  
by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	2	2	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	3	1
Kwun Tong	1	2	7	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	-	4	7
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	2	3
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	2
Sha Tin	-	1	2	2
Tai Po/North	-	3	1	3
Yuen Long	-	-	1	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	1	1	3
Tuen Mun	-	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>

**Table 3: Number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users  
by district and age group in 2013  
(as at end-December 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	2	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	2	1
Kwun Tong	1	3	4	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	1	3	6
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	1	3
Sham Shui Po	-	1	-	2
Sha Tin	1	-	2	1
Tai Po/North	-	3	2	1
Yuen Long	-	-	1	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	2	2
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

**Table 4: Number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users  
by district and age group in 2014  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	2	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	3	2
Kwun Tong	-	3	5	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	2	5
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	-	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	1	-	2
Sha Tin	-	1	2	1
Tai Po/North	-	2	2	2
Yuen Long	-	1	2	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	2	1	1
Tuen Mun	-	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>



**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list			
	Aged 6-8	Aged 9-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	-	-	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	3	3	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	4	7	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	1	-
Sham Shui Po	1	1	-	1
Sha Tin	-	-	2	-
Tai Po/North	2	1	2	2
Yuen Long	-	1	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	4	1	-
Tuen Mun	1	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list			
	Aged 6-8	Aged 9-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	-	-	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	2	4	3	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	3	10	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	1	-
Sham Shui Po	1	2	3	-
Sha Tin	1	-	1	1
Tai Po/North	2	3	2	-
Yuen Long	-	1	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	4	2	-
Tuen Mun	1	3	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	5	-
Kwun Tong	1	6	1	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	3	7	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	2	-
Sham Shui Po	-	3	4	-
Sha Tin	1	-	2	1
Tai Po/North	3	2	3	-
Yuen Long	-	-	4	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	2	5	-
Tuen Mun	2	3	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	2	3	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	1	5	-
Kwun Tong	1	5	3	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	4	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	-	2	-
Sham Shui Po	1	2	3	-
Sha Tin	-	-	2	1
Tai Po/North	1	3	4	-
Yuen Long	-	2	5	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	4	3	-
Tuen Mun	1	2	5	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC) and ISGH  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 6-8</b>	<b>Aged 9-11</b>	<b>Aged 12-15</b>	<b>Aged 16 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	3	1	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	-	6	-
Kwun Tong	2	3	6	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	4	7	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	3	-
Sham Shui Po	2	2	5	-
Sha Tin	1	1	2	-
Tai Po/North	1	7	4	-
Yuen Long	1	1	4	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	3	5	-
Tuen Mun	1	1	6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3550)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places provided by care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) has remained at 825 for a number of years. There were 130 persons on the waiting list for such service as at 31 December 2014. Please provide –

- a. the details of the additional places provided by C&A/ABs in the coming 5 years;
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the numbers of blind people occupying C&A/ABs of different age groups each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of blind people aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above); and
- c. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of blind people of different age groups waiting for C&A/ABs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of blind people aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Although there is no plan to provide additional C&A/AB places in the coming 5 years, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the overall service provision and review the relevant service planning to meet the service demand.
- b. The breakdown of the number of C&A/AB service users by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2.

**Table 1: Number of C&A/AB service users by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	15	101
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	15	69
Kwun Tong	3	15	57
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	9	62
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	20	40
Sham Shui Po	-	10	38
Sha Tin	1	9	37
Tai Po/North	2	9	41
Yuen Long	2	10	37
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	20	52
Tuen Mun	8	20	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>603</b>

**Table 2: Number of C&A/AB service users by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	20	99
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	20	70
Kwun Tong	3	15	53
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	9	53
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	18	45
Sham Shui Po	2	9	37
Sha Tin	1	11	33
Tai Po/North	1	10	41
Yuen Long	1	13	35
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	22	49
Tuen Mun	8	16	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>584</b>

**Table 3: Number of C&A/AB service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	16	106
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	15	77
Kwun Tong	3	11	54
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	12	47
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	18	46
Sham Shui Po	2	6	32
Sha Tin	2	8	36
Tai Po/North	2	8	38
Yuen Long	2	12	41
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	19	56
Tuen Mun	7	12	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>608</b>

**Table 4: Number of C&A/AB service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	13	112
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	17	80
Kwun Tong	3	14	56
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	11	44
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	16	47
Sham Shui Po	3	7	31
Sha Tin	2	8	30
Tai Po/North	3	8	36
Yuen Long	3	11	50
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	19	55
Tuen Mun	9	10	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>613</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>		
	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	3	7
Kwun Tong	-	3	9
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	6	8
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	3
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6
Sha Tin	-	4	2
Tai Po/North	1	1	5
Yuen Long	-	1	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	2	7
Tuen Mun	1	5	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>60</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>		
	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	5	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	3	10
Kwun Tong	-	2	9
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	5	4
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	4
Sham Shui Po	2	1	6
Sha Tin	-	1	-
Tai Po/North	-	-	4
Yuen Long	2	4	4
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	2	3
Tuen Mun	-	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>		
	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	3	14
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	7
Kwun Tong	1	5	9
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	7
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	7
Sham Shui Po	-	2	2
Sha Tin	3	2	7
Tai Po/North	-	-	1
Yuen Long	2	2	7
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	6	7
Tuen Mun	3	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>77</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>		
	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	1	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	3	7
Kwun Tong	1	7	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	3	9
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	3
Sham Shui Po	-	1	6
Sha Tin	3	2	3
Tai Po/North	1	3	3
Yuen Long	4	3	7
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	8	8
Tuen Mun	4	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>63</b>



**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>		
	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	1	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	1	3
Kwun Tong	2	7	4
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	8	12
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	2	8
Sham Shui Po	1	5	9
Sha Tin	3	2	10
Tai Po/North	3	-	1
Yuen Long	-	2	5
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	5	11
Tuen Mun	-	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3551)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places provided by hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) has remained at 573 for a number of years. As there were 556 persons on the waiting list for such service as at 31 December 2014, the number of people on the waiting list has nearly reached the total number of service places. Please provide –

- a. the details of the additional places provided by HSPHs in the coming 5 years;
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely physically handicapped persons of different age groups occupying HSPHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of severely physically handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above); and
- c. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely physically handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for HSPHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of severely physically handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. About 225 additional HSPH places are planned to be provided in the coming 5 years (i.e. from 2015-16 to 2019-20).
- b. The breakdown of the number of HSPH service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for HSPH by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2.

**Table 1: Number of HSPH service users by district and age group in 2011**  
(as at end-December 2011)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	4	14	18	7	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	7	17	10	8	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	11	24	23	16	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	14	25	7	16	7	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	7	15	13	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	9	5	10	5	1	-	-
Sha Tin	-	8	23	12	5	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	9	13	13	8	2	-	-
Yuen Long	-	4	19	10	5	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	14	18	18	11	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	12	22	12	3	4	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of HSPH service users by district and age group in 2012**  
(as at end-December 2012)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	4	15	17	6	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	5	19	9	7	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	9	23	21	17	6	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	11	28	8	14	11	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	8	12	15	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	9	4	10	6	1	-	-
Sha Tin	-	6	22	14	7	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	9	10	13	9	2	-	-
Yuen Long	-	3	19	11	5	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	11	19	17	11	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	8	24	10	3	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of HSPH service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	3	14	16	10	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	7	19	8	9	6	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	9	25	18	20	6	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	11	29	8	15	10	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	7	12	13	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	6	7	8	7	2	-	-
Sha Tin	-	5	18	17	6	3	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	8	13	10	11	2	-	-
Yuen Long	-	1	22	10	7	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	-	9	19	16	15	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	6	26	13	6	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>68</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	-

**Table 4: Number of HSPH service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	3	14	12	14	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	4	22	10	9	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	8	25	17	21	6	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	11	29	6	16	11	2	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	6	12	15	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	5	5	9	6	3	-	-
Sha Tin	-	5	16	16	10	3	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	7	12	9	10	5	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	18	10	8	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	-	7	19	17	16	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	4	26	12	7	4	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3</b>	-

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	8	5	6	11	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	12	8	7	12	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	5	4	5	10	11	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	7	9	7	12	19	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	6	4	8	12	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	4	3	1	6	8	1	-	-
Sha Tin	3	6	5	8	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	7	4	3	3	11	2	-	-
Yuen Long	2	5	3	11	8	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	4	7	5	9	9	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	4	5	5	8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	7	4	6	13	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	11	6	10	13	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	5	4	5	10	13	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	9	7	8	14	18	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	2	10	14	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	6	4	1	5	7	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	5	3	8	18	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	7	4	4	1	11	1	-	-
Yuen Long	6	5	2	7	9	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	3	6	5	7	12	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	7	5	5	8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	9	3	9	14	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	12	7	10	15	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	9	4	5	11	20	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	9	10	11	11	21	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	3	2	8	15	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	5	6	1	6	11	1	-	-
Sha Tin	6	6	2	6	20	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	4	6	4	2	11	1	-	-
Yuen Long	5	5	2	7	11	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	7	7	10	16	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	10	6	5	7	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	8	3	14	13	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	12	9	11	19	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	8	4	5	11	22	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	9	11	9	10	25	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	3	2	14	17	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	6	6	1	5	12	1	-	-
Sha Tin	7	6	-	9	28	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	9	5	4	2	15	2	-	-
Yuen Long	3	8	3	7	13	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	7	5	5	14	15	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	12	9	6	10	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	11	5	11	13	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	20	7	10	20	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	6	6	6	10	22	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	8	13	9	17	27	6	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	3	4	15	20	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	9	-	8	11	2	-	-
Sha Tin	5	8	-	9	32	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	7	7	4	4	13	6	-	-
Yuen Long	4	10	5	7	12	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	8	7	6	14	14	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	13	10	5	9	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3552)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of persons of different age groups waiting for residential care services offered by the integrated vocational training centres (IVTC) for the mentally handicapped each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of persons with disabilities aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 58)

Reply:

The IVTC service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics or breakdown on the number of applicants waiting for the service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3553)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The number of places of care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled (C&A/SDs) is estimated to increase from 991 to 1 031. Please provide –

- the respective numbers of existing and new C&A/SDs where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely disabled persons occupying C&A/SDs of different age groups each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of severely disabled persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above);
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely disabled persons waiting for C&A/SDs of different age groups each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of severely disabled persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 59)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide 40 additional C&A/SD places. The new C&A/SD will be located in Sham Shui Po.
- The numbers of service users of C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2011-14 are set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- The numbers of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2010-14 are set out in Annex 2. The average waiting time was as follows –

Waiting time <sup>[Note]</sup> (in months)			
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
39.6	31.2	48	48

<sup>[Note]</sup> Derived from the average waiting time of the applicants offered a place during the year

**Table 1: Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	12	17	14	26	20	3	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	12	11	6	24	18	4	-
Kwun Tong	-	16	22	24	17	15	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	25	14	14	16	9	2	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	9	7	13	22	14	3	-
Sham Shui Po	9	24	21	10	16	5	-	-
Sha Tin	6	22	20	11	14	6	2	-
Tai Po/North	4	20	12	11	8	5	3	-
Yuen Long	-	16	16	7	9	5	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	31	20	28	23	14	2	-
Tuen Mun	2	17	10	11	18	13	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	13	15	17	21	22	3	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	13	11	8	25	14	5	-
Kwun Tong	-	19	22	23	18	16	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	30	13	15	17	10	2	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	8	10	12	15	12	3	-
Sham Shui Po	6	27	21	10	11	6	-	1
Sha Tin	2	28	18	9	14	7	2	1
Tai Po/North	3	24	11	10	12	6	3	-
Yuen Long	1	18	15	8	9	4	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	30	18	28	23	18	2	-
Tuen Mun	1	19	11	10	17	11	5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 3: Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2013  
(as at end-December 2013)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	13	16	19	20	22	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	14	9	11	26	12	6	-
Kwun Tong	1	19	17	23	21	14	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	28	16	16	15	13	1	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	8	10	10	17	17	3	-
Sham Shui Po	-	31	20	11	10	9	-	1
Sha Tin	2	28	11	13	15	6	2	1
Tai Po/North	2	24	9	12	12	8	3	-
Yuen Long	4	18	14	10	8	5	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	30	16	31	25	17	2	-
Tuen Mun	2	19	12	8	17	12	5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 4: Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2014  
(as at end-December 2014)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	12	18	18	23	22	4	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	13	12	9	25	15	4	-
Kwun Tong	-	22	18	17	26	13	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	31	17	14	18	15	1	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	8	12	11	16	20	4	-
Sham Shui Po	3	38	18	16	9	7	-	-
Sha Tin	1	32	11	11	16	8	3	1
Tai Po/North	2	25	11	9	13	7	4	-
Yuen Long	1	20	16	11	9	5	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	28	17	33	28	16	2	-
Tuen Mun	-	23	9	8	16	13	5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	5	4	8	14	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	11	2	4	5	14	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	9	5	6	2	6	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	7	2	5	14	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	1	6	14	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	12	1	-	1	6	1	-	-
Sha Tin	9	5	2	3	9	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	12	8	4	5	12	-	-	-
Yuen Long	14	2	2	5	8	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	4	3	10	8	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	7	4	5	-	10	4	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	4	2	7	10	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	3	4	5	15	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	8	8	4	3	12	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	8	1	8	25	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	2	2	6	17	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	10	1	1	4	6	-	-	-
Sha Tin	7	4	2	2	7	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	12	4	5	5	9	1	1	-
Yuen Long	20	2	3	6	8	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	5	2	10	10	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	11	7	7	1	6	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	1	3	4	14	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	2	4	4	17	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	7	10	4	3	14	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14	6	2	9	27	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	5	3	2	6	20	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	15	2	-	6	7	-	-	-
Sha Tin	10	3	3	2	6	2	1	-
Tai Po/North	15	6	4	4	12	1	2	-
Yuen Long	21	3	3	7	9	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	4	4	6	12	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	13	8	5	4	6	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	4	1	7	14	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	6	3	4	11	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	11	6	5	14	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	9	47	6	30	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	5	3	3	10	19	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	23	7	2	5	7	-	-	-
Sha Tin	7	4	3	4	8	1	1	-
Tai Po/North	11	6	3	5	13	1	2	-
Yuen Long	20	2	3	5	11	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	12	7	6	8	21	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	11	7	5	6	7	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	4	2	6	14	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	4	2	7	9	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	5	6	4	6	8	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	8	6	4	27	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	1	3	4	17	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	20	6	2	4	5	2	-	-
Sha Tin	4	5	3	7	11	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	11	7	5	4	11	2	2	-
Yuen Long	22	3	3	3	7	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	14	7	5	6	22	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	9	6	5	5	11	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3554)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The number of places of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) is estimated to increase from 3 561 to 3 652. Please provide –

- the respective numbers of existing and new HSMHs where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely mentally handicapped persons of different age groups occupying HSMHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of severely mentally handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above);
- a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of severely mentally handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for HSMHs each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of severely mentally handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 60)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide 91 additional HSMH places, including places to be provided in new HSMHs in Sham Shui Po and Southern District and through in-situ expansion in North District.
- The numbers of service users of HSMHs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2011-14 are set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- The numbers of applicants waiting for HSMHs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2010-14 are set out in Annex 2. The average waiting time (in months) was as follows <sup>[Note]</sup> –

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
73.2	81.6	86.4	105.6

<sup>[Note]</sup> Derived from the average waiting time of the applicants offered a place during the year

**Table 1: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	45	100	75	73	17	4	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	45	82	87	84	21	-	1
Kwun Tong	4	53	113	139	70	22	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	54	73	101	70	8	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	35	79	89	58	17	2	-
Sham Shui Po	2	32	65	70	65	17	1	-
Sha Tin	1	58	85	67	46	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	4	64	71	40	40	6	-	-
Yuen Long	1	32	47	48	38	10	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	55	133	149	71	20	3	-
Tuen Mun	-	27	59	57	40	16	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 2: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	41	102	75	73	21	4	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	37	85	83	89	24	-	1
Kwun Tong	2	46	107	140	80	25	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	51	74	91	79	13	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	30	78	93	57	21	3	-
Sham Shui Po	1	27	62	69	71	21	1	-
Sha Tin	2	46	92	71	48	4	1	-
Tai Po/North	1	53	78	46	40	8	2	-
Yuen Long	1	27	42	55	39	11	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	40	145	149	78	26	3	-
Tuen Mun	-	21	63	50	48	19	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>



**Table 3: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group in 2013  
(as at end-December 2013)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	30	105	78	76	26	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	35	84	79	95	30	2	1
Kwun Tong	-	41	107	136	92	28	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	47	79	87	86	18	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	30	73	94	66	22	4	-
Sham Shui Po	1	30	63	69	74	27	1	-
Sha Tin	1	48	108	70	50	6	1	-
Tai Po/North	-	57	82	49	39	11	3	-
Yuen Long	-	23	53	57	45	15	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	49	147	157	81	31	4	-
Tuen Mun	-	26	67	53	52	19	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 4: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group in 2014  
(as at end-December 2014)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	8	50	74	60	17	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	14	48	59	69	28	1	-
Kwun Tong	3	19	63	106	122	36	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	16	49	61	84	20	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	9	36	60	60	25	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	9	33	38	44	16	1	-
Sha Tin	-	8	52	50	40	14	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	25	48	33	35	10	-	-
Yuen Long	6	18	52	46	43	12	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	28	71	92	68	18	1	-
Tuen Mun	4	25	82	61	44	27	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HSMHs  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	29	61	30	16	13	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	19	73	27	27	16	2	1	-
Kwun Tong	32	87	30	20	12	6	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	35	103	23	25	27	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	25	69	26	30	25	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	33	52	16	15	18	3	-	-
Sha Tin	29	79	24	17	13	7	-	-
Tai Po/North	44	94	13	17	13	3	-	-
Yuen Long	25	62	30	14	19	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	109	41	34	20	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	80	45	20	35	13	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HSMHs  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	25	59	33	11	14	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	26	67	30	34	18	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	33	88	27	24	12	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	35	103	26	25	23	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	30	70	26	30	21	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	35	55	20	19	16	3	-	-
Sha Tin	33	79	23	22	10	10	-	-
Tai Po/North	38	102	19	15	11	5	-	-
Yuen Long	32	63	30	19	21	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	28	105	47	39	16	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	25	84	50	26	41	17	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for HSMHs  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	23	62	32	18	15	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	34	62	35	34	17	1	-	-
Kwun Tong	27	94	34	25	17	9	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	45	112	31	21	28	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	33	68	27	29	23	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	36	60	25	19	16	8	-	-
Sha Tin	36	87	27	19	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	40	108	24	19	8	7	-	-
Yuen Long	31	70	27	27	26	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	97	45	43	14	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	24	79	52	26	40	16	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for HSMHs  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	21	65	28	15	18	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	32	71	33	30	19	1	-	-
Kwun Tong	34	96	40	21	23	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	53	111	34	22	26	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	27	69	26	26	25	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	31	58	23	18	22	7	-	-
Sha Tin	36	75	28	20	13	9	-	-
Tai Po/North	52	101	26	16	10	8	-	-
Yuen Long	40	80	18	24	18	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	92	43	43	13	7	-	-
Tuen Mun	23	78	46	31	38	19	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for HSMHs  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	17	67	29	16	14	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	29	73	41	28	24	2	-	-
Kwun Tong	27	98	43	22	22	7	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	54	109	45	23	30	10	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	31	71	27	26	26	9	-	-
Sham Shui Po	30	62	24	18	23	5	-	-
Sha Tin	38	71	28	23	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	49	99	33	20	13	7	-	-
Yuen Long	43	84	26	23	22	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	100	38	46	17	9	-	-
Tuen Mun	20	77	47	38	36	20	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3555)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) is expected to increase from 2 384 to 2 405. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and new HMMHs where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons of different age groups occupying HMMHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above);
- c. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for HMMHs each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 21 additional HMMH places planned for 2015-16 are to be provided through in-situ expansion of an existing service unit in Yau Tsim Mong.
- b. The breakdown of the number of HMMH service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. SWD does not have the statistics for 2010 (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).
- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for HMMH service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2.

**Table 1: Number of HMMH service users by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Age group of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	13	62	75	53	13	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	24	38	79	56	23	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	17	72	136	96	21	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	31	45	74	58	10	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	13	40	61	56	15	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	15	33	40	38	7	-	-
Sha Tin	-	14	54	53	30	7	-	-
Tai Po/North	6	36	40	38	27	4	-	-
Yuen Long	1	19	45	51	28	8	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	48	71	99	52	9	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	21	58	54	47	17	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of HMMH service users by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Age group of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	11	59	70	54	15	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	25	40	73	54	22	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	16	68	123	103	24	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	26	46	68	61	11	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	14	40	61	52	16	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	12	34	35	42	8	-	-
Sha Tin	-	15	55	48	30	10	1	-
Tai Po/North	4	34	40	38	26	5	-	-
Yuen Long	2	13	47	51	31	7	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	40	67	93	51	9	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	24	60	53	42	21	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 3: Number of HMMH service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Age group of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	8	57	73	59	15	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	16	48	63	66	28	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	18	64	121	114	32	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	23	49	68	71	14	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	11	36	64	55	21	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	12	35	34	44	13	1	-
Sha Tin	-	10	58	45	38	10	1	-
Tai Po/North	-	31	46	36	30	6	-	-
Yuen Long	1	14	48	53	34	10	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	34	71	93	63	15	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	15	63	56	41	25	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 4: Number of HMMH service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Age group of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	8	50	74	60	17	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	14	48	59	69	28	1	-
Kwun Tong	3	19	63	106	122	36	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	16	49	61	84	20	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	9	36	60	60	25	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	9	33	38	44	16	1	-
Sha Tin	-	8	52	50	40	14	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	25	48	33	35	10	-	-
Yuen Long	6	18	52	46	43	12	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	28	71	92	68	18	1	-
Tuen Mun	4	25	82	61	44	27	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	20	30	30	24	12	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	59	32	22	14	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	14	50	26	31	19	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	40	19	33	17	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	8	37	28	23	17	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	6	33	24	23	12	-	-	-
Sha Tin	10	54	34	17	10	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	29	46	20	19	8	1	-	-
Yuen Long	18	50	21	17	13	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	58	33	24	20	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	10	42	34	18	9	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	21	34	23	26	11	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	15	58	34	21	14	6	-	-
Kwun Tong	15	48	31	31	19	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	17	41	23	31	17	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	7	39	36	18	15	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	8	29	24	21	9	1	-	-
Sha Tin	13	44	39	16	8	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	32	47	17	21	9	1	-	-
Yuen Long	19	35	17	16	9	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	54	30	24	20	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	16	42	29	14	10	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	23	37	24	31	18	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	17	60	42	22	18	6	-	-
Kwun Tong	23	51	35	29	20	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	26	47	27	33	19	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	10	38	35	24	14	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	10	31	28	16	14	-	-	-
Sha Tin	13	46	45	21	6	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	31	58	19	19	13	-	-	-
Yuen Long	17	39	19	21	11	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	22	65	35	30	18	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	25	44	33	20	8	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	24	42	27	31	17	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	18	68	38	26	19	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	26	53	34	35	24	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	37	63	28	37	20	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	15	43	38	25	15	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	11	35	26	17	13	1	-	-
Sha Tin	12	49	47	24	9	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	28	66	22	21	13	-	-	-
Yuen Long	16	48	18	21	14	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	17	80	41	33	17	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	29	55	39	20	9	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	29	48	26	30	19	6	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	16	71	41	30	18	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	28	61	34	38	27	3	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	36	68	33	36	25	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	16	43	39	28	14	6	-	-
Sham Shui Po	13	37	28	16	15	3	-	-
Sha Tin	15	46	48	27	8	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	22	86	24	19	14	1	-	-
Yuen Long	16	49	23	22	16	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	19	81	47	34	18	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	24	54	37	15	8	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3556)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There were a total of 1 535 persons on the waiting list for admission to long stay care homes (LSCHs) as at 31 December 2014. Please provide –

- a. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups admitted to LSCHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above); and
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups waiting for LSCHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The breakdown of the number of LSCH service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- b. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for LSCH service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2.

**Table 1: Number of LSCH service users by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	3	14	33	32	10	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	6	18	33	44	21	10
Kwun Tong	-	1	4	24	40	34	12	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	1	13	43	34	3	3
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	2	23	50	22	16	5
Sham Shui Po	-	1	2	15	42	59	45	11
Sha Tin	-	2	8	24	44	49	6	4
Tai Po/North	-	-	7	17	31	13	6	2
Yuen Long	-	-	5	8	24	10	-	3
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	6	36	83	81	37	14
Tuen Mun	-	-	7	26	81	71	35	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>72</b>

**Table 2: Number of LSCH service users by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	5	13	33	37	9	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	6	15	36	46	23	9
Kwun Tong	-	-	4	20	38	39	10	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	1	12	41	35	3	3
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	1	18	47	28	15	7
Sham Shui Po	-	1	1	14	43	54	41	17
Sha Tin	-	1	8	22	43	47	10	4
Tai Po/North	-	1	6	14	34	13	5	2
Yuen Long	-	-	6	8	24	10	-	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	4	38	78	89	36	13
Tuen Mun	-	-	6	29	75	77	30	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>83</b>

**Table 3: Number of LSCH service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	5	12	28	45	10	10
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	4	16	40	45	21	10
Kwun Tong	-	-	5	19	39	42	8	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	2	9	40	33	8	3
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	1	16	41	34	12	8
Sham Shui Po	-	-	2	13	41	53	38	18
Sha Tin	-	1	8	20	44	51	11	5
Tai Po/North	-	-	6	12	40	18	5	1
Yuen Long	-	-	5	11	24	9	1	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	5	34	72	94	41	11
Tuen Mun	-	-	5	23	78	82	25	15
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>84</b>

**Table 4: Number of LSCH service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	4	11	37	50	11	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	3	20	39	47	18	12
Kwun Tong	-	-	4	14	46	43	8	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	2	6	43	39	8	3
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	2	16	46	40	14	7
Sham Shui Po	-	1	3	10	40	57	34	17
Sha Tin	-	2	4	21	53	57	10	7
Tai Po/North	-	-	7	12	41	23	5	1
Yuen Long	-	-	2	16	30	14	-	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	6	35	73	92	40	9
Tuen Mun	-	1	6	24	75	91	22	18
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>85</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for LSCH  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	8	25	69	26	1	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	11	32	45	18	-	1
Kwun Tong	-	1	6	26	45	11	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	3	5	25	42	16	3	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	15	29	38	18	3	-
Sham Shui Po	-	4	1	10	26	10	1	-
Sha Tin	-	3	9	27	51	16	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	4	8	26	47	18	1	-
Yuen Long	-	3	9	16	23	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	3	12	50	59	21	1	1
Tuen Mun	-	2	15	27	64	15	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for LSCH  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	10	25	68	31	2	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	9	40	47	22	-	1
Kwun Tong	-	1	8	24	46	15	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	3	27	50	10	3	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	12	23	49	20	2	1
Sham Shui Po	-	4	4	13	26	10	2	-
Sha Tin	-	4	9	33	51	29	2	-
Tai Po/North	-	3	8	23	48	23	-	-
Yuen Long	-	3	9	25	26	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	2	9	62	65	22	3	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	18	27	63	29	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for LSCH  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	10	25	69	40	1	3
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	3	4	42	49	28	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	1	11	17	45	15	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	5	29	47	18	3	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	15	22	46	20	2	1
Sham Shui Po	-	2	7	19	30	14	1	1
Sha Tin	-	3	11	35	55	28	2	-
Tai Po/North	-	6	7	25	55	24	1	1
Yuen Long	-	6	9	23	39	7	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	4	9	59	67	25	5	1
Tuen Mun	1	2	15	35	74	38	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for LSCH  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	14	32	74	45	1	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	7	46	60	35	3	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	13	16	48	21	2	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	4	9	33	54	24	4	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	21	25	54	23	1	-
Sham Shui Po	-	1	7	26	47	15	1	2
Sha Tin	-	5	17	41	64	42	3	-
Tai Po/North	-	4	13	25	52	31	5	1
Yuen Long	-	7	9	20	50	10	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	13	63	75	25	7	2
Tuen Mun	-	1	21	46	90	44	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for LSCH  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	-	14	34	64	49	3	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	6	39	60	36	6	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	14	16	40	19	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	6	10	31	51	25	4	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	16	23	46	30	1	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	5	21	45	19	3	2
Sha Tin	-	3	14	39	61	42	2	1
Tai Po/North	-	5	12	30	56	35	3	1
Yuen Long	-	6	10	15	48	9	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	4	12	55	86	23	6	2
Tuen Mun	-	2	21	52	82	41	3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3557)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places of halfway houses (HWHs) for discharged mental patients is expected to increase from 1 509 to 1 534. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and new HWHs where the additional places will be provided and the details of distribution;
- b. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups occupying HWHs each year between 2010 and 2014 (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above); and
- c. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups waiting for HWHs each year between 2010 and 2014 and the respective waiting time (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or above).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 25 additional HWH places are to be provided through in-situ expansion in Wan Chai.
- b. The breakdown of the number of HWH service users by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.

- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for HWH service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2 and the average waiting time was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average waiting time (in months)</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>7.2</b>

**Table 1: Number of HWH service users by district and age group in 2011  
(as at end-December 2011)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	12	33	41	30	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	23	46	72	54	10	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	17	37	36	23	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	11	31	41	38	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	14	28	41	26	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	8	16	18	17	4	-	-
Sha Tin	1	21	39	37	21	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	18	35	27	19	2	-	-
Yuen Long	1	18	33	26	15	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	33	54	67	32	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	26	70	62	51	6	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of HWH service users by district and age group in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	13	33	47	21	11	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	17	34	72	52	11	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	20	31	36	22	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	17	36	50	31	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	16	19	29	19	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	10	19	17	25	4	-	-
Sha Tin	-	24	36	37	25	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	13	33	30	18	2	-	-
Yuen Long	1	20	32	32	14	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	27	51	60	37	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	29	74	58	42	13	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of HWH service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	16	31	50	32	8	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	13	35	68	48	9	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	22	30	27	26	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	19	35	46	35	10	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	11	17	25	15	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	11	29	23	25	4	-	-
Sha Tin	-	21	36	35	24	11	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	18	34	32	15	2	-	-
Yuen Long	-	19	30	28	16	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	24	44	47	36	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	32	88	69	43	9	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of HWH service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	17	27	61	36	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	14	34	61	46	9	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	21	24	31	28	7	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	20	25	50	42	10	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	13	20	20	14	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	11	31	29	23	4	1	-
Sha Tin	-	23	33	40	32	12	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	15	35	33	12	1	-	-
Yuen Long	-	19	32	29	18	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	22	49	60	31	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	32	81	67	33	8	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HWH  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	10	24	26	11	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	14	31	37	21	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	19	19	26	11	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	19	15	26	15	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	10	8	16	8	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	11	11	5	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	13	25	13	10	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	18	30	16	10	3	-	-
Yuen Long	3	13	17	12	1	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	19	29	32	12	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	6	15	23	20	14	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HWH  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	7	18	24	12	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	16	18	33	20	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	19	24	23	12	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	19	15	19	10	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	8	8	16	3	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	7	11	13	4	-	-	-
Sha Tin	2	14	25	13	9	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	28	24	10	8	1	-	-
Yuen Long	2	9	12	11	4	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	16	23	27	14	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	18	38	16	16	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for HWH  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	17	15	24	21	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	9	25	33	29	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	21	16	18	11	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	15	16	15	16	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	6	10	11	3	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	2	13	8	3	-	-	-
Sha Tin	3	12	17	15	6	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	19	24	14	5	-	-	-
Yuen Long	1	9	15	13	4	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	19	18	17	6	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	24	37	17	10	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for HWH  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	14	19	25	22	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	15	19	34	22	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	28	12	16	9	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	15	17	10	9	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	8	16	12	9	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	8	10	11	11	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	10	21	16	10	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	3	20	26	14	7	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	11	18	10	7	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	17	24	24	10	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	15	26	14	12	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for HWH  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District of residence</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	12	17	20	10	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	12	27	23	22	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	2	15	15	10	8	1	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	9	12	15	17	3	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	9	12	10	8	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	5	17	11	9	1	-	-
Sha Tin	3	15	17	20	9	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	12	20	9	6	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	10	10	11	4	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	23	18	14	15	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	17	20	9	10	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	-

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4240)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the details of the pilot project on strengthening the support for persons with autism and their parents/carers to be rolled out.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund to implement a 3-year pilot project to strengthen the support for persons with autism (including the provision of training to pre-school children who are diagnosed with autism or autistic features) in order to enhance their development functioning and adjustment abilities, and to provide skill training in the aspects of life, social, employment, etc. to high-functioning young persons with autism to prepare them for coping with various challenges when entering into adulthood. Under the pilot project, there will also be support to parents or carers of service users and professional training to service providers serving persons with autism. The details of the pilot project are to be finalised in due course.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4241)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the details such as the expenditure involved, the number of participants, etc. of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services to be implemented?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services, with a total of 1 000 training places to be provided in the next few years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4242)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding social workers employed by the Social Welfare Department to provide medical social services (MSS), please advise –

- the respective numbers of Social Work Officers (SWOs) and Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs) providing MSS and the funding allocation involved in each of the past 5 years;
- the manpower ratio (i.e. manpower ratio of supervisory social workers to frontline social workers) of psychiatric MSS in each of the past 5 years; and
- the manpower ratio (i.e. manpower ratio of supervisory social workers to frontline social workers) of general MSS in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 78)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The numbers of SWOs and ASWOs providing MSS and the funding allocation involved between 2010-11 and 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>SWO</b>	<b>ASWO</b>	<b>Actual expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-2011	60	340	274.8
2011-2012	74	357	302.6
2012-2013	74	357	334.4
2013-2014	75	360	356.4
2014-2015	75	363	375.1 (Revised Estimate)

- Among psychiatric medical social workers (MSWs), the ratio of ASWOs to SWOs in 2010-11 was about 4.7:1 while that from 2011-12 to 2014-15 was 3.8:1. SWOs in psychiatric setting also undertake supervisory duties in addition to the delivery of casework services.

- c. Among general MSWs, the ratio of ASWOs to SWOs from 2010-11 to 2014-15 maintained at around 7:1.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0494****(Question Serial No. 4243)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding social workers employed by the Social Welfare Department to provide medical social services, please list in the table below the number of social workers, the average caseload, the total number of cases and the funding allocation over the past 5 years.

Year	No. of social workers	Average caseload	Total no. of cases	Funding allocation
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Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 79)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of medical social workers (MSWs)	Average caseload per MSW	Total number of cases served	Actual expenditure (\$ million)
2010-2011	400	68	178 902	274.8
2011-2012	431	67	171 958	302.6
2012-2013	431	63	172 804	334.4
2013-2014	435	63	174 781	356.4
2014-2015 (Revised Estimate)	438	63	181 350	375.1

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4244)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As at December 2014, there were 2 728 people on the waiting list for sheltered workshops (SWs) and the number of SW places is estimated to increase from 5 276 to 5 326, representing an addition of 50 places. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and newly set-up SWs that the additional places will be distributed; and the details of the distribution;
- b. a breakdown of the numbers of mentally handicapped persons and ex-mentally ill persons enrolled in SWs by District Council district and age group (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) each year from 2010 to 2014; and
- c. a breakdown of the numbers of mentally handicapped persons and ex-mentally ill persons waiting for SW places by District Council district and age group (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 80)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 50 additional SW places planned for 2015-16 are to be provided through in-situ expansion. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is in the course of identifying suitable service unit(s) and unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of these places at this juncture.
- b. The breakdown of the number of SW service users by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 1. The statistics for 2010, prior to the implementation of the Client Information System, are not available.
- c. The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for SW service by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2.

**Table 1: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2011**  
(as at end-December 2011)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	35	91	106	85	21	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	116	137	127	97	32	-	-
Kwun Tong	5	102	168	225	177	42	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	65	105	136	114	23	2	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	57	94	131	118	31	2	-
Sham Shui Po	5	63	80	115	94	22	1	-
Sha Tin	2	38	84	81	55	12	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	99	100	97	69	9	-	-
Yuen Long	2	97	78	80	56	16	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	138	212	248	164	33	2	1
Tuen Mun	4	88	147	123	100	21	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1 296</b>	<b>1 469</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 2: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2012**  
(as at end-December 2012)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	27	92	107	80	23	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	120	138	128	99	34	-	1
Kwun Tong	3	98	167	222	192	50	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	58	119	130	129	31	2	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	49	88	125	121	37	2	-
Sham Shui Po	4	64	81	102	98	29	1	-
Sha Tin	-	32	80	75	62	15	1	-
Tai Po/North	2	93	112	88	75	11	-	-
Yuen Long	-	70	77	84	50	14	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	132	202	241	176	40	3	1
Tuen Mun	1	91	156	109	108	32	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>1 312</b>	<b>1 411</b>	<b>1 190</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 3: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2013**  
(as at end-December 2013)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	28	86	103	89	24	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	113	142	121	108	38	1	1
Kwun Tong	4	89	166	213	206	56	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	60	115	132	141	35	2	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	45	87	128	120	42	2	-
Sham Shui Po	4	70	87	92	107	31	2	-
Sha Tin	-	27	83	80	64	20	1	-
Tai Po/North	2	84	114	83	78	10	-	-
Yuen Long	-	56	65	65	53	12	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	123	192	236	189	45	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	80	159	107	102	33	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>1 296</b>	<b>1 360</b>	<b>1 257</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 4: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2014**  
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	30	79	99	88	29	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	133	134	123	113	44	1	-
Kwun Tong	3	95	166	198	208	62	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	65	102	126	147	43	3	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	45	87	125	122	47	4	-
Sham Shui Po	2	67	79	96	114	29	3	-
Sha Tin	1	26	82	78	75	26	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	89	113	82	74	20	-	-
Yuen Long	-	52	64	57	64	14	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	111	189	230	203	49	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	86	150	104	110	37	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 318</b>	<b>1 318</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for SW  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

District	Age group of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	33	24	31	39	42	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	60	56	29	50	48	9	-	-
Kwun Tong	41	41	34	50	40	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	72	43	69	62	3	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	30	47	26	33	37	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	37	20	19	27	29	3	-	-
Sha Tin	41	53	35	33	31	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	113	109	52	57	38	5	-	-
Yuen Long	52	64	41	51	38	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	54	34	39	41	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	33	55	63	58	52	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>40</b>	-	-

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for SW  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

District	Age group of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	37	35	22	34	41	6	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	56	45	25	41	43	10	-	-
Kwun Tong	45	49	36	69	45	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	56	70	40	85	68	7	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	19	38	20	24	35	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	45	19	16	19	25	2	-	-
Sha Tin	45	41	35	34	43	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	113	113	47	49	36	4	-	-
Yuen Long	59	66	36	52	30	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	25	32	22	31	41	7	-	-
Tuen Mun	37	60	57	45	45	5	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>54</b>	-	-



**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for SW  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

District	Age group of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	43	32	15	38	38	6	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	65	48	26	32	37	11	-	-
Kwun Tong	57	57	39	65	58	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	70	81	39	77	75	12	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	19	41	24	23	34	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	46	29	14	21	27	4	-	-
Sha Tin	50	50	45	47	46	9	-	-
Tai Po/North	102	135	47	47	38	4	-	-
Yuen Long	44	48	33	41	20	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	39	30	22	37	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	45	67	43	40	33	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>70</b>	-	-

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for SW  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

District	Age group of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	50	38	18	37	39	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	67	60	22	33	41	11	-	-
Kwun Tong	60	55	37	61	56	7	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	78	102	39	70	72	14	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	35	56	26	32	33	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	51	30	16	25	24	4	-	-
Sha Tin	47	60	46	54	59	15	-	-
Tai Po/North	96	140	53	48	46	5	-	-
Yuen Long	53	73	27	45	28	7	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	28	41	31	31	36	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	46	66	44	35	42	3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>86</b>	-	-

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for SW  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Age group of applicants on the waiting list</b>							
	<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>Aged 20-29</b>	<b>Aged 30-39</b>	<b>Aged 40-49</b>	<b>Aged 50-59</b>	<b>Aged 60-69</b>	<b>Aged 70-79</b>	<b>Aged 80 or above</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	42	35	16	31	35	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	45	51	17	35	40	14	-	-
Kwun Tong	58	69	37	63	63	7	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	72	110	43	73	80	17	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	28	53	25	38	34	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	44	38	15	23	26	7	-	-
Sha Tin	49	62	43	46	62	12	-	-
Tai Po/North	88	151	52	46	41	7	-	-
Yuen Long	58	67	39	49	26	7	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	36	42	33	31	30	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	38	73	56	37	40	4	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>94</b>	-	-

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4245)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of day service places of special child care centres (SCCCs) is estimated to increase from 1 799 to 1 913. However, as there were 1 241 children with disabilities on the waiting list as at January 2015, an increase in places of less than 15% can be regarded as entirely inadequate. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and newly set-up SCCC that the additional places will be distributed; and the details of the distribution;
- b. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using day service in SCCC by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014;
- c. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities waiting for occasional SCCC places and the waiting time by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014; and
- d. a breakdown of the numbers of SCCC and service places by District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Among the additional SCCC places, 60 places are to be provided by 2 new SCCC in Tai Po and Sham Shui Po and 54 places are to be provided through in-situ expansion of existing SCCC. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage which may involve local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc., the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of the places to be provided in existing SCCC at this juncture.

- b. The numbers of children with disabilities using day service in SCCC by Administrative District of SWD and age group during the period from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 1.
- c. Occasional child care service (OCCS) for children with disabilities provides short-term day care service in SCCC or early education and training centres (EETCs) for children with disabilities aged 2 to 6. The computerised system currently administered by SWD does not capture the statistics on the number of applicants for OCCS since the relevant service units provide drop-in service and admit children directly. As for the number of applicants waiting for SCCC, SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services (including SCCC, EETC and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre). The CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for SCCC during the period from 2010 to 2014 is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
SCCC	14.9	16.8	16.9	18.5	Not available [Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.

The numbers of children with disabilities waiting for SCCC by Administrative District of SWD and age group during the period from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 2.

- d. The numbers of SCCC and the numbers of places by Administrative District of SWD during the period from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 3.

**Table 1: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	12	76	64	<b>152</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	63	71	<b>147</b>
Kwun Tong	10	79	79	<b>168</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	11	115	117	<b>243</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	68	67	<b>139</b>
Sham Shui Po	2	37	45	<b>84</b>
Sha Tin	9	76	68	<b>153</b>
Tai Po/North	5	70	65	<b>140</b>
Yuen Long	8	53	54	<b>115</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	75	88	<b>169</b>
Tuen Mun	12	54	39	<b>105</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>1 615</b>

**Table 2: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	8	81	62	<b>151</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	68	66	<b>144</b>
Kwun Tong	12	89	87	<b>188</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	11	101	129	<b>241</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	70	79	<b>153</b>
Sham Shui Po	2	36	46	<b>84</b>
Sha Tin	5	75	71	<b>151</b>
Tai Po/North	5	70	78	<b>153</b>
Yuen Long	3	61	53	<b>117</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	72	97	<b>174</b>
Tuen Mun	5	53	43	<b>101</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1 657</b>

**Table 3: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	66	74	<b>147</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	76	71	<b>157</b>
Kwun Tong	5	61	113	<b>179</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14	80	145	<b>239</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	12	67	75	<b>154</b>
Sham Shui Po	-	33	61	<b>94</b>
Sha Tin	7	61	84	<b>152</b>
Tai Po/North	1	66	82	<b>149</b>
Yuen Long	5	32	80	<b>117</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	83	98	<b>184</b>
Tuen Mun	5	37	53	<b>95</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>1 667</b>

**Table 4: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	18	67	64	<b>149</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	81	88	<b>176</b>
Kwun Tong	7	64	118	<b>189</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	86	132	<b>225</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	71	93	<b>167</b>
Sham Shui Po	2	43	62	<b>107</b>
Sha Tin	6	58	97	<b>161</b>
Tai Po/North	6	57	81	<b>144</b>
Yuen Long	7	56	68	<b>131</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	64	114	<b>182</b>
Tuen Mun	3	43	55	<b>101</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1 732</b>

**Table 5: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	16	81	61	<b>158</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	14	93	80	<b>187</b>
Kwun Tong	5	89	74	<b>168</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	104	105	<b>217</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	11	69	89	<b>169</b>
Sham Shui Po	8	53	49	<b>110</b>
Sha Tin	11	84	69	<b>164</b>
Tai Po/North	7	62	73	<b>142</b>
Yuen Long	9	78	62	<b>149</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	76	103	<b>188</b>
Tuen Mun	4	50	46	<b>100</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1 752</b>

**Table 1 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCCs  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	47	34	3	<b>84</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	56	42	2	<b>100</b>
Kwun Tong	49	70	6	<b>125</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	66	88	6	<b>160</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	63	60	7	<b>130</b>
Sham Shui Po	28	39	4	<b>71</b>
Sha Tin	64	61	-	<b>125</b>
Tai Po/North	66	63	5	<b>134</b>
Yuen Long	39	56	5	<b>100</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	52	67	7	<b>126</b>
Tuen Mun	34	27	1	<b>62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1 217</b>

**Table 2 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCCs  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	56	19	8	<b>83</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	69	50	1	<b>120</b>
Kwun Tong	46	64	5	<b>115</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	72	99	10	<b>181</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	72	77	4	<b>153</b>
Sham Shui Po	32	42	4	<b>78</b>
Sha Tin	75	81	8	<b>164</b>
Tai Po/North	60	67	8	<b>135</b>
Yuen Long	38	55	9	<b>102</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	40	79	6	<b>125</b>
Tuen Mun	35	26	2	<b>63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1 319</b>



**Table 3 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCCs  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	66	37	-	<b>103</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	58	64	4	<b>126</b>
Kwun Tong	66	63	7	<b>136</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	67	111	13	<b>191</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	56	70	5	<b>131</b>
Sham Shui Po	42	44	5	<b>91</b>
Sha Tin	72	79	6	<b>157</b>
Tai Po/North	46	81	7	<b>134</b>
Yuen Long	49	66	9	<b>124</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	53	72	9	<b>134</b>
Tuen Mun	30	43	4	<b>77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1 404</b>

**Table 4 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCCs  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	58	42	5	<b>105</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	62	55	5	<b>122</b>
Kwun Tong	43	75	3	<b>121</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	58	119	8	<b>185</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	55	75	5	<b>135</b>
Sham Shui Po	36	49	4	<b>89</b>
Sha Tin	66	74	-	<b>140</b>
Tai Po/North	51	45	8	<b>104</b>
Yuen Long	56	45	5	<b>106</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	74	80	6	<b>160</b>
Tuen Mun	29	37	2	<b>68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1 335</b>

**Table 5 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCCs  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	41	39	2	<b>82</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	46	46	1	<b>93</b>
Kwun Tong	46	47	2	<b>95</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	61	90	2	<b>153</b>
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	52	81	5	<b>138</b>
Sham Shui Po	23	51	5	<b>79</b>
Sha Tin	65	62	1	<b>128</b>
Tai Po/North	48	53	1	<b>102</b>
Yuen Long	47	48	4	<b>99</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	51	90	5	<b>146</b>
Tuen Mun	30	35	2	<b>67</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 182</b>

**Table 1 – Number of SCCCs and their district distribution  
during the period from 2010 to 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of units</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	5	5	5	5
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	3	3	3	3
Kwun Tong	1	1	1	1	1
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	6	7	7	7	7
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	3	4	4	4	4
Sha Tin	3	3	3	3	3
Tai Po/North	4	4	4	4	4
Yuen Long	2	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	4	4	4	4	4
Tuen Mun	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>

**Table 2 – Number of SCCC places and their district distribution  
during the period from 2010 to 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end- March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end- March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end- March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end- March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	199	199	199	199	199
Eastern/Wan Chai	204	204	204	204	216 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
Kwun Tong	66	66	66	66	66
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	297	333	333	333	333
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	24	24	24	24	30 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
Sham Shui Po	157	205	205	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138	138	138	138
Tai Po/North	192	192	192	192	192
Yuen Long	81	108	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	168	168	168	168	168
Tuen Mun	120	120	120	120	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 646</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 775</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup>

Additional places to be provided through in-situ expansion.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup>

Additional places to be provided through in-situ expansion.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4246)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of day service places of occasional child care service (OCCS) is estimated to increase from 91 to 95. Please provide –

- a. the details of the distribution of the additional service places;
- b. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using day service of OCCS by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014;
- c. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities waiting for day service places of OCCS and the waiting time by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014; and
- d. a breakdown of the number of units providing day service of OCCS and the number of service places by District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The additional OCCS places in 2015-16 are to be provided in Sham Shui Po and Tai Po.
- b. & c. The current Central Referral System of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not compile statistics on the number of service users, the number of applicants or the waiting time for OCCS.
- d. The numbers of units providing OCCS and the numbers of places by Administrative District of SWD during the period from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex.

**Table 1: Number of units providing OCCS during the period from 2010 to 2014**

District	Number of units providing OCCS				
	As at end-March 2011	As at end-March 2012	As at end-March 2013	As at end-March 2014	As at end-December 2014
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Eastern/ Wan Chai	3	3	3	3	3
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	2	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	3	4	4	4	4
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	3	4	4	4	4
Sha Tin	3	3	3	3	4
Tai Po/North	4	4	4	4	4
Yuen Long	2	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	3	3	3	3	3
Tuen Mun	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>

**Table 2: Number of OCCS places during the period from 2010 to 2014**

District	Number of OCCS places				
	As at end-March 2011	As at end-March 2012	As at end-March 2013	As at end-March 2014	As at end-December 2014
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4	4
Eastern/ Wan Chai	8	8	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	4	4	4	4	6
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	10	13	13	13	13
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	8	10	10	10	10
Sha Tin	7	7	7	7	12
Tai Po/North	8	8	8	8	8 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
Yuen Long	4	8	8	10 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	10
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	7	7	7	7	7 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>

[Note 1]

5 additional places (2 in Tai Po/North and 3 in Tuen Mun) are to commence service in the fourth quarter of 2014-15. Hence, there will be a total of 91 places by the end of 2014-15.

[Note 2]

2 additional places are to be provided through in-situ expansion.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4247)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of day service places under the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) is estimated to increase from 1 860 to 2 100. However, there were 1 574 children with disabilities on the waiting list as at February 2015. Please provide –

- (a) the respective numbers of existing and newly set-up KG-cum-CCCs that the additional places will be distributed; and the details of the distribution;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using day service of IP by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014;
- (c) a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities waiting for day service places of IP and the waiting time by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014; and
- (d) a breakdown of the number of KG-cum-CCCs participating in IP and the number of day service places by District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The additional IP places are to be provided in 13 existing KG-cum-CCCs and 8 KG-cum-CCCs newly providing IP.
- (b) The numbers of children with disabilities using IP by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 1.
- (c) SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services including special child care centres,

early education and training centres and IP. The CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The numbers of children with disabilities waiting for IP by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 2.

The average waiting time for IP from 2010 to 2014 is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
IP	10	12.2	12.7	14.1	Not available [Note]

[Note] The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.

- (d) The numbers of KG-cum-CCCs providing IP and the numbers of IP places by Administrative District of SWD from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 3.

**Table 1: Number of IP service users by district and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	56	69	<b>129</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	66	89	<b>157</b>
Kwun Tong	2	85	107	<b>194</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	104	157	<b>263</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	75	101	<b>180</b>
Sham Shui Po	2	33	58	<b>93</b>
Sha Tin	2	65	93	<b>160</b>
Tai Po/North	1	63	107	<b>171</b>
Yuen Long	4	99	76	<b>179</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	85	112	<b>201</b>
Tuen Mun	1	53	77	<b>131</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 858</b>

**Table 2: Number of IP service users by district and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	62	67	<b>135</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	46	103	<b>153</b>
Kwun Tong	2	73	126	<b>201</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	84	160	<b>246</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	76	99	<b>178</b>
Sham Shui Po	4	35	51	<b>90</b>
Sha Tin	2	56	107	<b>165</b>
Tai Po/North	-	65	98	<b>163</b>
Yuen Long	-	80	108	<b>188</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	90	114	<b>206</b>
Tuen Mun	1	56	76	<b>133</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1 109</b>	<b>1 858</b>



**Table 3: Number of IP service users by district and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	61	80	<b>142</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	52	95	<b>147</b>
Kwun Tong	-	58	143	<b>201</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	99	143	<b>247</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	74	95	<b>172</b>
Sham Shui Po	3	39	55	<b>97</b>
Sha Tin	3	56	111	<b>170</b>
Tai Po/North	1	50	110	<b>161</b>
Yuen Long	2	56	129	<b>187</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	74	136	<b>211</b>
Tuen Mun	1	49	82	<b>132</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1 179</b>	<b>1 867</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> The number of registered service users in some KG-cum-CCCs is higher than the number of places in the KG-cum-CCCs.

**Table 4: Number of IP service users by district and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	58	82	<b>142</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	72	79	<b>153</b>
Kwun Tong	-	67	118	<b>185</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	83	168	<b>255</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	58	96	<b>162</b>
Sham Shui Po	-	32	72	<b>104</b>
Sha Tin	-	52	118	<b>170</b>
Tai Po/North	1	40	119	<b>160</b>
Yuen Long	4	70	112	<b>186</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	65	140	<b>207</b>
Tuen Mun	1	48	87	<b>136</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1 191</b>	<b>1 860</b>

**Table 5: Number of IP service users by district and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	64	65	<b>135</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	84	62	<b>155</b>
Kwun Tong	1	100	97	<b>198</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	100	133	<b>235</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	82	85	<b>172</b>
Sham Shui Po	1	47	49	<b>97</b>
Sha Tin	2	76	100	<b>178</b>
Tai Po/North	5	57	105	<b>167</b>
Yuen Long	4	86	95	<b>185</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	98	98	<b>201</b>
Tuen Mun	2	64	64	<b>130</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1 853</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for IP  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	33	6	<b>45</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	57	9	<b>79</b>
Kwun Tong	12	101	22	<b>135</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	54	124	19	<b>197</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	36	60	6	<b>102</b>
Sham Shui Po	16	57	6	<b>79</b>
Sha Tin	39	107	18	<b>164</b>
Tai Po/North	60	146	20	<b>226</b>
Yuen Long	29	89	11	<b>129</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	54	123	15	<b>192</b>
Tuen Mun	22	56	8	<b>86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1 434</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for IP  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	22	45	3	<b>70</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	29	63	9	<b>101</b>
Kwun Tong	37	88	15	<b>140</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	47	137	23	<b>207</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	20	59	7	<b>86</b>
Sham Shui Po	25	67	5	<b>97</b>
Sha Tin	47	122	12	<b>181</b>
Tai Po/North	42	157	19	<b>218</b>
Yuen Long	33	97	18	<b>148</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	42	122	20	<b>184</b>
Tuen Mun	19	78	7	<b>104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1 536</b>

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for IP  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	24	50	8	<b>82</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	41	65	7	<b>113</b>
Kwun Tong	37	136	19	<b>192</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	40	157	25	<b>222</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	37	69	11	<b>117</b>
Sham Shui Po	17	59	12	<b>88</b>
Sha Tin	55	144	19	<b>218</b>
Tai Po/North	50	199	35	<b>284</b>
Yuen Long	30	112	14	<b>156</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	43	128	25	<b>196</b>
Tuen Mun	30	72	9	<b>111</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1 191</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1 779</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for IP  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	36	76	6	<b>118</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	24	79	8	<b>111</b>
Kwun Tong	45	121	14	<b>180</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	29	136	29	<b>194</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	42	107	7	<b>156</b>
Sham Shui Po	19	61	9	<b>89</b>
Sha Tin	59	172	27	<b>258</b>
Tai Po/North	57	170	36	<b>263</b>
Yuen Long	27	87	11	<b>125</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	47	114	22	<b>183</b>
Tuen Mun	27	71	9	<b>107</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1 194</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1 784</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for IP  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	38	46	5	<b>89</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	32	1	<b>63</b>
Kwun Tong	38	89	11	<b>138</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	44	122	10	<b>176</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	33	86	9	<b>128</b>
Sham Shui Po	16	37	8	<b>61</b>
Sha Tin	54	154	9	<b>217</b>
Tai Po/North	51	149	11	<b>211</b>
Yuen Long	36	116	2	<b>154</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	34	67	11	<b>112</b>
Tuen Mun	34	95	6	<b>135</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1 484</b>

**Number of KG-cum-CCCs providing IP and number of IP places  
by Administrative District of SWD (from 2010 to 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of units</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	15	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	18	174
Kwun Tong	20	204
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	27	234
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	23	192
Sham Shui Po	11	84
Sha Tin	17	156
Tai Po/North	19	168
Yuen Long	15	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	192
Tuen Mun	17	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1 860</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4251)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government estimates that the cost per place per month of care-and-attention homes providing a continuum of care is \$14,374 while that of nursing homes is \$21,034 in 2015-16, showing a difference in costs of homes with different care levels. In the past, the Government provided the cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services, but not that of each type of rehabilitation residential services, in the Controlling Officer's Report. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The estimated cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services in 2015-16 is \$13,089. As there is a wide range of residential places for persons with disabilities, the Controlling Officer's Report only provides the cost per place of all residential places for reference.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4252)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government estimates that cost per residential place per month of rehabilitation residential services is \$13,089 in 2015-16 while that of each type of rehabilitation residential services is not provided. Are the costs per residential place per month of halfway houses and long stay care homes for discharged mental patients, integrated vocational training centres for mentally handicapped persons, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, care-and-attention homes for the aged blind, small group homes and supported hostels the same? If not, what was the cost per residential place per month of each type of rehabilitation residential services over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the cost per place per month of various types of residential services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4254)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The numbers of applicants for halfway houses for discharged mental patients (HWH) were 816, 784, 735 and 688 and the average waiting time was 6.2 months, 8.2 months, 8.4 months and 8.2 months in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

- a. Why did the average waiting time for HWH increase from 6.2 months to 8.2 months despite the decreasing number of applicants in 2010-13? What were the reasons? Does the Government have any long-term planning so that effective measures targeting the public's specific needs can be taken to provide HWH service? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- b. What were the number of additional places, the total number of places and the actual expenditure of HWH in each of the past 5 years?
- c. What were the number of applicants and the average waiting time for HWH in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively? What was the cost per residential place per month of HWH in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The waiting time for HWH places is affected by a number of factors such as the location preference of applicants, the turnover rate of service places in individual homes, etc. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to provide 85 additional HWH places in the coming 5 years, 25 of which are expected to be provided in 2015-16. SWD will continue to monitor the provision of services having regard to the service demand.

- b. There was no new provision of HWH places from 2010-11 to 2014-15. The number of places and the actual expenditure are set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of HWH places</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	1 509	151.7
2011-12	1 509	145.9 <sup>[Note]</sup>
2012-13	1 509	154.7
2013-14	1 509	162.9
2014-15	1 509	178.4

<sup>[Note]</sup> 2 types of mental health community support services (i.e. Aftercare Service for Dischargees of HWH and Community Mental Health Link) originally attached to HWH have been revamped and taken over by the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) since October 2010. In this regard, the financial provisions for these services were re-allocated to ICCMWs, resulting in a slight decrease in expenditure for HWH in 2011-12.

- c. From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the number of people on the waiting list of HWH and the average waiting time are set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for HWH</b>	<b>Average waiting time</b>
2013-14	714 (as at end-March 2014)	7.2 months
2014-15	627 (as at end-December 2014)	No relevant information available <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The costs per place per month for rehabilitation residential services (including HWH) operated by non-governmental organisations from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are \$10,047, \$10,498, \$10,936, \$11,906 and \$12,835.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4488)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places of early education and training centres (EETCs) is estimated to increase from 3 055 to 3 251. However, while there were about 1 001 places in the Hong Kong district, there were only 490 to 720 places in the other 4 districts as at February 2015, showing a serious imbalance of service place distribution. Please provide –

- (a) the respective numbers of existing and newly set-up EETCs that the additional places will be distributed; and the details of the distribution;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using EETC service by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014;
- (c) a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities waiting for EETC places and the waiting time by District Council district and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) each year from 2010 to 2014; and
- (d) a breakdown of the number of EETCs and the number of service places by District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Of the additional EETC places, 120 places are to be provided in 2 new EETCs in Tai Po and Sham Shui Po. The other 76 additional places to be provided through in-situ expansion of the existing EETCs are still at the preparatory stage, possibly involving local consultation, application for change of land use, drawing up the layout for the premises, etc. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is unable to provide detailed information on the district distribution of the places in the existing EETCs at this juncture.

- (b) The numbers of children with disabilities using EETC service by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 1.
- (c) SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services including special child care centres, EETCs and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre. The CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for EETC from 2010 to 2014 was as follows –

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Average waiting time <sup>[Note]</sup> (in months)</b>			
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
EETC	11.6	15.7	15.2	19

<sup>[Note]</sup> The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.

The numbers of children with disabilities waiting for EETC by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 2.

- (d) The numbers of EETCs and the numbers of EETC places by Administrative District of SWD from 2010 to 2014 are set out in Annex 3.

**Table 1: Number of EETC service users by district and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	15	94	121	<b>230</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	86	172	<b>267</b>
Kwun Tong	23	75	120	<b>218</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	37	132	181	<b>350</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	16	120	141	<b>277</b>
Sham Shui Po	6	50	54	<b>110</b>
Sha Tin	11	70	123	<b>204</b>
Tai Po/North	10	54	134	<b>198</b>
Yuen Long	13	67	63	<b>143</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	87	132	<b>243</b>
Tuen Mun	9	40	52	<b>101</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>2 341</b>

**Table 2: Number of EETC service users by district and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	10	88	125	<b>223</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	83	167	<b>258</b>
Kwun Tong	16	80	150	<b>246</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	131	239	<b>400</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	18	99	161	<b>278</b>
Sham Shui Po	8	35	67	<b>110</b>
Sha Tin	5	67	173	<b>245</b>
Tai Po/North	6	66	115	<b>187</b>
Yuen Long	15	69	80	<b>164</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	83	158	<b>261</b>
Tuen Mun	16	44	52	<b>112</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1 487</b>	<b>2 484</b>

**Table 3: Number of EETC service users by district and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	12	67	145	<b>224</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	57	192	<b>257</b>
Kwun Tong	15	42	207	<b>264</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	111	270	<b>401</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	66	189	<b>263</b>
Sham Shui Po	12	46	78	<b>136</b>
Sha Tin	8	56	178	<b>242</b>
Tai Po/North	5	45	151	<b>201</b>
Yuen Long	12	62	118	<b>192</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	19	77	174	<b>270</b>
Tuen Mun	10	43	72	<b>125</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1 774</b>	<b>2 575</b>

**Table 4: Number of EETC service users by district and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	16	63	153	<b>232</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	57	193	<b>257</b>
Kwun Tong	6	63	183	<b>252</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	92	288	<b>396</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	66	190	<b>265</b>
Sham Shui Po	13	33	103	<b>149</b>
Sha Tin	6	49	197	<b>252</b>
Tai Po/North	7	46	162	<b>215</b>
Yuen Long	18	48	113	<b>179</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	27	54	200	<b>281</b>
Tuen Mun	13	40	82	<b>135</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>1 864</b>	<b>2 613</b>

**Table 5: Number of EETC service users by district and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5 or above</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	16	82	146	<b>244</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	115	184	<b>309</b>
Kwun Tong	14	79	196	<b>289</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	24	138	258	<b>420</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	17	87	163	<b>267</b>
Sham Shui Po	12	51	82	<b>145</b>
Sha Tin	17	116	199	<b>332</b>
Tai Po/North	8	71	147	<b>226</b>
Yuen Long	18	53	83	<b>154</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	93	205	<b>322</b>
Tuen Mun	10	52	88	<b>150</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1 751</b>	<b>2 858</b>

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for EETC  
by district of residence and age group in 2010-11  
(as at end-March 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	84	148	25	<b>257</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	78	184	44	<b>306</b>
Kwun Tong	105	179	53	<b>337</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	149	260	68	<b>477</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	166	35	<b>295</b>
Sham Shui Po	57	44	17	<b>118</b>
Sha Tin	77	180	42	<b>299</b>
Tai Po/North	76	151	44	<b>271</b>
Yuen Long	53	86	13	<b>152</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	91	132	28	<b>251</b>
Tuen Mun	43	46	15	<b>104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1 576</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>2 867</b>

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for EETC  
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12  
(as at end-March 2012)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	109	216	37	<b>362</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	94	240	49	<b>383</b>
Kwun Tong	125	220	49	<b>394</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	135	305	79	<b>519</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	118	198	20	<b>336</b>
Sham Shui Po	46	99	19	<b>164</b>
Sha Tin	91	257	68	<b>416</b>
Tai Po/North	65	198	55	<b>318</b>
Yuen Long	47	89	20	<b>156</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	94	207	37	<b>338</b>
Tuen Mun	26	48	7	<b>81</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>2 077</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>3 467</b>



**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for EETC  
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13  
(as at end-March 2013)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	119	213	45	<b>377</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	104	267	56	<b>427</b>
Kwun Tong	116	222	81	<b>419</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	168	299	123	<b>590</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	120	202	47	<b>369</b>
Sham Shui Po	69	88	31	<b>188</b>
Sha Tin	118	254	92	<b>464</b>
Tai Po/North	102	174	61	<b>337</b>
Yuen Long	83	86	14	<b>183</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	111	216	63	<b>390</b>
Tuen Mun	57	65	12	<b>134</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 167</b>	<b>2 086</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>3 878</b>

**Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for EETC  
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14  
(as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	106	210	42	<b>358</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	89	281	71	<b>441</b>
Kwun Tong	92	202	97	<b>391</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	136	331	91	<b>558</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	143	251	59	<b>453</b>
Sham Shui Po	78	110	28	<b>216</b>
Sha Tin	110	272	90	<b>472</b>
Tai Po/North	91	207	52	<b>350</b>
Yuen Long	52	81	10	<b>143</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	124	252	51	<b>427</b>
Tuen Mun	51	71	14	<b>136</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>2 268</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3 945</b>

**Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for EETC  
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15  
(as at end-December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants on the waiting list</b>			
	<b>Aged 0-2</b>	<b>Aged 3-4</b>	<b>Aged 5-6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	93	198	32	<b>323</b>
Eastern/Wan Chai	86	249	29	<b>364</b>
Kwun Tong	83	168	34	<b>285</b>
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	121	257	46	<b>424</b>
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	116	266	50	<b>432</b>
Sham Shui Po	70	126	27	<b>223</b>
Sha Tin	94	219	54	<b>367</b>
Tai Po/North	77	191	29	<b>297</b>
Yuen Long	51	84	19	<b>154</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	119	233	54	<b>406</b>
Tuen Mun	47	84	12	<b>143</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>2 075</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>3 418</b>

**Table 1: Number of EETCs by district from 2010 to 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>EETC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	4	4	4	5
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	2	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	5	6	6	6	6
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	3	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	3	4	4	4	4
Sha Tin	3	3	3	3	4
Tai Po/North	3	3	3	3	3
Yuen Long	2	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>

**Table 2: Number of EETC places by district from 2010 to 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>EETC</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)</b>	<b>2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)</b>	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	341	341	401
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	166	262
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	355	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	171	201	201	216	216
Sham Shui Po	170	274	274	274	274
Sha Tin	191	191	191	191	291
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205
Yuen Long	132	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	277	292
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>2 899</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0503****(Question Serial No. 4489)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011. Please list in the table the number of existing subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a licence, their Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) numbers, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the licence validity period since the Ordinance took effect –

LORCHD No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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How many subvented RCHDs are there in each SWD district in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 92)

Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 14 subvented RCHDs issued with a licence. Distribution of such RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2
Kwun Tong	1
Sham Shui Po	3
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po/North	1
Yuen Long	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

Since the Ordinance (Cap. 613) took effect on 18 November 2011, the distribution of subvented RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>			
	<b>As at end-March 2012</b>	<b>As at end-March 2013</b>	<b>As at end-March 2014</b>	<b>As at end-February 2015</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	36	36	36	36
Eastern/Wan Chai	14	14	14	14
Kwun Tong	19	19	19	19
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	26	26	26	26
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	10	10	10	10
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10	13
Sha Tin	19	20	21	21
Tai Po/North	14	14	14	14
Yuen Long	14	14	15	16
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	28	28	28
Tuen Mun	25	26	27	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>224</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a CoE has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:

[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0504****(Question Serial No. 4490)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

A Certificate of Exemption (CoE) under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) takes effect from the date of issue for a validity period of 18 months. Please list in the table the number of existing subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a CoE, their Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) numbers, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the CoE validity period –

LORCHD No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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In addition, what is the maximum number of applications for CoE that a subvented RCHD issued with a CoE can make? Or is there no limit on the number of applications for CoE that an RCHD can make? If there is no limit on the number of applications, how does the Government ensure that persons with disabilities are provided with quality residential care services? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 93)Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 210 subvented RCHDs issued with a CoE. Distribution of such RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	34
Eastern/Wan Chai	14
Kwun Tong	18
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	26
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	20
Tai Po/North	13

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>
Yuen Long	14
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26
Tuen Mun	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a CoE has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:

[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

Under sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance (Cap. 613), the validity period of the CoE shall not be more than 36 months. A person holding a CoE in respect of an existing home may apply for the CoE to be renewed, but the Ordinance does not stipulate the maximum number of applications for renewals. However, if existing RCHDs fail to comply with the relevant requirements, the Director of Social Welfare may refuse to renew the CoE. SWD adopts stringent standards in assessing applications regarding CoE. For renewal applications, SWD takes into account the service performance of RCHDs and the progress they make in implementing improvement measures. Normally the validity period of the CoE issued will be less than the maximum period of 36 months. RCHDs currently issued with a CoE must comply with the relevant requirements, including those relating to management and health care. This is to ensure that they can provide proper residential care services during the implementation of improvement measures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0505****(Question Serial No. 4491)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011. Please list in the table the number of existing self-financing residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a licence, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the licence validity period since the Ordinance took effect –

Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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How many self-financing RCHDs are there in each SWD district in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 94)Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 5 self-financing RCHDs issued with a licence. Distribution of such RCHDs was as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Sha Tin	2
Tuen Mun	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>



The number of self-financing RCHDs since the Ordinance (Cap. 613) took effect on 18 November 2011 by Administrative District of SWD is as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>			
	<b>As at end-March 2012</b>	<b>As at end-March 2013</b>	<b>As at end-March 2014</b>	<b>As at end-February 2015</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	3	2	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	2	1	1
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	-	-
Sha Tin	3	3	4	4
Tai Po/North	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	8	8	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a certificate of exemption (CoE) has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:

[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0506****(Question Serial No. 4492)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

A Certificate of Exemption (CoE) under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) takes effect from the date of issue for a validity period of 18 months. Please list in the table the number of existing self-financing residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a CoE, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the CoE validity period –

Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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In addition, what is the maximum number of applications for CoE that a self-financing RCHD issued with a CoE can make? Or is there no limit on the number of applications for CoE that an RCHD can make? If there is no limit on the number of applications, how does the Government ensure that persons with disabilities are provided with quality residential care services? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 95)Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 13 self-financing RCHDs issued with a CoE. Distribution of such RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Kwun Tong	2
Sha Tin	2
Tai Po/North	2
Tuen Mun	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a CoE has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:  
[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

Under sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance (Cap. 613), the validity period of the CoE shall not be more than 36 months. A person holding a CoE in respect of an existing home may apply for the CoE to be renewed. The Ordinance does not stipulate the maximum number of applications for renewals. However, if existing RCHDs fail to comply with the relevant requirements, the Director of Social Welfare may refuse to renew the CoE. SWD adopts stringent standards in assessing applications regarding CoE. For renewal applications, SWD takes into account the service performance of RCHDs and the progress they make in implementing improvement measures. Normally the validity period of the CoE issued will be less than the maximum period of 36 months. RCHDs currently issued with a CoE must comply with the relevant requirements, including those relating to management and health care. This is to ensure that they can provide proper residential care services during the implementation of improvement measures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0507****(Question Serial No. 4493)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613) (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011. Please list in the table the number of existing private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a licence, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the licence validity period since the Ordinance took effect –

Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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How many private RCHDs are there in each SWD district in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 96)

Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 14 private RCHDs issued with a licence. Distribution of such RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6
Sham Shui Po	2
Yuen Long	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

The number of private RCHDs since the Ordinance took effect on 18 November 2011 by Administrative District of SWD is as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>			
	<b>As at end-March 2012</b>	<b>As at end-March 2013</b>	<b>As at end-March 2014</b>	<b>As at end-February 2015</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	5	4	3
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	1	1	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	18	17	13	14
Sham Shui Po	8	8	8	7
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	16	16	14	14
Yuen Long	20	19	16	16
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	5	5	6
Tuen Mun	6	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a certificate of exemption (CoE) has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the image-based and text-based versions of the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:

[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0508****(Question Serial No. 4494)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

A Certificate of Exemption (CoE) under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) takes effect from the date of issue for a validity period of 18 months. Please list in the table the number of existing private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) districts issued with a CoE, names of RCHDs, year and month of licence issue and the CoE validity period –

Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of issue (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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In addition, what is the maximum number of applications for CoE that a private RCHD issued with a CoE can make? Or is there no limit on the number of applications for CoE that an RCHD can make? If there is no limit on the number of applications, how does the Government ensure that persons with disabilities are provided with quality residential care services? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 97)Reply:

As at end-February 2015, there were 54 private RCHDs issued with a CoE. Distribution of such RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Kwun Tong	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8
Sham Shui Po	5
Tai Po/North	14
Yuen Long	15

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4
Tuen Mun	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

A complete list of RCHDs issued with a licence or a CoE has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, where it is also set out by district the licence or CoE of each RCHD, with such other information as LORCHD No., name of RCHD, issue date and validity period of the licence or CoE. Details of each RCHD are available on the following website:

[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_rchd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_rchd/) .

Under sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance (Cap. 613), the validity period of the CoE shall not be more than 36 months. A person holding a CoE in respect of an existing home may apply for the CoE to be renewed. The Ordinance does not stipulate the maximum number of applications for renewals. However, if existing RCHDs fail to comply with the relevant requirements, the Director of Social Welfare may refuse to renew the CoE. SWD adopts stringent standards in assessing applications regarding CoE. For renewal applications, SWD takes into account the service performance of RCHDs and the progress they make in implementing improvement measures. Normally the validity period of the CoE issued will be less than the maximum period of 36 months. RCHDs currently issued with a CoE must comply with the relevant requirements, including those relating to management and health care. This is to ensure that they can provide proper residential care services during the implementation of improvement measures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4976)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011. With the full implementation of the Ordinance on 10 June 2013, any person who operates, keeps, manages or in any other way has control of a residential care home for persons with disabilities (RCHD) without a valid licence or certificate of exemption (CoE) commits an offence. The maximum penalty on conviction is a fine at level 6 and imprisonment for 2 years, and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine of \$10,000 for each day can be imposed.

What is the number of cases in which a fine has been imposed on a person who operates, keeps, manages or in any other way has control of an RCHD without a valid licence or CoE since the commencement of the Ordinance (Please provide a breakdown by subvented, self-financing and private RCHDs)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 98)

Reply:

No one has been punished by the court for the reason of operating, keeping, managing or in any other way having control of an RCHD without a valid licence or CoE since the commencement of the Ordinance (Cap. 613).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0510****(Question Serial No. 4977)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011. How many residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the Social Welfare Department districts have ceased operation since the commencement of the Ordinance (i.e. 19 November 2011)? (Please provide a breakdown by subvented, self-financing and private RCHDs) How many persons with disabilities have been affected by the RCHDs having ceased operation and what corresponding measures have been taken?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 99)Reply:

A total of 17 RCHDs have ceased operation since the Ordinance (Cap. 613) took effect on 18 November 2011. The distributions of these RCHDs by type and by district are as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>	
	<b>Self-financing RCHD</b>	<b>Private RCHD</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	5
Sham Shui Po	-	1
Yuen Long	-	6
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>

The 80 residents affected by the RCHDs which ceased operation have been admitted to other RCHDs or referred to receive the required services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0511****(Question Serial No. 4978)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Ex-gratia financial assistance is provided through the Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) (the Fund) to the families of deceased SARS patients, as well as recovered SARS patients and suspected SARS patients. What are the number of beneficiaries, the amount of assistance and the administrative cost by category of assistance in the past 5 years?

- (a) Special ex-gratia relief payments for families of deceased SARS patients
- (b) Special ex-gratia financial assistance for the recovered SARS patients and the suspected SARS patients treated with steroids

(i) Medical expenditure assistance	(ii) Monthly financial assistance
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Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 100)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Fund provides special one-off ex-gratia relief payments (from \$100,000 to \$500,000) for families or each eligible family member of deceased SARS patients. Special one-off ex-gratia relief payments totalling \$82.1 million were approved and disbursed to 282 family members of deceased SARS patients since the Fund was set up in 2003. As the Fund has ceased to accept new applications for special one-off ex-gratia relief payments since 1 January 2006, there was no additional recipient or payment in the past 5 years.
- (b) The Fund provides special ex-gratia financial assistance, including monthly financial assistance and medical expenditure assistance, for recovered or suspected SARS patients. The number of recipients and the amount of financial assistance in the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of recipients receiving special ex-gratia financial assistance as at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>Amount of medical expenditure assistance paid (\$ million)</b>	<b>Amount of monthly financial assistance paid (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	147	3.28	6.16
2011-12	142	3.04	6.82
2012-13	138	2.93	6.74
2013-14	135	2.89	7.07
2014-15 (as at February 2015)	131	2.59	6.57

Administered by the Social Welfare Department and managed through a management committee, the Fund does not incur any additional administrative costs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0512****(Question Serial No. 4979)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for places in small group homes (SGHs), which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 101)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Number of SGH units –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
108	108	108

4. Since the 2014-15 Estimates, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4980)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for family and child protection workers, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above workers in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 102)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of workers in the Family and Child Protective Services Units from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
168	168	168

4. Since the 2014-15 Estimates, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0514****(Question Serial No. 4981)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for clinical psychologists (CPs) providing clinical psychological support service, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above CPs in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above CPs in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above CPs in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 103)Reply:

The number of CPs in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
58	59	59

Regarding the number of CPs in subsidised organisations, non-governmental organisations under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing for provision of service, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4982)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for family life education workers, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above workers in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 104)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of registered social workers in family life education units is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
No. of workers	22	22	22

4. Since the 2014-15 Estimates, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's the department's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0516****(Question Serial No. 4983)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for family aide workers, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above workers in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 105)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of family aide workers from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
No. of workers	48	48	48

4. Since the 2014-15 Estimates, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0517****(Question Serial No. 4984)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for family support networking teams (FSNTs), which could be found in the Estimates for 2014-15 and earlier, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for FSNTs in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for FSNTs in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for FSNTs in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 106)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of FSNTs are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
7	7	7

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0518****(Question Serial No. 4985)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for supervision cases per family and child protection worker, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above cases in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above cases in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above cases in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 107)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of supervision cases per worker in the Family and Child Protective Services Units is listed as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
30	29	28

4. Since the 2014-15 Estimates, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4986)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreaching attempts per family support networking team worker, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 108)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The figures for vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreaching attempts per family support networking team worker are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
215	215	215

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0520****(Question Serial No. 4987)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for vulnerable households newly and successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services per family support networking team worker, which could be found in the Estimates for 2014-15 and earlier, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 109)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The figures for vulnerable households newly and successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services per family support networking team worker are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
167	167	167

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4988)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for the enrolment rate and cost per place per month of care-and-attention (C&A) homes, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 110)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. In 2013-14, the Government has allocated additional recurrent funding to upgrade all of the some 7 800 subsidised places in subvented C&A homes to places providing a continuum of care (COC). As a result, places in subvented C&A homes have turned into C&A places providing COC. In line with such service enhancement, the enrolment rate and cost per place per month of C&A places providing COC will be reflected under the service category of “C&A homes providing COC” in the Controlling Officer’s Report from 2014-15 onwards. The number of C&A places providing COC (including those in the former self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion to C&A homes providing COC), the enrolment rate and cost per place from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
Number of places	14 437	15 188	15 279
Enrolment rate	97%	95%	95%
Unit cost	\$12,747	\$14,288	\$14,374

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, the targets and indicators since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions aimed to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items set out under targets previously and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the provision of services to the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0522****(Question Serial No. 4989)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for social workers (SWs) providing medical social services, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

- (1) The actual figures for the above SWs in 2013-14;
- (2) The revised estimated figures for the above SWs in 2014-15;
- (3) The estimated figures for the above SWs in 2015-16; and
- (4) On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 111)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) to (3) The number of medical social workers is as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
435	438	438

- (4) Since the 2014-15 Estimate, targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The revision aims to show more clearly the target performance of individual services and to re-group, where suitable, some items set out under targets previously to indicators, as well as to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the work of the Social Welfare Department, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0523****(Question Serial No. 4990)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for the caseload per worker providing medical social services, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

- (1) The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
- (2) The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
- (3) The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
- (4) On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 112)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) to (3) The figures for the caseload per medical social worker from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
63	63	63

- (4) Since the 2014-15 Estimate, targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate. The revision aims to show more clearly the target performance of individual services and to re-group, where suitable, some items set out under targets previously to indicators, as well as to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the work of the Social Welfare Department, including services provided for the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4991)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Services for OffendersControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for social workers providing probation and Community Service Orders (CSO) service, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 113)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of social workers providing probation services and administering the CSO services are set out as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
168	168	168

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4992)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The figures for social workers of social service centres for ex-offenders, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 114)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the social service centres for ex-offenders has the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.
4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4993)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The figures for social workers of community-based programmes for ex-offenders, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 115)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the non-governmental organisation operating the community-based programmes for ex-offenders has the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.
4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0527****(Question Serial No. 4994)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Services for OffendersControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for social workers of Young Offender Assessment Panel (YOAP), which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 116)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The figures for social workers of YOAP are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
3	3	3

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4995)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The figures for cases supervised per worker per month of social service centres for ex-offenders, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 117)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating the social service centres for ex-offenders have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The number of cases supervised per worker of individual centres may vary according to work arrangement and team size.
4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4996)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The figures for cases closed per worker per month of social service centres for ex-offenders, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 118)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating the social service centres for ex-offenders have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The number of cases closed per worker of individual centres may vary according to work arrangement and team size.
4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0530****(Question Serial No. 4997)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for cases closed having achieved case goal plan per team of outreaching social work, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 119)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of cases closed after achieving case goal plan per outreaching social work team from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
63	63	63

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators can better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0531****(Question Serial No. 4998)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for attendees in core programme sessions per worker of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 120)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The estimated number of attendees in core programme sessions per worker of ICYSCs in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is projected based on the actual figure in 2013-14 as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
4 697	4 697	4 697

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0532****(Question Serial No. 4999)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for clients served per worker at any one time of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

- (1) The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
- (2) The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
- (3) The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
- (4) On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 121)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) to (3) The number of clients served per worker at any one time by ICYSCs is as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
78	78	78

- (4) The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0533****(Question Serial No. 5000)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for caseload per worker of school social work, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 122)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per school social worker from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
75	75	75

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0534****(Question Serial No. 5001)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for cases closed having achieved the agreed goal per social worker of school social work, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 123)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed having achieved the agreed goal per school social worker from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
25	25	25

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0535****(Question Serial No. 5002)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The figures for caseload per worker of outreaching social work, which could be found in the Estimates before 2014-15, are no longer shown in the Estimates this year. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee of the following –

1. The actual figures for the above service in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16; and
4. On what basis is the decision made that disclosing the above figures in the Estimates is unnecessary?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 124)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per worker of outreaching social work from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>	<b>2015-16 (Estimate)</b>
78	78	78

4. The targets and indicators have been reviewed and re-grouped, where appropriate, since the 2014-15 Estimates. The revisions have been made to show more clearly the target performance of individual services, and where suitable, some items previously set out under targets have been re-grouped under indicators to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the Social Welfare Department's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5005)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Care and Attention (C&A) Homes Providing Continuum of Care (COC) (serial number 011), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 127)

Reply:

The FSA for C&A Homes providing COC was revised once in October 2013 with slight textual amendments to align with the FSA for C&A Homes upon the upgrading of the latter to C&A Homes providing COC. SWD has uploaded the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5006)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Children's Home (serial number 018), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in July 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in July 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 128)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for Children's Home was revised in July 2008 to clearly stipulate the time intervals for case review meetings.
- (b) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5007)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Children's Reception Centre (serial number 019), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in December 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in December 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for Children's Reception Centre was revised in December 2008 to stipulate the operation of the Centre's Annex.
- (b) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5009)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH) cum Day Activity Centre (DAC) (serial number 029), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in August 2010?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in August 2010, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 131)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of DAC and HSMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of physiotherapy service for their ageing service users. The FSA for DAC and HSMH was therefore updated to include the provision of physiotherapy service as an essential service of DAC and HSMH.
- (b) The FSA for DAC and HSMH was revised in August 2010. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5010)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Day Activity Centre cum Hostel (DAC cum Hostel) (serial number 030), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in August 2010?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in August 2010, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?

What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 132)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of DAC cum Hostel in August 2010 to enhance the provision of physiotherapy service for their ageing service users. The FSA for DAC cum Hostel was therefore updated to include the provision of physiotherapy service as an essential service of DAC cum Hostel.
- (b) The FSA for DAC cum Hostel was revised in August 2010. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5011)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre (serial number 031), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2012?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2012, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 133)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for day activity centres with commercial-hired transport service for people with disabilities was standardised in April 2012. As Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre provided such a service, its FSA was updated accordingly.
- (b) The FSA for Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre was revised in April 2012. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5012)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Lung On Day Activity Centre (serial number 032), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2012?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2012, has the above FSA been further revised?  
If yes, when was it revised?

What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 134)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for day activity centres with commercial-hired transport service for people with disabilities was standardised in April 2012. As Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Lung On Day Activity Centre provided such a service, its FSA was updated accordingly.
- (b) The FSA for Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Lung On Day Activity Centre was revised in April 2012. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5013)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Day Care Centre/Unit for the Elderly (DE/DCU) (serial number 035), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2009?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2009, has the above FSA been further revised?  
If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 135)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) In April 2009, the FSA for DE/DCU was revised in respect of the cancellation of the turnover rate of service users and the relevant output standard and outcome standard.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs for each type of service to the SWD website.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5014)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for District Elderly Community Centre (DECC) (serial number 038), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2008, has the above FSA been further revised?  
If yes, when was it revised?

What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 136)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for DECC was revised in April 2008 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening counselling and referral services as well as outreaching and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons.
- (b) The FSA for DECC was further revised in October 2014 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening the community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including counselling, handling of care needs assessment and applications, support for elderly persons with dementia and their carers, etc. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA of individual service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5015)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams (DYOTs) (serial number 039), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 137)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for DYOTs was revised once in October 2008. In the revised FSA, it is agreed with the service operators concerned to adjust the performance standards to reflect the injection of additional resources. The said FSA was further revised in December 2010. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5016)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Martha Boss Lutheran Day Care Centre for the Elderly (serial number 050), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in March 2011?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in March 2011, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 138)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Martha Boss Lutheran Day Care Centre for the Elderly was revised in March 2011 to reflect the additional recurrent funding received for providing more service places in response to service demand.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs for each type of service to the SWD website.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5017)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostels for Moderately Mentally Handicapped (HMMH) (serial number 051), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in August 2010?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in August 2010, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?

What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 139)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of health care service for their ageing service users. The FSA for HMMH was therefore updated to include the provision of health care service as an essential service of HMMH.
- (b) The FSA for HMMH was revised in August 2010. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5018)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped (HMMH) (Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) (serial number 052), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in August 2010?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in August 2010, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?

What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 140)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of health care service for their ageing service users. The FSA for HMMH (Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) was therefore updated to include the provision of health care service as an essential service of HMMH (Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel).
- (b) The FSA for HMMH (Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) was revised in August 2010. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5019)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostels for Severely Mentally Handicapped (HSMH) (serial number 053), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in August 2010?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in August 2010, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 141)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HSMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of physiotherapy service for their ageing service users. The FSA for HSMH was therefore updated to include the provision of physiotherapy service as an essential service of HSMH.
- (b) The FSA for HSMH was revised in August 2010. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5020)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hotline Service for Youth at Risk (serial number 057), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2001?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2001, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 142)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The said FSA was revised once in April 2001 when the part concerning registered social worker under “Essential service requirements” was revised to read “Staffing should include registered social worker with recognised degree in social work”. In line with established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operator concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5021)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMW) (serial number 063), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2012?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2012, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 143)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for ICCMW was revised in April 2012 to reflect the adjusted output requirements on the numbers of members served, cases served, outreaching visits conducted and linkage activities/programmes organised after the allocation of additional recurrent subvention to ICCMW in 2011-12.
- (b) The FSA for ICCMW was further revised in April 2014 to reflect the adjusted output requirements on the numbers of cases served, outreaching visits conducted and linkage activities/programmes organised after the allocation of additional recurrent subvention to ICCMW in 2013-14.

SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5022)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) (serial number 064), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2006?
- (b) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2011?
- (c) Apart from the revisions made in October 2006 and April 2011, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (d) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 144)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) to (c) The FSA for IFSC was revised twice in October 2006 and April 2011 respectively to incorporate the output standard in relation to the family support programme, as well as refining the definition of output standard. The conversion mechanism of output standard between casework and teams/activities was also enhanced.
- (d) SWD has uploaded the latest version of the said FSAs onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5023)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Home Care Services (Agency and District-based) (serial number 065), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in January 2007?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in January 2007, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 145)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for Integrated Home Care Services (Agency and District-based) was revised in January 2007 to reflect the additional recurrent funding received for providing more service places in response to service demand.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs for each type of service to the SWD website.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5024)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Services (Tung Chung Integrated Services) (serial number 068), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2006?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2006, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 146)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The FSA for Sheng Kung Hui Diocesan Welfare Council Limited Tung Chung Integrated Services was revised in April 2006 to delete the output standards relating to day nursery.
- (b) Upon the implementation of Harmonisation of Pre-primary Services in 2005/06 school year, the day nursery located at the Sheng Kung Hui Diocesan Welfare Council Limited Tung Chung Integrated Services was converted to kindergarten-cum-child care centre under the administration of the Education Bureau. The said FSA was further revised in October 2014 to reflect the change in service demands arising from the additional recurrent funding to social centre for the elderly for raising their standard of services to that of neighbourhood elderly centre.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5025)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong Tai Wo Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 070), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 147)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with CSSS (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong Tai Wo Integrated Youth Service Centre) was revised in October 2008 to reflect the injection of additional resources, with the output standard on total core programme attendance adjusted and the addition of outcome/output standards on anti-drug education and programmes. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5026)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Jockey Club Kin Sang Youth S.P.O.T.) (serial number 071), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 148)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with CSSS (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Jockey Club Kin Sang Youth S.P.O.T.) was revised in October 2008 to reflect the injection of additional resources, with the output standard on total core programme attendance adjusted and the addition of outcome/output standards on anti-drug education and programmes. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5027)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) (Hong Kong Playground Association Choi Tak Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth) (serial number 072), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 149)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with CSSS (Hong Kong Playground Association Choi Tak Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth) was drawn up in March 2012. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5028)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 073), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 150)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with CSSS (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) was revised in October 2008 to reflect the injection of additional resources, with the output standard on total core programme attendance adjusted and the addition of outcome/output standards on anti-drug education and programmes. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5029)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) (Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children and Youth Services) (serial number 074), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 151)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with CSSS (Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children and Youth Services) was revised in October 2008 to reflect the injection of additional resources, with the output standard on total core programme attendance adjusted and the addition of outcome/output standards on anti-drug education and programmes. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5030)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for integrated services with services for young night drifters (Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 075), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 152)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for integrated services with services for young night drifters (Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the FSA, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said FSA was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5031)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People – Stanley) (serial number 076), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 153)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People – Stanley) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5032)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) (serial number 077), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 154)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. "Essential service requirements" were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5033)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Chai Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) (serial number 078), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 155)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Chai Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. "Essential service requirements" were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5034)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong Tin Shui Wai Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 079), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 156)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong Tin Shui Wai Integrated Youth Service Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5035)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tai Po Integrated Children and Youth Service Centre) (serial number 080), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 157)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tai Po Integrated Children and Youth Service Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5036)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tin Ping Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 081), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 158)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tin Ping Integrated Youth Service Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 5037)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk and So Uk Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 082), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk and So Uk Integrated Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5038)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Playground Association Mongkok Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) (serial number 084), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 160)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The said FSA was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5039)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Playground Association Tsing Yi Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) (serial number 085), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 161)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Playground Association Tsing Yi Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5040)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Jockey Club Ma On Shan (South) Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre) (serial number 085), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 162)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Jockey Club Ma On Shan (South) Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5041)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Scout Association of Hong Kong – The Friends of Scouting Long Ping Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) (serial number 087), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 163)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Scout Association of Hong Kong – The Friends of Scouting Long Ping Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5042)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People) (serial number 088), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 164)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5043)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Sau Mau Ping Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 089), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 165)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Sau Mau Ping Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. "Essential service requirements" were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5044)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 090), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 166)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. "Essential service requirements" were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5045)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Homantin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) (serial number 091), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 167)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The said FSA was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5046)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) with Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs) (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Shatin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) (serial number 092), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 168)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The said FSA was revised once in October 2013. In the negotiation for revision, SWD reached an agreement with the service operators concerned to consolidate FSAs for individual services for YNDs into 1 FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (the Agreement). In the Agreement, the maximum age of service users was set at 24. “Essential service requirements” were also set, including service hours and service modes, and staff being required to include registered social worker(s) with recognised degree in social work. In addition, performance standards were revised and outcome standard of referral services added. The said Agreement was further revised in July 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5047)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hong Kong Society for the Deaf Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons (serial number 098), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in March 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in March 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 169)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons (Centre) was updated in March 2013 to reflect the adjusted output requirements on cases and counselling service after the allocation of additional recurrent subvention to the Centre in April 2013 in order to enhance the counselling services for persons with hearing impairment.
- (b) The FSA for the Centre was further revised in October 2014 to reflect the adjusted output requirements on sign language interpretation service and training programmes after the allocation of additional recurrent subvention to the Centre in October 2014 in order to enhance the sign language interpretation service for persons with hearing impairment.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5048)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC) (serial number 099), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 170)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for NEC was revised in April 2008 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening outreaching and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons.
- (b) The FSA for NEC was further revised in October 2014 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening the community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including counselling, handling of care needs assessment and applications, etc.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA of individual service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5049)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC) (Kowloon City Baptist Church NEC) (serial number 100), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2008?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2008, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 171)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The FSA for Kowloon City Baptist Church NEC was revised in April 2008 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening outreaching and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons.
- (b) The FSA for the above NEC was further revised in October 2014 to reflect the changing service needs upon provision of additional recurrent funding for strengthening the community support services for elderly persons and their carers, including counselling, handling of care needs assessment and applications, etc.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA of individual service onto its webpage.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5052)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Residential Nursery (serial number 111), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2002?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2002, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 174)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The Government revised the FSA for Residential Nursery in July 2008.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5053)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Residential Service for Young Probationers (serial number 112), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2002?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2002, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) SWD revised the FSA for Residential Service for Young Probationers only once in April 2010 to extend the service target group from young male probationers to young probationers of both sexes. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5054)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for School Social Work (serial number 117), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2011?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in September 2011, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 176)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The said FSA was revised once in September 2011 to reflect the injection of additional resources. In the revised FSA, it was agreed with the service operators concerned to revise the performance standards by adding the outcome standard for case counselling and group work. The said FSA was further revised in January 2014.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs for specific types of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5055)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Refuge Centre for Women (serial number 118), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) When were the 5 revisions made to the above FSA from January 2007 to March 2012?
- (b) Apart from the 5 revisions made from January 2007 to March 2012, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 177)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) & (b) During the period from January 2007 to March 2012, the FSA for Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) was revised in January 2007, March 2007, January 2008, January 2009 and March 2012 respectively.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5056)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Services for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners (serial number 119), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2005?
- (b) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in April 2009?
- (c) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in February 2014?
- (d) Apart from the revisions made in April 2005, April 2009 and February 2014, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (e) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 178)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) to (c) The FSA for Services for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners was revised in April 2005, April 2009 and February 2014 to include crime prevention service, include Short-term Rental Assistance and strengthen social service centres' professional support respectively.
- (d) In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (e) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5057)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH) cum Sheltered Workshop (SW) (serial number 121), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2011?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2002, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 179)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in August 2010 to enhance the provision of health care service for their ageing service users. The FSA for HMMH cum SW was therefore updated to include the provision of health care service as an essential service of HMMH. Subsequently, SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of SW in October 2014 to enhance care and nursing manpower of SW. The FSA for HMMH cum SW was therefore further updated to include the provision of nursing service as an essential service of SW.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage based on the type of service.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5058)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Small Group Home (serial number 123), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in September 2011?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in April 2002, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised?
- (c) What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 180)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The Government revised the FSA for Small Group Home in July 2008.
- (c) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5059)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Care and Attention Homes (serial number 010), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What were the revisions made to the above FSA in October 2013?
- (b) Apart from the revisions made in October 2013, has the above FSA been further revised? If yes, when was it revised? What are the reasons for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) not to upload other versions of the FSA, apart from the latest revision, onto its webpage?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 181)

Reply:

The FSA for Care and Attention (C&A) Homes was revised in October 2013 to reflect the enhanced services upon provision of additional recurrent funding for upgrading the subsidised places in subvented C&A Homes to places providing a continuum of care. SWD has uploaded the latest version of the FSA onto its webpage.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0588****(Question Serial No. 5060)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the actual figures regarding the cost per place provided to self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion programme for 2013-14 and each financial year from 2007 to 2011?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 182)Reply:

The cost per place per month for care-and-attention (C&A) places providing a continuum of care in the recent 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month for C&amp;A places providing a continuum of care (\$)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	10,980
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	14,288
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,374

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0589****(Question Serial No. 5061)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the actual figures regarding the cost per place provided to self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion programme for 2013-14 and each financial year from 2003 to 2007?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 183)Reply:

The cost per place per month for care-and-attention (C&A) places providing a continuum of care in the recent 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month for C&amp;A places providing a continuum of care (\$)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	10,980
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	14,288
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,374

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0590****(Question Serial No. 5062)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the actual figures regarding the cost per place provided to contract homes for the elderly for 2013-14 and each financial year from 2007 to 2011 respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 184)Reply:

The cost per place per month for contract homes for the elderly in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month (\$)</b>
2011-12	8,768
2012-13	10,936
2013-14	11,814
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	13,336
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,136

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0591****(Question Serial No. 5063)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the actual figures regarding the cost per place provided to contract homes for the elderly for 2013-14 and each financial year from 2003 to 2007 respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 185)Reply:

The cost per place per month for contract homes for the elderly in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month (\$)</b>
2011-12	8,768
2012-13	10,936
2013-14	11,814
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	13,336
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,136

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0592****(Question Serial No. 5064)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What was the number of surprise inspections conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for monitoring the services provided by private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 186)Reply:

The number of surprise inspections on private homes participating in EBPS conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of SWD over the past 5 years was as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(As at end-January 2015)</b>
No. of surprise inspections	1 177	946	957	979	838

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0593****(Question Serial No. 5065)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 303m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 187)Reply:

Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of NEC by 156 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. In 2014-15, the Government provided an additional recurrent funding of some \$82.5 million to 51 social centres for the elderly to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, including the increase in standard floor area provision by 156 square metres. The number of NECs (including those that were upgraded in 2014-15) having attained/not yet attained the standard internal floor area provision is set out as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above standard	29	33	1
Total floor area below standard	92	13	-

SWD will continue to help those NECs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0594****(Question Serial No. 5066)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the district elderly community centres (DECCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 424m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 188)Reply:

Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of DECC by 83 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. The number of DECCs having attained the standard internal floor area provision is set out as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above standard	6	22	3
Total floor area below standard	8	1	1

SWD will continue to help those DECCs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as appropriate.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0595****(Question Serial No. 5069)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 535m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-bases
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What are the Government's plans for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 191)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>Without sub-base</b>	<b>With 1 sub-base</b>	<b>With more than 1 sub-bases</b>
No. of IFSCs with floor area above or close to the standard	44 <sup>[Note]</sup>	2	-
No. of IFSCs with floor area below the standard	19	-	-

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including 13 IFSCs with the floor area exceeding 90% of the standard

The Social Welfare Department will continue to identify suitable premises for IFSCs with floor areas below the standard.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0596****(Question Serial No. 5070)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA)? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 192)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Number of ICCMWs with no sub-base	Number of ICCMWs with 1 sub-base	Number of ICCMWs with more than 1 sub-base	Total
Total floor area meeting or above the standard SoA	4	2	-	6
Total floor area below the standard SoA	10	3	5	18 <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including 3 ICCMWs which will be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of construction/conversion works.

If the actual area of a welfare unit is below the standard SoA of such service facility, the Social Welfare Department will, taking into account service and operational needs, identify suitable premises by various means, including identifying vacant government premises or public housing units, or reserving government premises which can be made available for welfare uses due to service re-engineering, for setting up sub-bases or reprovisioning.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0597****(Question Serial No. 5071)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 345m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 193)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Number of DSCs with no sub-base	Number of DSCs with 1 sub-base	Number of DSCs with more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA	8	-	-
Total floor area below the standard SoA	8 <sup>[Note]</sup>	-	-

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including 2 DSCs which will be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of construction/conversion works.

If the actual area of a welfare unit is below the standard SoA of such service facility, the Social Welfare Department will, taking into account service and operational needs, identify suitable premises by various means, including identifying vacant government properties or public housing units, or reserving government properties which can be made available for welfare uses due to service re-engineering, for setting up sub-bases or relocating elsewhere.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0598****(Question Serial No. 5072)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 631m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 194)Reply:

The number of ICYSCs with their total floor area above or below the standard SoA is as follows –

	Without sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-bases
Total floor area of the Centre above the standard SoA	42	42	-
Total floor area of the Centre below the standard SoA	36	14	1

While the standard SoA for ICYSC is a planning parameter, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for ICYSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to assess the need for additional premises for individual ICYSCs in accordance with the service demand and development in respective service areas.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0599****(Question Serial No. 5073)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the district youth outreaching social work teams (DYOTs) across the territory, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 137m<sup>2</sup>? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

What plans does the Government have in the coming year for identifying premises meeting the requirements for the service units occupying floor areas below standard?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 195)Reply:

The number of DYOTs with their total floor area above or below the standard SoA is as follows –

	Without sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-bases
Total floor area of the Centre above the standard SoA	5	1	-
Total floor area of the Centre below the standard SoA	9	-	-

While the standard SoA for DYOT is a planning parameter, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for DYOT purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to assess the need for additional premises for individual DYOTs in accordance with the service demand and development in respective service areas.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0600****(Question Serial No. 5074)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Estimates that "in 2014-15, 164 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are operating under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG)." In this connection, please provide a list of NGOs newly operating under and those having left the LSG Subvention System in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 196)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

Organisations newly operating under the LSG Subvention System from 2010-11 to 2014-15

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organisations newly operating under the LSG Subvention System</b>
2010-11	Nil
2011-12	Nil
2012-13	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited
2013-14	Nil
2014-15	Nil

Organisations having left the LSG Subvention System from 2010-11 to 2014-15

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organisations having left the LSG Subvention System</b>
2010-11	Nil
2011-12	Nil
2012-13	Nil
2013-14	Nil
2014-15	The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5075)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the numbers of staff in various ranks [listed by Senior Social Work Officers (SSWOs), Social Work Officers (SWOs), Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs), etc.] in the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the number of such IFSCs in the past 5 years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 197)

Reply:

The figures sought are set out in the Annex.

Year	Number of IFSCs	Number of staff in IFSCs	
		Supervisors (SWOs)	Frontline social workers (including ASWOs)
2010-11	40	64	704
2011-12	40	64	724
2012-13	41	65	738
2013-14	41	65	738
2014-15	41	65	738
2015-16	41	65	748

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5476)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the respective numbers of social centres for the elderly (SEs) having been successfully upgraded or having failed to upgrade to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in the past year? Among the NECs upgraded from SEs, what are the respective numbers of NECs currently with a gross floor area above the standard floor area and those with a gross floor area below the standard floor area? How many centres have been relocated to larger premises due to the upgrade from SEs to NECs in the past year? What are the specific plans to assist the above elderly centres in identifying premises meeting the standard floor area requirement in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 198)

Reply:

For 2014-15, the Government has allocated an additional recurrent funding of some \$82.5 million for 51 SEs to raise their standard of services to that of NECs and to employ more social workers for service delivery. Moreover, the standard internal floor area provision of NECs upgraded from SEs will be increased by 156 square metres to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. Only 1 of the 51 SEs has indicated that it would not accept the additional subvention for upgrading to NECs.

In 2014-15, 2 SEs had been provided with sub-base(s) and additional floor area respectively, with 1 of them having attained the standard internal floor area provision. In 2015-16, 1 SE will be relocated to a unit with the standard internal floor area provision. The Social Welfare Department will identify suitable premises for relocating these centres elsewhere or setting up sub-bases as appropriate to attain the prescribed standard spatial provision.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5477)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0566 of the Estimates of Expenditure for last year that “the Administration has earmarked additional full-year recurrent funding of \$93 million to increase the manpower of day training centres for persons with disabilities (including day activity centres (DACs), sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs)) for strengthening care and support for ageing service users. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is working out the details with a view to implementing the improvement measure in the third quarter of 2014-15”. In this connection, please advise the details of the above arrangement and the progress of working out the details. How are the measures being implemented?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 199)

Reply:

To further enhance the improvement measures for meeting ageing service users' needs, SWD has provided an annual additional funding of some \$93 million for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) since 2014-15 to increase the care and nursing manpower of day training and vocational rehabilitation service units, including DACs, SWs/IVRSCs, and strengthen the care and support for ageing service users. The increase of manpower took effect on 1 October 2014. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Meanwhile, SWD would further provide additional places for the Work Extension Programme operated by SWs/IVRSCs and the Extended Care Programme operated by DACs in the fourth quarter of 2014-15 with a view to strengthening the care and support for ageing service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5478)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0115 of the Estimates of Expenditure for last year that “in the light of the positive response to the ‘first-hire-then-train’ pilot scheme (Pilot Scheme) under the elderly services, the Administration has planned to expand and extend it to cover rehabilitation services, providing an additional 1 000 places for young people who have graduated from Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 level. The total expenditure involved is approximately \$147 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite proposals from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the scheme. It is at the planning stage and details are being worked out”. In this connection, please advise the details of the above arrangement and the progress of how the details are being worked out. How are the measures concerned being implemented?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 200)

Reply:

To encourage young persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly. Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) to be launched and extended to cover rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. SWD is inviting NGOs to submit proposals on the implementation of the Navigation Scheme. Enrolment of trainees is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0605****(Question Serial No. 6299)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the numbers of homes with H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2005-06 to 2010-11 (Please fill in the following table); and

	<b>No. of homes with H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of homes with C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
2005-2006		
2006-2007		
2007-2008		
2008-2009		
2009-2010		
2010-2011		

- (b) the numbers of H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2005-06 to 2010-11 (Please fill in the following table).

	<b>No. of H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
2005-2006		
2006-2007		
2007-2008		
2008-2009		
2009-2010		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 401)

Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department embarked on the conversion programme to convert in phases self-care hostel and H/A places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care. And all C&A places were upgraded in one go to provide a continuum of care in 2013-14.

The number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care and the number of such places in the recent 5 years are set out in Annex.

**Number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and the number of such places**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Conversion of self-care hostel and H/A places into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>		<b>Upgrade of C&amp;A places to C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	
	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
2011-12	2	166	Not applicable	Not applicable
2012-13	-	-	Not applicable	Not applicable
2013-14	4	367	46	7 849
2014-15	1	285	Not applicable	Not applicable
2015-16	under planning	under planning	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7 849</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0606****(Question Serial No. 6300)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the numbers of homes with H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care by District Council district from 2005-06 to 2010-11 (Please fill in the following table); and

	<b>No. of homes with H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of homes with C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
Eastern		
Wan Chai		
Central & Western		
Islands		
Southern		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Wong Tai Sin		
Sai Kung		
Kwun Tong		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po		
North		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
Tsuen Wan		
Kwai Tsing		
<b>Total number in Hong Kong:</b>		

- (b) the numbers of H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care by District Council district from 2005-06 to 2010-11 (Please fill in the following table).

	<b>No. of H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
Eastern		
Wan Chai		
Central & Western		
Islands		
Southern		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Wong Tai Sin		
Sai Kung		
Kwun Tong		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po		
North		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
Tsuen Wan		
Kwai Tsing		
<b>Total number in Hong Kong:</b>		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 402)

Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department embarked on the conversion programme to convert in phases self-care hostel and H/A places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care by stages. And all C&A homes were upgraded in one go to provide a continuum of care in 2013-14.

The number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care and the number of such places by district in the recent 5 years are set out in Annex.

**Number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and the number of such places by district**

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Conversion of self-care hostel and H/A places into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>		<b>Upgrade of C&amp;A places to C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	
	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
Central & Western	1	75	1	153
Eastern	1	97	1	174
Wan Chai	-	-	2	462
Southern	2	131	4	782
Islands	-	-	2	222
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1	285	3	503
Sai Kung	-	-	2	397
Kowloon City	1	150	3	498
Sham Shui Po	-	-	3	446
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	1	98
Sha Tin	-	-	3	554
Tai Po	-	-	3	649
North	-	-	2	248
Yuen Long	-	-	5	687
Tsuen Wan	-	-	2	300
Kwai Tsing	1	80	6	1 062
Tuen Mun	-	-	3	614
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7 849</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0607****(Question Serial No. 6301)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the numbers of homes with H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (Please fill in the following table); and

	<b>No. of H/A homes with places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A homes with places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		
2015-2016		

- (b) the numbers of H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (Please fill in the following table).

	<b>No. of H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		
2015-2016		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 403)

Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department embarked on the conversion programme to convert in phases self-care hostel and H/A places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care. In 2013-14, all C&A homes were upgraded in one go to provide a continuum of care. The number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16, together with the number of places, are set out in Annex.

**Number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and the number of such places**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Conversion of self-care hostel and H/A places into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>		<b>C&amp;A homes places upgraded to C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	
	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
2011-12	2	166	Not applicable	Not applicable
2012-13	-	-	Not applicable	Not applicable
2013-14	4	367	46	7 849
2014-15	1	285	Not applicable	Not applicable
2015-16	under planning	under planning	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7 849</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0608****(Question Serial No. 6302)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged (H/A) and care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the numbers of homes with H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care by District Council district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (Please fill in the following table); and

	<b>No. of H/A homes with places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A homes with places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
Eastern		
Wan Chai		
Central & Western		
Islands		
Southern		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Wong Tai Sin		
Sai Kung		
Kwun Tong		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po		
North		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
Tsuen Wan		
Kwai Tsing		
Total number in Hong Kong:		

- (b) the numbers of H/A and C&A places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care by District Council district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (Please fill in the following table).

	<b>No. of H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	<b>No. of C&amp;A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>
Eastern		
Wan Chai		
Central & Western		
Islands		
Southern		
Sham Shui Po		
Kowloon City		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Wong Tai Sin		
Sai Kung		
Kwun Tong		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po		
North		
Yuen Long		
Tuen Mun		
Tsuen Wan		
Kwai Tsing		
Total number in Hong Kong:		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 404)

Reply:

The number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care and the number of such places by district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are set out in Annex.

**Number of self-care hostels, H/A and C&A homes with their places converted into and upgraded to C&A places to provide a continuum of care and the number of such places by district from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Self-care hostel and H/A places converted into C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>		<b>C&amp;A places upgraded to C&amp;A places to provide a continuum of care</b>	
	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Number of homes</b>	<b>Number of places</b>
Central & Western	1	75	1	153
Eastern	1	97	1	174
Wan Chai	-	-	2	462
Southern	2	131	4	782
Islands	-	-	2	222
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1	285	3	503
Sai Kung	-	-	2	397
Kowloon City	1	150	3	498
Sham Shui Po	-	-	3	446
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	1	98
Sha Tin	-	-	3	554
Tai Po	-	-	3	649
North	-	-	2	248
Yuen Long	-	-	5	687
Tsuen Wan	-	-	2	300
Kwai Tsing	1	80	6	1 062
Tuen Mun	-	-	3	614
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7 849</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0609****(Question Serial No. 6303)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged and care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC), please set out in the following table the numbers of C&A homes with places providing a continuum of care from 2005-06 to 2010-11 –

	<b>No. of places</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes with places providing a continuum of care</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the “Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)”</b>	
			<b>EA1</b>	<b>EA2</b>
2005-2006				
2006-2007				
2007-2008				
2008-2009				
2009-2010				
2010-2011				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 405)Reply:

The number of C&A places with COC in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex. Moreover, private RCHEs participating in EBPS do not provide places with COC.

## Number of C&amp;A Places with COC

<b>Year (as at end-March)</b>	<b>Subvented homes operated by NGOs</b>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
2011-12	5 988	462
2012-13	6 124	296
2013-14	14 437	213
2014-15 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	14 788	179
2015-16 (Estimate)	15 279 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	197

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> As at end-January 2015.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including places provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The Government has increased the percentage of nursing home places providing a higher level of nursing care in the existing contract RCHes from the average of 50% to 90% since 2010. Therefore, the number of C&A places with COC in contract homes has accordingly decreased.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0610****(Question Serial No. 6304)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the conversion of home for the aged and care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places to provide a continuum of care, please set out in the following table the number of places provided by C&A homes with places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 –

	<b>No. of places</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes with places providing a continuum of care</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the “Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)”</b>	
			<b>EA1</b>	<b>EA2</b>
2011-2012				
2012-2013				
2013-2014				
2014-2015				
2015-2016				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 406)Reply:

The number of C&A places with a continuum of care (COC) from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out in the Annex. Moreover, private RCHEs participating in EBPS do not provide places with COC.

## Number of C&amp;A Places with COC

<b>Year (as at end-March)</b>	<b>Subvented homes operated by NGOs</b>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
2011-12	5 988	462
2012-13	6 124	296
2013-14	14 437	213
2014-15 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	14 788	179
2015-16 (Estimate)	15 279 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	197

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> As at end-January 2015.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including places provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The Government has increased the percentage of nursing home places providing a higher level of nursing care in the existing contract RCHes from the average of 50% to 90% since 2010. Therefore, the number of C&A places with COC has accordingly decreased.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0611****(Question Serial No. 6305)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding nursing home (NH) places, including subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, please inform this Committee of the annual funding allocations for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes) from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 407)Reply:

The expenditure for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes<sup>[Note]</sup>) in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	386.6
2012-13 (Actual)	464.4
2013-14 (Actual)	521.2
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	668.5
2015-16 (Estimate)	727.3

<sup>[Note]</sup> Contract homes include care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0612****(Question Serial No. 6306)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding nursing home (NH) places, including subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, please inform this Committee of the annual funding allocations for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes) from 2006-2007 to 2009-2010.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 408)Reply:

The expenditure for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes<sup>[Note]</sup>) in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	386.6
2012-13 (Actual)	464.4
2013-14 (Actual)	521.2
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	668.5
2015-16 (Estimate)	727.3

<sup>[Note]</sup> Contract homes include care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0613****(Question Serial No. 6307)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding nursing home (NH) places, including subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, please inform this Committee of the annual funding allocations for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes) from 2010-2011 to 2015-2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 409)Reply:

The expenditure for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes<sup>[Note]</sup>) in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	386.6
2012-13 (Actual)	464.4
2013-14 (Actual)	521.2
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	668.5
2015-16 (Estimate)	727.3

<sup>[Note]</sup> Contract homes include care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6308)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the age distribution of the elderly persons confirmed as suffering from dementia by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority (HA) in DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the age distribution of the elderly persons confirmed as suffering from dementia by the PGTs of HA in DEs/DCUs, with a breakdown by DEs/DCUs, from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 410)

Reply:

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the PGTs of HA, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. SWD does not have the age distribution of the elderly beneficiaries of DS in DEs/DCUs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6309)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated Dementia Supplement (DS) to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) since 2011. DEs are required to give SWD a detailed account of the use of DS to SWD while SWD also conducts random checks to ensure that DS is properly used. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number and types of additional staff employed with the use of DS by DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16;
- (b) the details of related professional services purchased with the use of DS by DEs/DCUs each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (c) the number of care and cognitive training sessions provided with the use of DS by DEs/DCUs each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 411)

Reply:

With the funding allocation of DS, subsidised DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary. Through the regular reports submitted by the service units, SWD assesses and monitors their service performance and check if the service output standards stipulated by SWD are achieved. SWD does not capture breakdown figures for the use of DS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0616****(Question Serial No. 6310)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the average cost per DS per month for DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the average cost per DS per month for DEs/DCUs with a breakdown by DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 412)Reply:

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia. The approximate allocation of DS received by subsidised DEs/DCUs based on their number of service places from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	<b>Funding allocation to DEs/DCUs</b>		
	<b>(£)</b>		
<b>Service places in DEs/DCUs</b>	<b>20 places</b>	<b>40 places</b>	<b>60 places</b>
2011-12	30,000	70,000	100,000
2012-13	100,000	200,000	310,000
2013-14	110,000	220,000	330,000
2014-15	120,000	230,000	350,000
2015-16	120,000	240,000	360,000

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6311)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the yearly number of service users of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 413)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of service users of DEs/DCUs from 2001-02 to 2003-04.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6312)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the yearly number of service users of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 414)

Reply:

The numbers of elderly persons receiving day care services by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

**Number of Elderly Persons Receiving Day Care Services by District  
(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of service users</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (From 1 April 2014 to 31 January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	253	261
Eastern	393	372
Wan Chai	129	134
Southern	203	200
Islands	65	60
Kwun Tong	772	770
Wong Tai Sin	497	503
Sai Kung	267	279
Kowloon City	287	265
Sham Shui Po	442	465
Yau Tim Mong	321	316
Sha Tin	481	571
Tai Po	126	120
North	80	81
Yuen Long	231	217
Tsuen Wan	127	122
Kwai Tsing	291	276
Tuen Mun	254	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 219</b>	<b>5 242</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6313)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the yearly number of users of day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2005-06?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 415)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of elderly service users by DEs/DCUs from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6314)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the yearly number of users of day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2006-07 to 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 416)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of elderly service users by DEs/DCUs from 2006-07 to 2010-11.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6315)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the yearly number of users of day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 417)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of elderly service users by DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0622****(Question Serial No. 6316)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly from 2001-02 to 2007-08 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 418)Reply:

The numbers of service users receiving day care centres/units for the elderly in the recent 5 years are provided as follows:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end-March)</b>
2010-11	3 114
2011-12	3 240
2012-13	3 549
2013-14	3 728
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	3 963

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0623****(Question Serial No. 6317)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 419)Reply:

The numbers of service users receiving day care centres/units for the elderly from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are as follows:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Caseload</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	3 728
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	3 963

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6318)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 420)

Reply:

The numbers of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district in the recent 5 years are set out at Annex.

**Number of Users of Day Care Services for the Elderly by District  
(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end-March)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	147	148	160	175	207
Eastern	277	281	282	286	283
Wan Chai	105	103	97	89	95
Southern	150	154	146	140	152
Islands	43	43	45	48	44
Kwun Tong	410	412	428	551	538
Wong Tai Sin	304	310	379	378	387
Sai Kung	120	186	190	193	189
Kowloon City	142	151	192	208	215
Sham Shui Po	242	259	299	321	351
Yau Tsim Mong	168	189	226	225	230
Sha Tin	255	262	313	339	451
Tai Po	92	88	94	90	93
North	60	61	56	53	59
Yuen Long	138	150	165	162	176
Tsuen Wan	91	87	93	96	102
Kwai Tsing	203	195	208	207	215
Tuen Mun	167	161	176	167	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 114</b>	<b>3 240</b>	<b>3 549</b>	<b>3 728</b>	<b>3 963</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6319)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 421)

Reply:

The numbers of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district in the recent 5 years are set out at Annex.

**Number of Users of Day Care Services for the Elderly by District  
(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end-March)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	147	148	160	175	207
Eastern	277	281	282	286	283
Wan Chai	105	103	97	89	95
Southern	150	154	146	140	152
Islands	43	43	45	48	44
Kwun Tong	410	412	428	551	538
Wong Tai Sin	304	310	379	378	387
Sai Kung	120	186	190	193	189
Kowloon City	142	151	192	208	215
Sham Shui Po	242	259	299	321	351
Yau Tsim Mong	168	189	226	225	230
Sha Tin	255	262	313	339	451
Tai Po	92	88	94	90	93
North	60	61	56	53	59
Yuen Long	138	150	165	162	176
Tsuen Wan	91	87	93	96	102
Kwai Tsing	203	195	208	207	215
Tuen Mun	167	161	176	167	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 114</b>	<b>3 240</b>	<b>3 549</b>	<b>3 728</b>	<b>3 963</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6320)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 422)

Reply:

The numbers of users receiving day care services for the elderly by District Council district from 2011-12 to 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

**Number of Users of Day Care Services for the Elderly by District  
(From 2011-12 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end-March)</b>			
	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (At at end-January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	148	160	175	207
Eastern	281	282	286	283
Wan Chai	103	97	89	95
Southern	154	146	140	152
Islands	43	45	48	44
Kwun Tong	412	428	551	538
Wong Tai Sin	310	379	378	387
Sai Kung	186	190	193	189
Kowloon City	151	192	208	215
Sham Shui Po	259	299	321	351
Yau Tsim Mong	189	226	225	230
Sha Tin	262	313	339	451
Tai Po	88	94	90	93
North	61	56	53	59
Yuen Long	150	165	162	176
Tsuen Wan	87	93	96	102
Kwai Tsing	195	208	207	215
Tuen Mun	161	176	167	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 240</b>	<b>3 549</b>	<b>3 728</b>	<b>3 963</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6321)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 423)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2001-02 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6322)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 424)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at end-March each year).

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6323)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 425)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of users receiving day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6324)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places of day care services for the elderly by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 426)

Reply:

The number of places of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) by District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Number of places of DEs/DCUs  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of places</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Central & Western	104	104	104	129	129
Eastern	216	216	216	216	216
Wan Chai	72	72	72	72	72
Southern	108	108	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	305	305	350	407	407
Wong Tai Sin	237	289	287	290	290
Sai Kung	85	145	145	145	205
Kowloon City	111	163	158	158	158
Sham Shui Po	203	243	250	248	280
Yau Tim Mong	132	132	152	152	152
Sha Tin	176	196	236	236	313
Tai Po	64	64	64	64	64
North	44	44	44	44	44
Yuen Long	110	110	115	115	115
Tsuen Wan	64	64	64	64	64
Kwai Tsing	149	154	154	154	214
Tuen Mun	110	110	110	110	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 330</b>	<b>2 559</b>	<b>2 669</b>	<b>2 752</b>	<b>2 981</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6325)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of day care (DC) places for the elderly by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 427)

Reply:

The numbers of places in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

**Number of places in DEs/DCUs  
(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of places</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Central & Western	129	129
Eastern	216	216
Wan Chai	72	72
Southern	108	108
Islands	40	40
Kwun Tong	407	407
Wong Tai Sin	290	290
Sai Kung	145	205
Kowloon City	158	158
Sham Shui Po	248	280
Yau Tim Mong	152	152
Sha Tin	236	313
Tai Po	64	64
North	44	44
Yuen Long	115	115
Tsuen Wan	64	64
Kwai Tsing	154	214
Tuen Mun	110	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 752</b>	<b>2 981</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6326)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2005-06?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 428)

Reply:

For information such as number of places, service commencement date, etc. of DEs/DCUs, please visit the following website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)  
[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_elderly/sub\\_csselderly/id\\_daycarecen/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_elderly/sub_csselderly/id_daycarecen/).  
SWD will update the relevant information regularly.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6327)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2006-07 to 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 429)

Reply:

For information such as number of places, service commencement date, etc. of DEs/DCUs, please visit the following website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)  
[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_elderly/sub\\_csselderly/id\\_daycarecen/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_elderly/sub_csselderly/id_daycarecen/).  
SWD will update the relevant information regularly.

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6328)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 430)

Reply:

For information such as number of places, service commencement date, etc. of DEs/DCUs, please visit the following website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)  
[http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_elderly/sub\\_csselderly/id\\_daycarecen/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_elderly/sub_csselderly/id_daycarecen/).  
SWD will update the relevant information regularly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0635****(Question Serial No. 6329)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2007-08 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 431)Reply:

The average waiting time for DEs/DCUs in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Average waiting time (by month) (average from the past 3 months)</b>
2010-11	9
2011-12	9
2012-13	9
2013-14	9
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	7

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0636****(Question Serial No. 6330)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 432)Reply:

The average waiting time for DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Financial year	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the past 3 months)
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	9
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	7

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0637****(Question Serial No. 6331)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of persons on the waiting lists for services provided by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2008-09 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 433)Reply:

The numbers of persons on the waiting lists for DEs/DCUs in the recent 5 years are provided as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>No. of applicants</b>
2010-11 (As at end-March 2011)	1 964
2011-12 (As at end-March 2012)	2 261
2012-13 (As at end-March 2013)	2 171
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2 097 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	2 324 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include 270 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure does not include 295 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0638****(Question Serial No. 6332)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of persons waiting for services in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 434)Reply:

The numbers of persons waiting for DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>No. of applicants</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2 097 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	2 324 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include 270 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure does not include 295 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0639****(Question Serial No. 6333)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cost per place per month of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 435)Reply:

The cost per place per month of DEs/DCUs in the recent 5 years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month (\$)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	6,256
2012-13 (Actual)	6,806
2013-14 (Actual)	7,037
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	7,631
2015-16 (Estimate)	7,733

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0640****(Question Serial No. 6334)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cost per place per month of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 436)Reply:

The cost per place per month of DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month (\$)</b>
2013-14 (Actual)	7,037
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	7,631
2015-16 (Estimate)	7,733

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6335)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2005-06?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 437)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6336)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2006-07 to 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 438)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2006-07 to 2010-11.

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6337)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly with a breakdown by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 439)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the cost per place per month of day care services for the elderly by DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0644****(Question Serial No. 6338)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the annual funding allocation for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2001-02 to 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 440)Reply:

The annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	183.2
2012-13 (Actual)	208.1
2013-14 (Actual)	221.5
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	251.0
2015-16 (Estimate)	266.8

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0645****(Question Serial No. 6339)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” What is the annual funding for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 441)Reply:

The annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2013-14 (Actual)	221.5
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	251.0
2015-16 (Estimate)	266.8

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0646****(Question Serial No. 6340)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for day care services for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 442)Reply:

The numbers of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for day care centre/unit for the elderly (DE/DCU) places from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for DE/DCU places</b>
2012-13	23
2013-14	15
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	22

- End -

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6341)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been allocated to day care centres for the elderly (DEs by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2011). Would the Government advise this Committee of –

- (a) the age distribution of the elderly beneficiaries of DS in DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the age distribution of the elderly beneficiaries of DS with a breakdown by DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 443)

Reply:

SWD does not have the age distribution of the elderly beneficiaries of DS in DEs/DCUs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6342)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) among IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served yearly, the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs respectively from 2013-14 to 2014-15; and
- (b) among IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served yearly, the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities respectively from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 444)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs served under IHCS(OC) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are as follows –

	No. of cases served		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	23 356	1 951	431
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	21 994	1 717	398

- (b) The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases served under IHCS(FC) broken down by the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6343)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served yearly broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15; and
- (b) the number of IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served yearly broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 445)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The numbers of IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) served broken down by district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are set out at Annex.

**Numbers of IHCS Cases Served by District  
(From 2013-14 to 2014-15)**

District	No. of cases served			
	2013-14		2014-15 (From 1 April 2014 to 31 December 2014)	
	OC	FC	OC	FC
Central & Western	858	44	774	47
Eastern	2 245	116	2 071	93
Wan Chai	718	43	674	35
Southern	1 463	103	1 302	91
Islands	365	22	325	22
Kwan Tong	2 510	202	2 439	179
Wong Tai Sin	1 802	130	1 742	122
Sai Kung	537	40	482	40
Kowloon City	1 766	41	1 660	38
Sham Shui Po	2 273	115	2 142	114
Yau Tim Mong	1 170	53	1 141	53
Sha Tin	1 928	164	1 793	145
Tai Po	1 003	42	905	41
North	1 269	32	1 364	35
Yuen Long	1 848	117	1 610	111
Tsuen Wan	629	49	581	50
Kwai Tsing	1 610	107	1 484	104
Tuen Mun	1 744	35	1 620	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 738</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>24 109</b>	<b>1 353</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6344)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please list the number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served yearly by IHCS teams from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 446)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of IHCS(OC) served by IHCS teams from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6345)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please list the number of IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served yearly by IHCS teams from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 447)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of IHCS(FC) served by IHCS teams from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6346)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please list the number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served yearly by IHCS teams from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 448)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of IHCS(OC) served by IHCS teams from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6347)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please list the number of IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served yearly by IHCS teams from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 449)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of IHCS(FC) served by IHCS teams from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6348)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please inform this Committee –

- (a) From 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs respectively receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC);
- (b) From 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year), the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities respectively receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 450)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs receiving IHCS(OC) are as follows –

	<b>Caseload</b>		
	<b>Elderly persons</b>	<b>Persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Individuals and families with social needs</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	17 265	1 491	290
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	17 501	1 406	275

- (b) From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving IHCS(FC) are as follows –

	<b>Caseload</b>		
	<b>Elderly persons</b>	<b>Persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	924	122	<b>1 046</b>
2014-15(As at end-January 2015)	950	108	<b>1 058</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6349)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list out the number of cases receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 451)

Reply:

The number of cases receiving IHCS(OC) by District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Geographical Distribution of IHCS(OC) Caseload  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at the end of financial year)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	660	625	654	665	585
Eastern	1 681	1 622	1 652	1 681	1 629
Wan Chai	558	571	546	530	507
Southern	1 092	1 057	1 031	1 033	1 020
Islands	272	256	265	258	246
Kwun Tong	1 947	1 815	1 813	1 889	1 942
Wong Tai Sin	1 667	1 568	1 452	1 403	1 440
Sai Kung	435	413	410	374	389
Kowloon City	1 399	1 328	1 283	1 330	1 337
Sham Shui Po	1 875	1 744	1 684	1 707	1 707
Yau Tim Mong	1 045	955	871	870	921
Sha Tin	1 411	1 410	1 427	1 417	1 438
Tai Po	983	856	755	735	721
North	744	929	972	1 094	1 176
Yuen Long	1 493	1 388	1 367	1 327	1 231
Tsuen Wan	443	416	438	434	447
Kwai Tsing	1 223	1 118	1 050	1 051	1 164
Tuen Mun	1 447	1 391	1 320	1 248	1 282
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 375</b>	<b>19 462</b>	<b>18 990</b>	<b>19 046</b>	<b>19 182</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0656**

**(Question Serial No. 6350)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list out the number of cases receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by District Council district from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 452)

Reply:

The number of cases receiving IHCS(FC) by District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.



**Geographical Distribution of IHCS(FC) Caseload  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at the end of financial year)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	39	35	39	39	38
Eastern	76	80	74	74	77
Wan Chai	25	23	30	25	30
Southern	71	69	76	71	73
Islands	18	18	19	18	19
Kwun Tong	136	139	140	135	140
Wong Tai Sin	93	95	98	90	98
Sai Kung	30	26	26	30	26
Kowloon City	28	30	30	30	28
Sham Shui Po	88	88	86	83	83
Yau Tim Mong	40	40	39	37	38
Sha Tin	116	113	114	112	108
Tai Po	29	31	28	29	29
North	29	27	29	25	30
Yuen Long	87	88	86	91	86
Tsuen Wan	33	37	36	40	36
Kwai Tsing	88	87	87	87	89
Tuen Mun	30	29	30	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>1 055</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 058</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6351)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list the number of cases receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) by District Council district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 453)

Reply:

The numbers of cases receiving IHCS(OC) by District Council district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year) are set out at Annex.

**IHCS(OC) Caseload by District  
(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end of financial year)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	660	625	654	665	585
Eastern	1 681	1 622	1 652	1 681	1 629
Wan Chai	558	571	546	530	507
Southern	1 092	1 057	1 031	1 033	1 020
Islands	272	256	265	258	246
Kwan Tong	1 947	1 815	1 813	1 889	1 942
Wong Tai Sin	1 667	1 568	1 452	1 403	1 440
Sai Kung	435	413	410	374	389
Kowloon City	1 399	1 328	1 283	1 330	1 337
Sham Shui Po	1 875	1 744	1 684	1 707	1 707
Yau Tim Mong	1 045	955	871	870	921
Sha Tin	1 411	1 410	1 427	1 417	1 438
Tai Po	983	856	755	735	721
North	744	929	972	1 094	1 176
Yuen Long	1 493	1 388	1 367	1 327	1 231
Tsuen Wan	443	416	438	434	447
Kwai Tsing	1 223	1 118	1 050	1 051	1 164
Tuen Mun	1 447	1 391	1 320	1 248	1 282
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 375</b>	<b>19 462</b>	<b>18 990</b>	<b>19 046</b>	<b>19 182</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6352)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list the number of cases receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by District Council district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 454)

Reply:

The numbers of cases receiving IHCS(FC) by District Council district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year) are set out at Annex.

**IHCS(FC) Caseload by District  
(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Caseload (As at end of financial year)</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
Central & Western	39	35	39	39	38
Eastern	76	80	74	74	77
Wan Chai	25	23	30	25	30
Southern	71	69	76	71	73
Islands	18	18	19	18	19
Kwan Tong	136	139	140	135	140
Wong Tai Sin	93	95	98	90	98
Sai Kung	30	26	26	30	26
Kowloon City	28	30	30	30	28
Sham Shui Po	88	88	86	83	83
Yau Tim Mong	40	40	39	37	38
Sha Tin	116	113	114	112	108
Tai Po	29	31	28	29	29
North	29	27	29	25	30
Yuen Long	87	88	86	91	86
Tsuen Wan	33	37	36	40	36
Kwai Tsing	88	87	87	87	89
Tuen Mun	30	29	30	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>1 055</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 058</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6353)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list out the number of cases receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) by IHCS team from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 455)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases receiving IHCS(OC) by IHCS team from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6354)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list out the number of cases receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by IHCS team from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 456)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases receiving IHCS(FC) by IHCS team from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6355)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list the number of cases receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) by IHCS team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 457)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases receiving IHCS(OC) by IHCS team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6356)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list the number of cases receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by IHCS team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 458)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases receiving IHCS(FC) by IHCS team from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6357)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please list the number of places for IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by IHCS team from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 459)

Reply:

The distribution of service places by IHCS(FC) team from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is set out at Annex.

**Distribution of Service Places by IHCS(FC) Team  
(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>No. of service places</b>
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	20
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	20
	Methodist Centre	10
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	30
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	20
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	50
	Caritas-Hong Kong	30
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	20
	Caritas-Hong Kong	10
	Christian Family Service Centre	10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	30
	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	20
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10
	Salvation Army	10
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	60
	Hong Kong Christian Service	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	40
	Salvation Army	40
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	10
	Salvation Army	20
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	10
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	10

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>No. of service places</b>
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10
	Hong Kong Christian Service	15
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10
	Caritas-Hong Kong	15
	Sik Sik Yuen	10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	20
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	20
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	40
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	40
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	10
	Salvation Army	10
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	10
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	10
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	30
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10
	Pok Oi Hospital	20
	Yan Oi Tong	30
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	30
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	50
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	20
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	15
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 120</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6358)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons on the waiting list for the Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Government has been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please advise this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year); and
- (b) the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities on the waiting list for IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 460)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	No. of applicants		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	4 971	271	95
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	4 342	242	94

- (b) The numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 were as follows –

	No. of applicants	
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2 157 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	28
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	3 213 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	9

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include 63 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure does not include 98 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6359)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons waiting for the Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Government has been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please provide the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) by IHCS Team from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 461)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) by IHCS Team from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0666****(Question Serial No. 6360)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not have the number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time for the Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)), the Government has been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please provide the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by IHCS Team from 2003-04 to 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 462)Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). The numbers of persons on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS in the recent 5 years are provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of persons on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS</b>
2010-11	1 305
2011-12	895
2012-13	1 228
2013-14 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	2 157
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	3 213

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include 63 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

[Note 2] The figure does not include 98 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6361)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons on the waiting list for the Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Government has been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations. Please provide the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) by IHCS Team from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 463)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS(OC) by IHCS Team from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6362)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Although the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of persons on the waiting list for the Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) or the average waiting time, the Government has been collecting statistical figures provided by relevant non-governmental organisations. Please provide the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by IHCS Team from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 464)Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of persons on the waiting list for IHCS(FC) by IHCS Team from 2010-11 to 2014-15. The number of applicants on the waiting list for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of applicants on the waiting list for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS</b>
2010-11	1 305
2011-12	895
2012-13	1 228
2013-14 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	2 157
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015) <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	3 213

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include 63 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure does not include 98 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0669****(Question Serial No. 6363)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the amount of annual funding for IHCS;
- (b) From 2003-04 to 2009-10, the respective amounts of personal emoluments (PE) and other charges (OC) in the annual funding for IHCS.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 465)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The annual expenditure of IHCS (covering both ordinary cases and frail cases) for 2013-14 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (\$ million)</b>
2013-14 (Actual)	522.6
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	570.5

- (b) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6364)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS), what are the respective amounts of personal emoluments (PE) and other charges (OC) in the annual funding for IHCS from 2010-11 to 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 466)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6365)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of EHCCS cases served yearly broken down by District Council district from 2006-07 to 2011-12; and
- (b) the number of EHCCS cases served yearly broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 467)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS cases served in the recent 5 years by District Council district is set out at Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Cases Served  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	165	146	192	140	208	205	228	225	207	234
Wan Chai	184		201		204		194		178	
Eastern	267		256		278		264		270	
Southern	145		152		203		207		197	
Islands	95		90		96		112		105	
Yau Tsim Mong	197	149	240	216	267	327	253	323	234	309
Kowloon City	245		340		403		401		360	
Sham Shui Po	167		284		337		362		311	
Wong Tai Sin	311	303	429	350	544	549	533	585	527	523
Sai Kung	206		256		301		308		268	
Kwun Tong	334	247	451	350	547	429	587	461	515	408
Sha Tin	210	191	231	258	260	312	279	311	227	265
Tai Po	122		151		175		181		159	
North	173		160		184		189		172	
Yuen Long	174	189	201	259	227	326	224	343	240	331
Tuen Mun	186		190		207		214		197	
Tsuen Wan	190		265		321		315		277	
Kwai Tsing	297		386		466		453		417	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 893</b>		<b>6 048</b>		<b>7 376</b>		<b>7 552</b>		<b>6 931</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6366)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of EHCCS cases served each year, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 468)

Reply:

The number of cases served by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Cases Served  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	165	146	192	140	208	205	228	225	207	234
Wan Chai	184		201		204		194		178	
Eastern	267		256		278		264		270	
Southern	145		152		203		207		197	
Islands	95		90		96		112		105	
Yau Tsim Mong	197	149	240	216	267	327	253	323	234	309
Kowloon City	245		340		403		401		360	
Sham Shui Po	167		284		337		362		311	
Wong Tai Sin	311	303	429	350	544	549	533	585	527	523
Sai Kung	206		256		301		308		268	
Kwun Tong	334	247	451	350	547	429	587	461	515	408
Sha Tin	210	191	231	258	260	312	279	311	227	265
Tai Po	122		151		175		181		159	
North	173		160		184		189		172	
Yuen Long	174	189	201	259	227	326	224	343	240	331
Tuen Mun	186		190		207		214		197	
Tsuen Wan	190		265		321		315		277	
Kwai Tsing	297		386		466		453		417	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 893</b>		<b>6 048</b>		<b>7 376</b>		<b>7 552</b>		<b>6 931</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0673**

**(Question Serial No. 6367)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of EHCCS cases served each year, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2006-07 to 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 469)

Reply:

The number of cases served by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Cases Served  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	165	146	192	140	208	205	228	225	207	234
Wan Chai	184		201		204		194		178	
Eastern	267		256		278		264		270	
Southern	145		152		203		207		197	
Islands	95		90		96		112		105	
Yau Tsim Mong	197	149	240	216	267	327	253	323	234	309
Kowloon City	245		340		403		401		360	
Sham Shui Po	167		284		337		362		311	
Wong Tai Sin	311	303	429	350	544	549	533	585	527	523
Sai Kung	206		256		301		308		268	
Kwun Tong	334	247	451	350	547	429	587	461	515	408
Sha Tin	210	191	231	258	260	312	279	311	227	265
Tai Po	122		151		175		181		159	
North	173		160		184		189		172	
Yuen Long	174	189	201	259	227	326	224	343	240	331
Tuen Mun	186		190		207		214		197	
Tsuen Wan	190		265		321		315		277	
Kwai Tsing	297		386		466		453		417	
Total	4 893		6 048		7 376		7 552		6 931	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0674**

**(Question Serial No. 6368)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of EHCCS cases served each year, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 470)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS cases served from 2013-14 to 2014-15 by EHCCS team is set out at Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Cases Served  
(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

District	2013-14		2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	228	225	207	234
Wan Chai	194		178	
Eastern	264		270	
Southern	207		197	
Islands	112		105	
Yau Tsim Mong	253	323	234	309
Kowloon City	401		360	
Sham Shui Po	362		311	
Wong Tai Sin	533	585	527	523
Sai Kung	308		268	
Kwun Tong	587	461	515	408
Sha Tin	279	311	227	265
Tai Po	181		159	
North	189		172	
Yuen Long	224	343	240	331
Tuen Mun	214		197	
Tsuen Wan	315		277	
Kwai Tsing	453		417	
Total	7 552		6 931	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0675****(Question Serial No. 6369)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the number of cases receiving EHCCS from 2001-02 to 2007-08 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 471)Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS in the recent 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>As at end-March of financial year</b>	<b>No. of EHCCS cases</b>
2010-11	3 395
2011-12	4 440
2012-13	5 348
2013-14	5 351
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	5 483

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6370)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the number of active cases under EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 472)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

<b>As at end-March of financial year</b>	<b>No. of EHCCS cases</b>
2013-14	5 351
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	5 483

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0677**

**(Question Serial No. 6371)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), please list the number of cases receiving EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2001-02 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 473)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)  
(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	135	93	143	106	170	152	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	136		143		147		143		152	
Eastern	182		193		203		203		203	
Southern	96		120		156		156		157	
Islands	64		60		73		84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	104	178	144	188	235	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	165		255		285		285		284	
Sham Shui Po	125		223		252		254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	214	207	322	273	398	414	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	128		192		219		214		222	
Kwun Tong	232	170	327	241	387	312	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	142	125	163	185	188	202	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	89		107		128		126		126	
North	120		117		134		139		137	
Yuen Long	111	136	136	194	157	254	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	129		138		137		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	145		214		233		233		233	
Kwai Tsing	209		266		324		324		331	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 395</b>		<b>4 440</b>		<b>5 348</b>		<b>5 351</b>		<b>5 483</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0678**

**(Question Serial No. 6372)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of cases receiving EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2006-07 to 2011-12 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 474)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)**  
**(From 2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	135	93	143	106	170	152	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	136		143		147		143		152	
Eastern	182		193		203		203		203	
Southern	96		120		156		156		157	
Islands	64		60		73		84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	104	178	144	188	235	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	165		255		285		285		284	
Sham Shui Po	125		223		252		254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	214	207	322	273	398	414	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	128		192		219		214		222	
Kwun Tong	232	170	327	241	387	312	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	142	125	163	185	188	202	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	89		107		128		126		126	
North	120		117		134		139		137	
Yuen Long	111	136	136	194	157	254	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	129		138		137		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	145		214		233		233		233	
Kwai Tsing	209		266		324		324		331	
Total	3 395		4 440		5 348		5 351		5 483	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6373)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 475)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year) is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)  
(From 2013-14 to 2014-15)**

District	2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By district teams	By cluster teams	By district teams	By cluster teams
Central & Western	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	143		152	
Eastern	203		203	
Southern	156		157	
Islands	84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	285		284	
Sham Shui Po	254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	214		222	
Kwun Tong	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	126		126	
North	139		137	
Yuen Long	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	160		160	
Tsuen Wan	233		233	
Kwai Tsing	324		331	
Total	5 351		5 483	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0680**

**(Question Serial No. 6374)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of active cases under EHCCS by EHCCS team from 2001-02 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 476)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams
Central & Western	135	93	143	106	170	152	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	136		143		147		143		152	
Eastern	182		193		203		203		203	
Southern	96		120		156		156		157	
Islands	64		60		73		84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	104	178	144	188	235	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	165		255		285		285		284	
Sham Shui Po	125		223		252		254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	214	207	322	273	398	414	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	128		192		219		214		222	
Kwun Tong	232	170	327	241	387	312	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	142	125	163	185	188	202	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	89		107		128		126		126	
North	120		117		134		139		137	
Yuen Long	111	136	136	194	157	254	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	129		138		137		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	145		214		233		233		233	
Kwai Tsing	209		266		324		324		331	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 395</b>		<b>4 440</b>		<b>5 348</b>		<b>5 351</b>		<b>5 483</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6375)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of active cases under EHCCS by EHCCS team from 2006-07 to 2011-12 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 477)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams
Central & Western	135	93	143	106	170	152	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	136		143		147		143		152	
Eastern	182		193		203		203		203	
Southern	96		120		156		156		157	
Islands	64		60		73		84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	104	178	144	188	235	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	165		255		285		285		284	
Sham Shui Po	125		223		252		254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	214	207	322	273	398	414	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	128		192		219		214		222	
Kwun Tong	232	170	327	241	387	312	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	142	125	163	185	188	202	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	89		107		128		126		126	
North	120		117		134		139		137	
Yuen Long	111	136	136	194	157	254	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	129		138		137		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	145		214		233		233		233	
Kwai Tsing	209		266		324		324		331	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 395</b>		<b>4 440</b>		<b>5 348</b>		<b>5 351</b>		<b>5 483</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6376)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of active cases under EHCCS by EHCCS team from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 478)

Reply:

The number of active cases under EHCCS broken down by EHCCS team from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is set out at Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Cases (As at end-March each year)**  
**(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

District	2013-14		2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	
	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams
Central & Western	167	156	169	169
Wan Chai	143		152	
Eastern	203		203	
Southern	156		157	
Islands	84		86	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	231	188	235
Kowloon City	285		284	
Sham Shui Po	254		252	
Wong Tai Sin	386	402	397	419
Sai Kung	214		222	
Kwun Tong	379	318	409	326
Sha Tin	186	202	190	209
Tai Po	126		126	
North	139		137	
Yuen Long	163	252	173	256
Tuen Mun	160		160	
Tsuen Wan	233		233	
Kwai Tsing	324		331	
Total	5 351		5 483	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0683**

**(Question Serial No. 6377)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 479)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS places by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is set out at Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Places  
(2013-14 to 2014-15)**

District	2013-14		2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015)	
	By District	By Cluster	By District	By Cluster
Central & Western	171	174	171	174
Wan Chai	154		154	
Eastern	206		206	
Southern	158		158	
Islands	89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	236
Kowloon City	290		290	
Sham Shui Po	255		255	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	428
Sai Kung	228		228	
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	336
Sha Tin	192	212	192	212
Tai Po	129		129	
North	141		141	
Yuen Long	178	256	178	256
Tuen Mun	160		160	
Tsuen Wan	235		235	
Kwai Tsing	336		336	
Total	5 579		5 579	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6378)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of places receiving EHCCS, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 480)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS places by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Places (as at end-March each year)  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015)	
	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams
Central & Western	136	99	146	109	171	154	171	174	171	174
Wan Chai	144		154		154		154		154	
Eastern	186		196		206		206		206	
Southern	113		123		158		158		158	
Islands	124		124		124		89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	106	188	216	188	236	188	236	188	236
Kowloon City	170		290		290		290		290	
Sham Shui Po	125		235		255		255		255	
Wong Tai Sin	216	208	406	398	406	428	406	428	406	428
Sai Kung	128		228		228		228		228	
Kwun Tong	236	171	386	321	421	336	421	336	421	336
Sha Tin	147	157	167	187	192	212	192	212	192	212
Tai Po	99		119		129		129		129	
North	121		121		141		141		141	
Yuen Long	133	136	143	196	163	256	178	256	178	256
Tuen Mun	130		140		160		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	145		215		235		235		235	
Kwai Tsing	211		271		336		336		336	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 579</b>		<b>5 079</b>		<b>5 579</b>		<b>5 579</b>		<b>5 579</b>	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6379)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of places receiving EHCCS, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2006-07 to 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 481)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS places by EHCCS team in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Places (as at end-March each year)  
(2010-11 to 2014-15)**

District	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015)	
	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams	By District Teams	By Cluster Teams
Central & Western	136	99	146	109	171	154	171	174	171	174
Wan Chai	144		154		154		154			
Eastern	186		196		206		206			
Southern	113		123		158		158			
Islands	124		124		124		89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	138	106	188	216	188	236	188	236	188	236
Kowloon City	170		290		290		290			
Sham Shui Po	125		235		255		255			
Wong Tai Sin	216	208	406	398	406	428	406	428	406	428
Sai Kung	128		228		228		228			
Kwun Tong	236	171	386	321	421	336	421	336	421	336
Sha Tin	147	157	167	187	192	212	192	212	192	212
Tai Po	99		119		129		129			
North	121		121		141		141			
Yuen Long	133	136	143	196	163	256	178	256	178	256
Tuen Mun	130		140		160		160			
Tsuen Wan	145		215		235		235			
Kwai Tsing	211		271		336		336			
Total	3 579		5 079		5 579		5 579		5 579	

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6380)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please list the number of places receiving EHCCS, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 482)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS places by EHCCS team from 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year) is set out at the Annex.

**The Number of EHCCS Places (as at end-March each year)  
(2013-14 to 2015-16)**

District	2013-14		2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015) <sup>[Note]</sup>		2015-16			
	By District Team	By Cluster Team	By District Team	By Cluster Team	By District Team	By Cluster Team		
Central & Western	171	174	171	174	171	174	173	
Wan Chai	154		154		154			
Eastern	206		206		206			
Southern	158		158		158			
Islands	89		89		89			
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	236	188	236	156	
Kowloon City	290		290		290			
Sham Shui Po	255		255		255		143	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	428	406	428	170	171
Sai Kung	228		228		228			
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	336	421	336	161	
Sha Tin	192	212	192	212	192	212	182	
Tai Po	129		129		129			
North	141		141		141			
Yuen Long	178	256	178	256	178	256	150	
Tuen Mun	160		160		160			
Tsuen Wan	235		235		235		180	
Kwai Tsing	336		336		336			
Total	5 579		5 579		7 245			

<sup>[Note]</sup> The number of EHCCS places between 1 March and 31 March 2015 is the same as that in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0687****(Question Serial No. 6381)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 483)Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be put on the waiting lists for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. The average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average waiting time (in months) (Based on the average waiting time of the past 3 months)</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	7
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	9

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0688****(Question Serial No. 6382)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the number of people on the waiting list for EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 484)Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be put on the waiting lists for the integrated home care services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. The number of applicants on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of applicants on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2 157 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	3 213 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figure does not include the 63 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The figure does not include the 98 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0689****(Question Serial No. 6383)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the amount of annual funding for EHCCS from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 485)Reply:

The expenditure of EHCCS from 2013-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure of EHCCS (\$ million)</b>
2012-13 (Actual)	204.6
2013-14 (Actual)	237.1
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	261.3
2015-16 (Estimate)	427.0

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0690****(Question Serial No. 6384)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the cost per case served per month of EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 486)Reply:

The average cost per EHCCS case served per month from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average cost per case served per month (\$)</b>
2013-14 (Actual)	3,687
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	3,889
2015-16 (Estimate)	4,596

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6385)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the cost per case served per month by EHCCS team from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 487)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0692****(Question Serial No. 6386)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the cost per case served per month by EHCCS teams from 2006-07 to 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 488)Reply:

The cost per case served per month by EHCCS teams in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per case served per month (\$)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	3,375
2012-13 (Actual)	3,468
2013-14 (Actual)	3,687
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	3,889
2015-16 (Estimate)	4,596

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0693****(Question Serial No. 6387)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the cost per case served per month, broken down by EHCCS team, from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 489)Reply:

The cost per case served per month under EHCCS from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per case served per month (\$)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	3,375
2012-13 (Actual)	3,468
2013-14 (Actual)	3,687
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	3,889
2015-16 (Estimate)	4,596

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0694****(Question Serial No. 6388)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of the number of elderly persons who passed away each year while waiting for EHCCS from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 490)Reply:

The number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS places from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS places</b>
2012-13	17
2013-14	33
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	28

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0695****(Question Serial No. 6389)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2000-01 to 2005-06 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly							
	No. of places					Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NH)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
2000-01							
2001-02							
2002-03							
2003-04							
2004-05							
2005-06							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 491)Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

### Subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	S/C hostel places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	H/A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	C&A places				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 1]</sup> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	Private homes participating in EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
2011-12	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350
2012-13	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671
2013-14	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954
2014-15 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	67	15 342 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	197	7 958		1 915	1 794	27 273

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> C&A homes have been upgraded to provide COC since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with COC under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including the subsidised NH places under the NH Place Purchase Scheme.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> As at end-January 2015

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0696****(Question Serial No. 6390)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2006-07 to 2010-11 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly							
	No. of places					Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
2006-07							
2007-08							
2008-09							
2009-10							
2010-11							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 492)Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

### Subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	S/C hostel places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	H/A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	C&A places				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 1]</sup> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	Private homes participating in EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
2011-12	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350
2012-13	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671
2013-14	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954
2014-15 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	67	15 342 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	197	7 958		1 915	1 794	27 273

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> C&A homes have been upgraded to provide COC since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with COC under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including the subsidised NH places under the NH Place Purchase Scheme.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> As at end-January 2015

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0697****(Question Serial No. 6391)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2011-12 to 2015-15 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly							
	No. of places					Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
2011-12							
2012-13							
2013-14							
2014-15							
2015-16							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 493)Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

### Subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	S/C hostel places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	H/A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	C&A places				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 1]</sup> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	Private homes participating in EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
2011-12	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350
2012-13	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671
2013-14	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954
2014-15 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	67	15 342 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	197	7 958		1 915	1 794	27 273

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> C&A homes have been upgraded to provide COC since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with COC under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including the subsidised NH places under the NH Place Purchase Scheme.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> As at end-January 2015

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0698****(Question Serial No. 6392)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the estimated (est) and actual (act) number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2000-01 to 2005-06 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly																
	No. of places															
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)		Care-and-attention (C&A) homes						Nursing homes (NHs)					
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes		Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)			Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs			Contract homes	
									EA1		EA2					
	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2001-02																
2002-03																
2003-04																
2004-05																
2005-06																

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 494)Reply:

The estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years are set out at Annex.

### Estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year	S/C hostel places [Note 1]		H/A places [Note 1]		C&A places						NH places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 1] [Note 2]		Contract homes (C&A places)		Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 3]		Contract homes (NH places)	
	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2011-12	24	24	330	293	14 449	14 472	394	462	7 593	7 315	1 954	1 725	1 076	1 059
2012-13	24	24	293	293	14 661	14 608	298	296	8 081	7 403	1 954	1 735	1 279	1 312
2013-14	24	-	293	101	14 713	14 784	234	213	8 220	7 658	1 954	1 735	1 434	1 463
2014-15 [Note 4]	-	-	108	67	15 248	15 251	179	179	8 115	7 958	1 954	1 789	1 632	1 632
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	N/A	67	N/A	15 342	N/A	197	N/A	7 958	N/A	1 915	N/A	1 794	N/A

[Note 1] Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A homes have been upgraded to provide COC since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with COC under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

[Note 3] Including the subsidised NH places purchased under the NH Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] The actual number of places is the revised estimated number.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0699****(Question Serial No. 6393)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the estimated (est) and actual (act) number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2006-07 to 2010-11 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly															
No. of places															
Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)		Care-and-attention (C&A) homes						Nursing homes (NHs)					
Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes		Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes			
								EA1		EA2					
Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2006-07															
2007-08															
2008-09															
2009-10															
2010-11															

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 495)Reply:

The estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years are set out at Annex.

### Estimated and actual number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year	S/C hostel places [Note 1]		H/A places [Note 1]		C&A places						NH places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 1] [Note 2]		Contract homes (C&A places)		Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 3]		Contract homes (NH places)	
	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2011-12	24	24	330	293	14 449	14 472	394	462	7 593	7 315	1 954	1 725	1 076	1 059
2012-13	24	24	293	293	14 661	14 608	298	296	8 081	7 403	1 954	1 735	1 279	1 312
2013-14	24	-	293	101	14 713	14 784	234	213	8 220	7 658	1 954	1 735	1 434	1 463
2014-15 [Note 4]	-	-	108	67	15 248	15 251	179	179	8 115	7 958	1 954	1 789	1 632	1 632
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	N/A	67	N/A	15 342	N/A	197	N/A	7 958	N/A	1 915	N/A	1 794	N/A

[Note 1] Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care.

[Note 2] C&A homes have been upgraded to provide a continuum of care since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with a continuum of care provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

[Note 3] Including the subsidised C&A places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] The actual number of places is the revised estimated number.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0700****(Question Serial No. 6394)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the estimated (est) and actual (act) number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2011-12 to 2015-16 in the following table –

No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly															
No. of places															
Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)		Care-and-attention (C&A) homes						Nursing homes (NHs)					
Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes		Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes			
								EA1		EA2					
Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2006-07															
2007-08															
2008-09															
2009-10															
2010-11															

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 496)Reply:

The estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex.

### Estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year	S/C hostel places [Note 1]		H/A places [Note 1]		C&A places						NH places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 1][Note 2]		Contract homes (C&A places)		Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 3]		Contract homes (NH places)	
	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act	Est	Act
2011-12	24	24	330	293	14 449	14 472	394	462	7 593	7 315	1 954	1 725	1 076	1 059
2012-13	24	24	293	293	14 661	14 608	298	296	8 081	7 403	1 954	1 735	1 279	1 312
2013-14	24	-	293	101	14 713	14 784	234	213	8 220	7 658	1 954	1 735	1 434	1 463
2014-15 [Note 4]	-	-	108	67	15 248	15 251	179	179	8 115	7 958	1 954	1 789	1 632	1 632
2015-16 (Estimated)	-	N/A	67	N/A	15 342	N/A	197	N/A	7 958	N/A	1 915	N/A	1 794	N/A

[Note 1] Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A homes have been upgraded to provide COC since 2013-14. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with COC provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

[Note 3] Including the subsidised NH places purchased under the NH Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] The actual number of places is the revised estimated number.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0701****(Question Serial No. 6395)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district for 2000-01 in the following table –

	No. of places										Total			
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)		Care-and-attention (C&A) homes						Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Subvented homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes		Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs		Contract homes	
									EA1	EA2				
Eastern														
Wan Chai														
Central & Western														
Islands														
Southern														
Sham Shui Po														
Kowloon City														
Yau Tsim Mong														
Wong Tai Sin														
Sai Kung														
Kwun Tong														
Sha Tin														
Tai Po														
North														
Yuen Long														
Tuen Mun														
Tsuen Wan														
Kwai Tsing														
Total														

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 497)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	424	55	130	165	-	93	889
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	22	214	274	-	131	877
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

[Note 1]

Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 2]

Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3]

Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

[Note 1]

Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 2]

Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3]

Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	440	15	179	125	-	133	892
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	198	246	-	188	889
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

[Note 1]

Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 2]

Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3]

Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
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Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

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[Note 3]

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0702****(Question Serial No. 6610)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Please provide the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2001-02 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 498)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	424	55	130	165	-	93	889
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	22	214	274	-	131	877
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A home places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places are provided in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private homes participating in the EBPS.

[Note 2] Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
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Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0703****(Question Serial No. 6611)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2002-03 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 499)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
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[Note 2] Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostels	H/A	C&A homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NHs		Total
	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub- vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A home places include C&A places with COC. These places are provided in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private homes participating in the EBPS.

[Note 2] Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0704****(Question Serial No. 6612)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2003-04 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 500)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	424	55	130	165	-	93	889
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	22	214	274	-	131	877
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	440	15	179	125	-	133	892
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	198	246	-	188	889
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	248	238	-	188	931
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
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Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
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Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
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North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
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Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0705****(Question Serial No. 6613)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2004-05 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
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Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	No. of places						Total
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	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 501)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
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<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

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<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
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Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

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<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A places with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
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Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
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Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A places with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0706****(Question Serial No. 6614)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2005-06 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
Central & Western									
Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 502)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	22	424	55	130	165	-	93	889
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	22	214	274	-	131	877
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 2] Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

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<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	-	440	15	179	125	-	133	892
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	198	246	-	188	889
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	248	238	-	188	931
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0707****(Question Serial No. 6615)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2006-07 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
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Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
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Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

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	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 503)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

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	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

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Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
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Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
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Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0708****(Question Serial No. 6616)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2007-08 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
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Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 504)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Central & Western	-	-	236	22	214	274	-	131	877
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
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[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0709****(Question Serial No. 6617)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2008-09 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
Central & Western									
Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 505)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
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Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
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Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0710****(Question Serial No. 6618)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2009-10 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
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					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
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Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 506)

Reply:

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Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Eastern	-	-	440	15	179	125	-	133	892
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	198	246	-	188	889
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	248	238	-	188	931
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with COC. These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0711****(Question Serial No. 6619)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2010-11 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 507)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in the recent 4 years is set out at Annex 1 to 4. In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
Tsuen Wan	-	-	511	22	513	308	316	52	1 722
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

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Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
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Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

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Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
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**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0712****(Question Serial No. 6620)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2011-12 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Home for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
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Eastern									
Wan Chai									
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Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Home for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 508)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in 2011-12 is set out at Annex.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
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Islands	-	67	315	7	-	42	-	63	494
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	128	157	-	95	1 125
Kowloon City	-	7	641	100	512	625	-	-	1 885
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	330	-	104	790
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 021	76	71	171	280	111	1 764
Sai Kung	-	-	940	-	-	-	292	-	1 232
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 075	46	230	319	250	133	2 053
Sha Tin	-	-	1 240	-	-	-	-	-	1 240
Tai Po	-	-	1 179	-	-	98	-	-	1 277
North	-	-	875	-	135	182	299	-	1 491
Yuen Long	-	-	924	23	163	610	-	50	1 770
Tuen Mun	-	-	901	-	-	402	216	-	1 519
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Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 595	58	613	228	72	227	2 868
Total	24	293	14 472	462	3 012	4 303	1 725	1 059	25 350

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised residential care places for the elderly included C&A places with a continuum of care (COC).

These places with COC were available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provided C&A and NH places with COC.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0713****(Question Serial No. 6621)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2012-13 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the age (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
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Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the age (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 509)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in 2012-13 is set out at Annex.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	22	434	55	130	125	-	93	859
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	28	216	246	-	181	907
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	40	-	63	492
Southern	24	88	1 332	-	56	338	-	-	1 838
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	42	148	157	-	95	1 145
Kowloon City	-	7	641	10	551	646	-	90	1 945
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	11	247	414	-	104	874
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	952	-	-	-	292	-	1 244
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 091	36	230	319	260	157	2 093
Sha Tin	-	-	1 250	-	-	-	-	-	1 250
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	878	-	135	182	299	-	1 494
Yuen Long	-	-	926	7	163	610	-	66	1 772
Tuen Mun	-	-	927	-	-	402	216	-	1 545
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	544	308	316	52	1 755
Kwai Tsing	-	75	1 625	58	639	228	72	227	2 924
Total	24	293	14 608	296	3 130	4 273	1 735	1 312	25 671

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised residential care places for the elderly included C&A places with a continuum of care (COC).

These places with COC were available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provided C&A and NH places with COC.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0714****(Question Serial No. 6622)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2013-14 in the following table –

No. of places									Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
Central & Western									
Islands									
Southern									
Sham Shui Po									
Kowloon City									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kwun Tong									
Sha Tin									
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tuen Mun									

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 510)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in 2013-14 is set out at Annex.



**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	440	15	179	125	-	133	892
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	198	246	-	188	889
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 397	-	56	338	-	-	1 791
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	14	191	137	-	123	1 168
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	951	418	-	90	2 117
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	328	331	-	158	932
Wong Tai Sin	-	34	1 025	20	71	106	280	184	1 720
Sai Kung	-	-	969	-	-	-	292	-	1 261
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 108	36	339	223	260	157	2 123
Sha Tin	-	-	1 258	-	-	-	-	-	1 258
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	888	-	135	171	299	-	1 493
Yuen Long	-	-	928	7	163	552	-	66	1 716
Tuen Mun	-	-	933	-	90	362	216	-	1 601
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	22	649	230	316	52	1 782
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 663	44	738	179	72	249	2 945
Total	-	101	14 784	213	4 088	3 570	1 735	1 463	25 954

[Note 1]

Subsidised residential care places for the elderly included C&amp;A places with a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2]

These places with COC were available in subvented C&amp;A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 3]

Contract homes provided C&amp;A and NH places with COC.

Including self-financing NHs participating in Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0715****(Question Serial No. 6623)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2014-15 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 511)

Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council district in 2014-15 is set out at Annex.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	248	238	-	188	931
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

[Note 1]

Subsidised residential care places for the elderly included C&amp;A places with a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2]

These places were available in subvented C&amp;A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

[Note 3]

Contract homes provided C&amp;A and NH places with COC.

Including self-financing NHs participating in Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0716****(Question Serial No. 6624)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2015-16 in the following table –

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Islands							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Kwun Tong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							

	No. of places						Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	Subvented and self-financing homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
					EA1	EA2	
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
<b>Total</b>							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 512)

Reply:

In 2015-16, a total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided in various districts in Hong Kong. The new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be located in Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts. As for the subsidised places under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), the Social Welfare Department will invite self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong to submit their applications for providing the places, and is unable to advise the exact locations of such additional places at this stage.

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the District Council districts as at end-January 2015 is set out at Annex.

**Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly  
by District Council district in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>				NH places		Total
	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Private homes participating in the EBPS		Sub-vented homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
					EA1	EA2			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	125	-	133	896
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	248	238	-	188	931
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 415	-	135	331	-	-	1 881
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	20	233	87	-	177	1 220
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	991	418	-	90	2 157
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	17	386	345	-	158	1 004
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 033	20	71	106	280	184	1 694
Sai Kung	-	-	979	-	-	-	292	-	1 271
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	336	223	260	174	2 128
Sha Tin	-	-	1 262	6	-	-	-	54	1 322
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	898	-	135	171	299	-	1 503
Yuen Long	-	-	930	7	162	494	-	66	1 659
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	105	360	243	-	1 642
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	655	215	316	72	1 778
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	750	177	72	273	2 967
Total	-	67	14 851	179	4 386	3 442	1 762	1 632	26 319

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Subsidised C&A places include C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC are available in subvented C&A homes operated by NGOs and contract homes.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Contract homes provide C&A with COC and NH places.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0717****(Question Serial No. 6625)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2000-01 to 2005-06 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
2000-01								
2001-02								
2002-03								
2003-04								
2004-05								
2005-06								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 513)Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.



### Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
2010-11	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955
2011-12	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481
2012-13	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244
2013-14	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225
2014-15 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

[Note 3]

As at end-January 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6626)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2006-07 to 2010-11 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
2006-07								
2007-08								
2008-09								
2009-10								
2010-11								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 514)Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

### Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
2010-11	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955
2011-12	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481
2012-13	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244
2013-14	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225
2014-15 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

[Note 3]

As at end-January 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0719****(Question Serial No. 6627)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2011-12 to 2015-16 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
2011-12								
2012-13								
2013-14								
2014-15								
2015-16								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 515)Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex.

### Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Year (as at end-March)	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
2010-11	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955
2011-12	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481
2012-13	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244
2013-14	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225
2014-15 [Note 3]	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

[Note 3]

As at end-January 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0720****(Question Serial No. 6628)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2000-01 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 516)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).



**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0721****(Question Serial No. 6629)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2001-02 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 517)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.



**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes [Note 1]	Homes operated by NGOs [Note 2]	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0722****(Question Serial No. 6630)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2002-03 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 518)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

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[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.



**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0723****(Question Serial No. 6631)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2003-04 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	<b>No. of places</b>						<b>Total</b>	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 519)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
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Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

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**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
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Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.



**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

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[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0724****(Question Serial No. 6632)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2004-05 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 520)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0725****(Question Serial No. 6633)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2005-06 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 521)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
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Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

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Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

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[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0726****(Question Serial No. 6634)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2006-07 in the following table –

	Number of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								



	Number of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 522)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
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Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0727****(Question Serial No. 6635)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2007-08 in the following table –

	Number of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	Number of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 523)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.



**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0728****(Question Serial No. 6636)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2008-09 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 524)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).



**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
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Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0729****(Question Serial No. 6637)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2009-10 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 525)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in the recent 5 years is set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

**2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.



**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under EBPS.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by DH.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0730****(Question Serial No. 6638)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2010-11 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 526)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in 2010-11 is set out in the Annex.

**2010-11**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	28	-	100	38	4 168	-	70	4 404
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	50	2 604	-	33	2 728
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 513	-	-	1 846
Sham Shui Po	-	-	43	281	35	4 068	-	35	4 462
Kowloon City	-	-	-	191	48	4 174	-	-	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	33	-	2 461	-	-	2 583
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 085	-	104	2 630
Sai Kung	15	-	100	394	-	219	110	-	838
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	98	75	2 369	141	120	3 128
Sha Tin	-	-	50	246	-	2 079	-	-	2 375
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 509	-	-	2 509
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 102	-	-	2 309
Yuen Long	-	-	40	173	10	3 860	-	23	4 106
Tuen Mun	-	-	47	420	-	3 083	-	-	3 550
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 839	-	38	2 949
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	84	80	4 316	-	183	4 663
Total	15	28	1 181	2 730	409	45 713	273	606	50 955

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0731****(Question Serial No. 6639)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2011-12 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 527)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in 2011-12 is set out in the Annex.



**2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 342	-	70	4 450
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	883	22	-	1 081
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 478	-	60	2 602
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	445	-	42	492
Southern	-	-	66	267	-	1 508	42	-	1 883
Sham Shui Po	-	-	45	275	39	4 040	-	76	4 475
Kowloon City	-	-	-	203	48	4 138	-	-	4 389
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	-	2 349	-	-	2 472
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	280	100	61	2 181	-	104	2 726
Sai Kung	15	-	30	466	-	172	110	-	793
Kwun Tong	-	-	325	102	63	2 452	138	132	3 212
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 128	-	-	2 335
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	10	3 807	-	23	4 053
Tuen Mun	-	-	60	407	-	2 960	-	-	3 427
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 756	-	38	2 866
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	4 025	-	169	4 313
Total	15	-	1 146	2 691	346	45 257	312	714	50 481

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0732****(Question Serial No. 6640)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2012-13 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 528)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in 2012-13 is set out in the Annex.

**2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	38	4 240	-	70	4 348
Wan Chai	-	-	-	176	-	715	22	-	913
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	23	2 335	-	60	2 459
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	447	-	42	494
Southern	-	-	66	229	-	1 508	56	-	1 859
Sham Shui Po	-	-	39	275	39	3 991	-	76	4 420
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 965	-	43	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	89	34	8	2 471	-	68	2 670
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 133	-	133	2 661
Sai Kung	15	-	45	460	-	172	110	-	802
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 252	128	138	2 941
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 444	-	-	2 444
North	-	-	120	87	-	2 123	-	-	2 330
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 791	-	30	4 037
Tuen Mun	-	-	56	411	-	2 929	-	-	3 396
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 420	-	38	2 530
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	47	3 969	-	169	4 257
Total	15	-	831	2 923	238	44 054	316	867	49 244

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0733****(Question Serial No. 6641)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2013-14 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 529)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in 2013-14 is set out in the Annex.

**2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 760	-	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	-	-	191	-	701	22	-	914
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	27	2 228	-	93	2 389
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	266	-	1 682	74	-	2 088
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	294	39	3 800	-	76	4 229
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	4 163	-	43	4 413
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	54	14	2 722	-	125	2 973
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	380	15	2 149	-	133	2 677
Sai Kung	15	-	20	485	-	506	110	-	1 136
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	95	43	2 218	150	138	2 929
Sha Tin	-	-	50	269	-	2 149	-	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	114	-	2 162	-	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 681	-	30	3 927
Tuen Mun	-	-	58	409	-	2 858	-	-	3 325
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	12	2 123	-	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	72	30	4 041	-	178	4 321
Total	15	-	728	3 064	218	43 865	356	979	49 225

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0734****(Question Serial No. 6642)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2014-15 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								



	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 530)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district in 2014-15 is set out in the Annex.

**2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)**  
**Number of Non-Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly**  
**by District Council District**

District	Number of places								Total
	S/C hostel places		H/A places	C&A places			NH places		
	Homes operated by NGOs	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Homes operated by NGOs <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Contract homes	
Eastern	-	-	-	-	25	3 736	-	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	-	-	192	-	684	21	-	897
Central & Western	-	-	21	20	45	2 025	-	75	2 186
Islands	-	-	-	-	5	510	-	42	557
Southern	-	-	66	292	-	1 503	74	-	1 935
Sham Shui Po	-	-	20	290	15	3 781	-	140	4 246
Kowloon City	-	-	-	202	5	3 813	-	43	4 063
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	58	90	58	2 403	-	81	2 690
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	80	15	1 884	-	133	2 112
Sai Kung	15	-	45	458	-	499	110	-	1 127
Kwun Tong	-	-	285	98	43	2 339	150	138	3 053
Sha Tin	-	-	50	248	4	2 149	-	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	2 412	-	-	2 412
North	-	-	90	117	-	2 162	-	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	-	60	153	3	3 705	-	30	3 951
Tuen Mun	-	-	45	395	-	2 468	-	-	2 908
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	60	4	2 134	-	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	75	21	3 679	-	177	3 952
Total	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 886	355	1 019	47 028

[Note 1]

Private home places do not include places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2]

Figures include places provided by self-financing NHs purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0735****(Question Serial No. 6643)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2015-16 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Eastern								
Wan Chai								
Central & Western								
Islands								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Kowloon City								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Wong Tai Sin								
Sai Kung								
Kwun Tong								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care (S/C) hostels		Homes for the Aged (H/A)	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes			Nursing homes (NHs)	
	Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes	Private homes	Homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes
Sha Tin								
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
<b>Total</b>								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 531)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6644)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding nursing home (NH) places, including subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- the number of subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2010-2011 to 2015-16; and
- the cost per month of subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2010-2011 to 2015-16; and
- the funding allocation for subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2010-2011 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 532)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

As at end of the financial year	Number of places	Unit subsidies per month for each place (\$)	Full-year expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	124	11,800	4.1
2011-12	151	12,142	20.2
2012-13	161	12,834	24.3
2013-14	161	13,309	25.9
2014-15 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	215	14,800	34.1
2015-16 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	341	To be adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index	54.4

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The number of places and full-year expenditure are revised estimated figures.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The number of places and full-year expenditure are estimated figures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6645)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons (including homes for the aged, care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NH)) from 2000-01 to 2003-04 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 533)Reply:

The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for C&A places and NH places in the recent 5 years is tabulated as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons	
	On the waiting list for C&A places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	On the waiting list for NH places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	20 342	6 409
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	21 432	6 456
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	22 546	6 272
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	23 216	6 219
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	25 269	6 384

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Excluding the 2 430, 3 389, 4 445, 5 823 and 6 553 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 respectively.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Excluding the 253, 329, 437, 525 and 617 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases from 2010-11 to 2014-15 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6646)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of persons on the waiting list for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons (including homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NH)) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 533)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>No. of applicants on the waiting list</b>	
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places</b>	<b>Subsidised NH places</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	23 216 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	6 219 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	25 269 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	6 384 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Including about 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care service (CCS) while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 5 823 elderly persons on the Central Waiting List (CWL) classified as inactive cases.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including about 750 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while on the CWL for subsidised NH places, but excluding 525 persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including about 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while on the CWL for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 6 553 elderly persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> Including about 650 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while on the CWL for subsidised NH places, but excluding 617 persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

The Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Currently subsidised residential care places available for application include C&A home and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6647)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons (including homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NH)) from 2000-01 to 2003-04 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 534)Reply:

In the recent 5 years, the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons is provided as follows –

Year	Waiting time (in months) (Based on the average of the past 3 months)		
	Subsidised C&A places provided by subvented/ contract homes	Subsidised C&A places provided by homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	Subsidised NH places
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	32	8	39
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	34	8	36
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	35	8	34
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	36	7	33
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7	32

- End -



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0740****(Question Serial No. 6648)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons (including homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NH)) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 534)Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new applications for subvented H/A places since 1 January 2003, no information on the average waiting time for subvented H/A places is kept.

From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places for elderly persons is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months)</b> <b>(Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>		
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by subvented/ contract homes</b>	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme</b>	<b>Subsidised NH places</b>
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	36	7	33
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7	32

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6649)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for home for the aged (H/A) from 2004-05 to 2013-14 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 535)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new applications for subvented H/A places since 1 January 2003, no information on the average waiting time of elderly persons for placement in H/A from 2004-05 to 2013-14 is kept.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0742****(Question Serial No. 6650)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

Please set out the average waiting time for care-and-attention (C&A) home from 2000-01 to 2005-06 (as at end-March each year) in the following table.

<b>Average waiting time</b>		
<b>As at end-March each year</b>	<b>C&amp;A homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>
2000-2001		
2001-2002		
2002-2003		
2003-2004		
2004-2005		
2005-2006		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 536)Reply:

The average waiting time for subsidised C&A places in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months)</b> <b>(Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>	
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by subvented/ contract RCHEs</b>	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by RCHEs participating in EBPS</b>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	32	8
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	34	8
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	35	8
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	36	7
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0743****(Question Serial No. 6651)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

Please set out the average waiting time for care-and-attention (C&A) home from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at end-March each year) in the following table.

<b>Average waiting time</b>		
<b>As at end-March each year</b>	<b>C&amp;A homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>
2006-2007		
2007-2008		
2008-2009		
2009-2010		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 537)Reply:

The average waiting time for subsidised C&A places in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months)</b> <b>(Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>	
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by subvented/ contract RCHEs</b>	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by RCHEs participating in EBPS</b>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	32	8
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	34	8
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	35	8
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	36	7
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0744****(Question Serial No. 6652)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will “increase the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide additional places for day care and residential care for the elderly, and improve relevant services.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

Please set out the average waiting time for care-and-attention (C&A) home from 2011-12 to 2014-15 (as at end-March each year) in the following table.

<b>Average waiting time</b>		
<b>As at end-March each year</b>	<b>C&amp;A homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Private residential care homes for the elderly participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 538)Reply:

From 2011-12 to 2014-15, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months)</b> <b>(Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>	
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by subvented/ contract homes</b>	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places provided by homes participating in EBPS</b>
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	34	8
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	35	8
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	36	7
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0745****(Question Serial No. 6653)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Nursing home (NH) places include the subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). Please inform us –

Will the average waiting time for admission to the subsidised NH places purchased under the NHPPS be different from that of the subvented homes and contract homes? If yes, please show in the following table the average waiting time for admission to NH from 2010-11 to 2014-15. If no, please give details.

<b>Average waiting time</b>		
<b>As at the end of March each year</b>	<b>Nursing Homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Self-financing NHs run by non-profit-making and non-governmental organisations participating in NHPPS</b>
2010-2011		
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 539)Reply:

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and eligible applicants for subsidised NH places may choose to be put on the waiting lists for more than 1 type of subsidised NH places i.e. those in subvented/contract homes, homes participating in NHPPS at the same time. The Social Welfare Department does not keep the average waiting time for subsidised NH places in subvented/contract homes or in homes participating in NHPPS.

From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the average waiting time for subsidised NH places is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months) (Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	39
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	36
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	34
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	33
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	32

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6654)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care (COC), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

the cost per place per month of C&A home places and C&A places providing COC from 2005-06 to 2010-11 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 540)

Reply:

The cost per place per month of C&A places and C&A places providing COC in the recent 5 years is set out at Annex.

**Cost Per Place Per Month of C&A Places and C&A Places  
Providing COC from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

Year	Cost per place per month (\$)	
	C&A places	C&A places providing COC
2011-12 (Actual)	9,635	10,980 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2012-13 (Actual)		12,539 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2013-14 (Actual)		12,747 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)		14,288 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2015-16 (Estimate)		14,374 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> These C&A places providing COC were offered by self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) participating in the conversion programme.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost per place of C&A places providing COC offered by C&A homes and S/C hostels and H/A participating in the conversion programme. All C&A places have been upgraded to provide COC in one go since 2013-14.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6655)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care (COC), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

the cost per place per month of C&A home places and C&A places providing COC from 2011-12 to 2015-16 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 541)

Reply:

The cost per place per month of C&A places and C&A places providing COC from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

**Cost Per Place Per Month of C&A Places and C&A Places  
Providing COC from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

Year	Cost per place per month (\$)	
	C&A places	C&A places providing COC
2011-12 (Actual)	9,635	10,980 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2012-13 (Actual)		12,539 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2013-14 (Actual)		12,747 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)		14,288 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2015-16 (Estimate)		14,374 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> These C&A places providing COC were offered by self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) participating in the conversion programme.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost per place of C&A places providing COC offered by C&A homes and S/C hostels and H/A participating in the conversion programme. All C&A places have been upgraded to provide COC in one go since 2013-14.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0748****(Question Serial No. 6656)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care (COC), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

please set out, in table form as below, the cost per place per month of C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2005-06 to 2010-11.

	<b>Cost per place per month</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes with places providing a continuum of care</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>	
			<b>EA 1</b>	<b>EA 2</b>
2005-2006				
2006-2007				
2007-2008				
2008-2009				
2009-2010				
2010-2011				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 542)Reply:

The cost per month of C&A places providing COC in the recent 5 years is set out in the Annex. Private homes participating in the EBPS do not have places providing COC.

### Cost per Month of C&A Places Providing COC

Year	Cost per month (\$)	
	C&A places providing COC	Contract home places [Note 3]
2011-12 (Actual)	10,980 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	8,768
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	10,936
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	11,814
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	14,288 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	13,336
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,374 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	14,136

[Note 1] These C&A places providing COC were provided by self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/As) participating in the conversion programme.

[Note 2] The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost of C&A places providing COC in C&A homes as well as S/C hostels and H/As participating in the conversion programme. All the C&A places were upgraded in one go to provide COC in 2013-14.

[Note 3] Including C&A places providing COC and nursing home places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0749****(Question Serial No. 6657)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

please set out, in table form as below, the cost per place per month of C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

	<b>Cost per place per month</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes providing a continuum of care places</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>	
			<b>EA 1</b>	<b>EA 2</b>
2011-2012				
2012-2013				
2013-2014				
2014-2015				
2015-2016				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 543)Reply:

The cost per place per month of C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex. Private homes participating in EBPS do not offer places providing a continuum of care.

### Cost Per Place Per Month of C&A Places Providing a Continuum of Care

Year	Cost per month (\$)	
	C&A places providing a continuum of care	Place in contract homes <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
2011-12 (Actual)	10,980 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	8,768
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	10,936
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	11,814
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	14,288 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	13,336
2015-16 (Estimate)	14,374 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	14,136

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> These C&A places providing a continuum of care were provided by self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) participating in the conversion programme.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost of C&A places providing a continuum of care in C&A homes as well as S/C hostels and H/A participating in the conversion programme. All the C&A places were upgraded in one go to provide a continuum of care in 2013-14.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Including C&A places and Nursing Home places providing a continuum of care.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0750****(Question Serial No. 6658)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Nursing home (NH) places include subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

Please set out, in table form as below, the cost per place per month for the following NHs from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015.

<b>Cost per place per month</b>		
<b>As at end-March each year</b>	<b>NH homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Self-financing NHs run by non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations participating in NHPPS</b>
2010-2011		
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 544)Reply:

The cost per month for NHs from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 is set out at Annex.

## Cost Per Month for NH Places

Year	Cost per month per place (\$)		Unit subsidies per month per place (\$)
	NHs	Contract homes [Note]	Self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS
2010-11 (Actual)	13,031	7,154	11,800
2011-12 (Actual)	14,054	8,768	12,142
2012-13 (Actual)	14,814	10,936	12,834
2013-14 (Actual)	15,180	11,814	13,309
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	20,801	13,336	14,800

[Note] Including care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0751****(Question Serial No. 6659)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to converting care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places providing a continuum of care (COC), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –  
the funding for C&A places and C&A places providing COC from 2005-06 to 2010-11 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 545)Reply:

The expenditure for C&A places and C&A places with COC in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

Year	\$ million	
	Subvented homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Contract homes <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2011-12 (Actual)	1,663.7	137.6
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	2,342.0	283.4
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,456.8	339.6

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Including subvented self-care hostels, subvented residential care homes for the elderly, subvented C&A homes and homes providing subvented C&A places with COC.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including C&A places with COC and nursing home places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6660)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

the funding for C&A home places and C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 546)Reply:

The expenditure for C&A home places and C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2011-12 (Actual)	1,663.7	137.6
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,342.0	283.4
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,456.8	339.6

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Including subvented self-care hostels, subvented home for the aged, subvented C&A homes and homes with subvented C&A places providing a continuum of care.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including C&A places and Nursing Home places providing a continuum of care.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0753****(Question Serial No. 6661)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to converting care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following—please set out, in table form as below, the funding for C&A places providing a continuum of care (COC) from 2005-06 to 2010-11.

	<b>Amount of funding</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes providing COC places</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>	
			<b>EA 1</b>	<b>EA 2</b>
2005-2006				
2006-2007				
2007-2008				
2008-2009				
2009-2010				
2010-2011				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 547)Reply:

Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in EBPS do not provide places with COC. The expenditure for C&A places with COC in the recent 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2011-12 (Actual)	1,663.7	137.6
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	2,342.0	283.4
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,456.8	339.6

[Note 1] Including subvented self-care hostels, subvented RCHEs, subvented C&A homes and homes providing subvented C&A places with COC.

[Note 2] Including C&A places with COC and nursing home places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0754****(Question Serial No. 6662)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the conversion of care-and-attention (C&A) home places into C&A places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

please set out, in table form as below, the funding for C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

	<b>Amount of funding</b>			
	<b>C&amp;A homes with places providing a continuum of care</b>			
	<b>Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations</b>	<b>Contract homes</b>	<b>Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)</b>	
			<b>EA 1</b>	<b>EA 2</b>
2011-2012				
2012-2013				
2013-2014				
2014-2015				
2015-2016				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 548)Reply:

Private homes participating in EBPS do not offer places providing a continuum of care. The expenditure for C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2011-12 (Actual)	1,663.7	137.6
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9



<b>Year</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	<b>Contract homes</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2,342.0	283.4
2015-16 (Estimate)	2,456.8	339.6

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Including subvented self-care hostels, subvented home for the aged, subvented C&A homes and homes with subvented C&A places providing a continuum of care.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Including C&A places and Nursing Home places providing a continuum of care.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0755****(Question Serial No. 6663)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Nursing home (NH) places include subsidised NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

Please set out, in table form as below, the funding for NHs from 2010-2011 to 2015-2016.

<b>Cost per place per month</b>		
<b>As at end-March each year</b>	<b>NH homes</b>	
	<b>Subvented homes and contract homes</b>	<b>Self-financing NHs run by non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations participating in NHPPS</b>
2010-2011		
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		
2015-2016		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 549)Reply:

The expenditure for NHs and the cost per month in the recent 5 years are set out at Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

## Expenditure for NHs

Year	(\$ million)		
	Subvented homes	Contract homes <sup>[Note]</sup>	Self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS
2011-12 (Actual)	249.0	137.6	20.2
2012-13 (Actual)	265.4	199.0	24.3
2013-14 (Actual)	280.3	240.9	25.9
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	385.1	283.4	34.1
2015-16 (Estimate)	387.7	339.6	54.4

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

**Cost Per NH Place Per Month**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost per place per month (\$)</b>		<b>Unit subsidy per place per month (\$)</b>
	<b>NHs</b>	<b>Contract homes <sup>[Note]</sup></b>	<b>Self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	14,054	8,768	12,142
2012-13 (Actual)	14,814	10,936	12,834
2013-14 (Actual)	15,180	11,814	13,309
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	20,801	13,336	14,800
2015-16 (Estimate)	21,034	14,136	To be adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6664)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to converting care-and-attention (C&A) places into C&A places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following – please give a detailed account of the calculation method used to determine the annual funding for each of the C&A homes which offer C&A places providing a continuum of care (including subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), contract homes and private homes for the elderly participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 550)

Reply:

The annual funding for each of the C&A homes which offer C&A places providing a continuum of care (including subvented homes operated by NGOs and contract homes which offer C&A places providing a continuum of care) is mainly calculated on the basis of the standard notional staffing establishment. The actual amounts of subventions and subsidies received by individual residential care homes may be different, depending on a number of factors including the recognised expenditure relating to the premises, the number of service places, the fees paid by service users, the difference in the amount of various supplements, etc.

At present, the amount of subsidies for various subvented residential care homes is basically adjusted according to the level of Civil Service Pay Scale and the Composite Consumer Price Index. Funding is allocated to various subvented organisations operating residential care homes on a lump sum basis. The amount of subsidies for contract homes is adjusted mainly according to the Composite Consumer Price Index during the contract period.

Private homes for the elderly participating in EBPS does not offer C&A places providing a continuum of care.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6677)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary said that he was aware many Hong Kong (HK) people are expecting relief measures from the Government to relieve their burdens. With the current rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme lagging behind market rent, please inform this Committee –

Will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invite the Census and Statistics Department to step up its efforts to conduct half-yearly rental survey covering flatted units, subdivided units, etc across the 18 districts in HK? Will SWD adjust the rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme according to the survey results? If yes, how will it be carried out? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 563)

Reply:

SWD adjusts the levels of the maximum rent allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme on an annual basis, with reference to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) rent index for private housing. According to the established mechanism, SWD has raised the MRA by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the situation closely. In addition, the Community Care Fund launched the assistance programme of “Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” in October 2011, September 2013 and September 2014 respectively, to provide a one-off subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying a rent which exceeded the MRA, so as to relieve their financial burden as a result of the periodic increase in rent. In addition, under the arrangement of Compassionate Rehousing, families who have imminent and long-term housing needs but cannot solve the accommodation problem by themselves can be recommended for allocation of public rental housing units.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6679)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the current Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, if an elderly person who has children but would like to apply for CSSA on the ground of old age due to financial difficulty, their children must sign a "Declaration of not providing support to parents" (Declaration); if the children refuse to sign the Declaration, the elderly person cannot apply for CSSA. Many children consider it non-filial and dishonourable if they are incapable of providing support to their parents. Hence, they refuse to sign the Declaration due to moral pressure or poor relationship with the elderly person. An elderly person really in need of financial assistance will then be unwillingly left outside the CSSA safety net, facing hardship and misery. Please advise –

- (1) will the Government revise the above system by cancelling the requirement for children to sign the Declaration and allowing an elderly person to submit a "Confirmation of not receiving financial support from children" himself/herself so that an elderly person with financial needs but whose children refuse to sign the Declaration can still apply for CSSA?
- (2) or allow the case social worker, after investigating the case, to sign to confirm that the children will not/cannot provide support to the parents, who may then apply for CSSA?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 565)

Reply:

CSSA applicants living with their family members are required to make their applications on a household basis. This arrangement is based on the principle that families constitute the core units of society. Family members in the same household should render assistance and support to each other. All CSSA applicants who make applications on their own, irrespective of whether they are elderly persons or not, are required to submit a declaration on their financial situation so that the Social Welfare Department can assess their eligibility for CSSA on the basis of their needs and resources.

However, for cases that deserve special consideration, such as where an elderly applicant is verified to have poor relationship with his/her family members, who refuse to provide declarations, the Director of Social Welfare may consider exercising discretion to allow the elderly person to apply for CSSA on his/her own based on self-declaration of financial situation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0759****(Question Serial No. 6708)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In the past 5 years, what were the funding for and staffing establishment of the 16 district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) respectively? What were the numbers of service users served (including the number of different categories of persons with disabilities, the number of their families and carers, and the number of members of the public) respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 596)Reply:

The annual expenditure for the 16 DSCs in the past 5 years is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	100.2
2011-12 (Actual)	109.4
2012-13 (Actual)	118.6
2013-14 (Actual)	123.1
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	141.8

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the DSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists, nurses and other supporting staff, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

DSCs operate on a membership system. The numbers of members of the 16 DSCs in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of different categories of persons with disabilities, the number of their families and carers, or the number of members of the public served by DSCs.

**Number of members of the 16 DSCs**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of members</b>
2010-11	4 589
2011-12	5 251
2012-13	5 122
2013-14	5 162
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	5 245

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6709)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), what were the numbers of persons participating in the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (the Programme) (with a breakdown by category of persons with disabilities) respectively? What types of work were they engaged in? What were the amount of funding and the details of the various expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 597)

Reply:

The Programme was introduced in June 2013. As at February 2015, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had approved 68 applications with subsidy of over \$0.92 million granted for the procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications for 68 employees with disabilities. Most applications involved procurement of assistive devices including optical magnifiers plus software, computer equipment with vision aid, etc. There were also applications that involved workplace modification, such as replacement of moveable doors to facilitate access of employees with disabilities.

The employees covered in the 68 applications included 36 persons with vision impairment, 12 persons with hearing impairment, 10 physically handicapped persons, 5 mentally handicapped persons, 2 ex-mentally ill persons, 2 autistic persons and 1 viscerally disabled person.

These employees with disabilities are employed in social welfare agencies and the catering, auto care, wholesale and retail industries on a wide range of duties from frontline welfare services to logistic support etc., doing mainly clerical jobs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6760)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), what were the numbers of mentors participating in the scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities respectively and the numbers of persons of different categories of persons with disabilities who were given guidance by mentors respectively? In the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), what were the details of the various items of expenditure involved in the said scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 598)

Reply:

The scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities was launched in December 2012 to encourage employers to arrange mentors for employees with disabilities for the purpose of rendering them workplace support and facilitating them to adapt to their new jobs. The mentors must be experienced staff and would receive a one-off incentive pay of \$500 as an encouragement after providing guidance for employees with disabilities for a period of not less than 1 month. In 2012-13, there were 12 cases receiving incentive pay with the total subsidy being \$6,000.

The scheme was fine-tuned in 2013-14, whereby a mentor who has rendered guidance to an employee with disabilities for a period of not less than 1 month or 2 months will receive a one-off incentive pay of \$500 or \$1,000. This arrangement was introduced on 1 July 2013. In 2013-14, there were 62 cases receiving incentive pay with the total subsidy being \$45,000.

Comprehensive figures for 2014-15 are not yet available as the number of cases and subsidy amount are compiled on a financial year basis. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistical information on the types of disabilities suffered by employees with disabilities and on the mentors.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6761)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), what were the numbers of people participating in the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) (with a breakdown by category of people with disabilities) respectively? What were the amount of funding and the various items of expenditure involved in the said programme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 599)

Reply:

The number of people participating in OJT and the expenditure involved are set out in the Annex.

**Table 1 – Number of people participating in OJT**

<b>Type of disabilities</b>	<b>Number of people participating in OJT</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>			
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Autism	3	3	5	4
Mental illness	283	279	284	279
Intellectual disability	88	71	60	61
Physical disability	67	69	70	44
Hearing impairment	23	20	19	20
Visual impairment	1	2	1	0
Visceral disability	5	8	10	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>419</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the number of people participating in OJT is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

**Table 2 – Expenditure for OJT**

<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>				
<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>
7.4	7.8	8.2	10.9	12.9

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6773)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. It is also stated that "SWD is following up the matter with the NGO concerned on its outstanding AFR". In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the progress of the above follow-up action; and
2. whether the NGO has by now submitted its AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention for that year to SWD.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 611)

Reply:

Upon SWD's request, the NGO has already submitted the AFR of LSG for 2012-13 to SWD.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0764****(Question Serial No. 6774)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, for NGOs receiving LSG subvention, what is the number of staff with their annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 (with breakdowns of HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000 per year, HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000 per year, HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000 per year, HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000 per year, HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000 per year and above HKD\$1,000,000 per year) during the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

Number of staff	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000				
Annual personal emoluments above HKD\$1,000,000				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 612)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0765****(Question Serial No. 6775)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, for NGOs receiving LSG subvention, what is the salary expenditure on staff with their annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 (with breakdowns of HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000 per year, HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000 per year, HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000 per year, HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000 per year, HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000 per year and above HKD\$1,000,000 per year) during the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

<b>Salary expenditure</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$500,001 to \$600,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$600,001 to \$700,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$700,001 to \$800,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$800,001 to \$900,000				
Annual personal emoluments HKD\$900,001 to \$1,000,000				
Annual personal emoluments above HKD\$1,000,000				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 613)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0766****(Question Serial No. 6776)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in the table of expenditure in Part B on page 1 of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, for NGOs receiving LSG subvention, what were the expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Salaries), expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Provident Fund), expenditure on Personal Emoluments (Allowances), sub-total of expenditures on Personal Emoluments, expenditure on Other Charges, expenditure on Central Items, expenditure on Rent and Rates, expenditure on the Special One-off Grant (SOG) and the total expenditure respectively during the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
Personal Emoluments (Salaries)				
Personal Emoluments (Provident Fund)				
Personal Emoluments (Allowances)				
Sub-total of Personal Emoluments				
Other Charges				
Central Items				
Rent and Rates				
SOG				
<b>Total expenditure</b>				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 614)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0767****(Question Serial No. 6777)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in the item of surplus/deficit for the year in Part C on page 1 of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, what was the amount of overall surplus/deficit for NGOs receiving LSG subvention during the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

Surplus/Deficit	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Amount					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 615)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0768****(Question Serial No. 6778)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in Note 7 of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, what is the breakdown on Other Charges of NGOs receiving LSG subvention in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Utilities				
Food				
Administrative Expenses				
Stores and Equipment				
Repair and Maintenance				
Special Allowances				
Programme Expenses				
Transportation and Travelling				
Insurance				
Miscellaneous				
<b>Total amount</b>				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 616)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0769****(Question Serial No. 6779)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for last year's Budget, during the 5 years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, only 1 non-governmental organisation (NGO) failed to submit its Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2012-13. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

According to the information set out in Note 7a of the AFR of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, what was the expenditure involved in the Special One-off Grant by NGOs receiving LSG subvention in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12 (please complete the following table)?

	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Voluntary Retirement Scheme					
Compensation Scheme					
Staff Training and Development					
Other staff-related Initiative					
<b>Total amount</b>					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 617)Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0770****(Question Serial No. 6780)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list in the following table, the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant subvention, by their cumulative reserve, in 2012-13.

<b>Accumulated Reserve</b>	<b>Number of NGOs</b>
Above HKD100,000,000	
HKD90,000,001-100,000,000	
HKD80,000,001-90,000,000	
HKD70,000,001-80,000,000	
HKD60,000,001-70,000,000	
HKD50,000,001-60,000,000	
HKD40,000,001-50,000,000	
HKD30,000,001-40,000,000	
HKD20,000,001-30,000,000	
HKD10,000,001-20,000,000	
HKD5,000,001-10,000,000	
HKD1,000,001-5,000,000	
HKD500,001-1,000,000	
HKD1-500,000	
HKD 0	
<b>Total</b>	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 618)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**The number of NGOs by their cumulative reserve in 2012-13**

<b>Accumulated Reserve</b>	<b>Number of NGOs</b>
Above HKD100,000,000	5
HKD90,000,001-100,000,000	1
HKD80,000,001-90,000,000	4
HKD70,000,001-80,000,000	4
HKD60,000,001-70,000,000	4
HKD50,000,001-60,000,000	1
HKD40,000,001-50,000,000	3
HKD30,000,001-40,000,000	5
HKD20,000,001-30,000,000	5
HKD10,000,001-20,000,000	12
HKD5,000,001-10,000,000	24
HKD1,000,001-5,000,000	38
HKD500,001-1,000,000	9
HKD1-500,000	26
HKD 0	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0771****(Question Serial No. 6781)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list in the following table, the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention, in 2012-13.

<b>Percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for that NGO for the year</b>	<b>Number of NGOs</b>
Above 50%	
46% to 50%	
41% to 45%	
36% to 40%	
31% to 35%	
26% to 30%	
21% to 25%	
16% to 20%	
11% to 15%	
6% to 10%	
1% to 5%	
0%	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 619)Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.



**Percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention in 2012-13**

<b>Percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention</b>	<b>Number of NGOs</b>
51% or above	24
46% to 50%	8
41% to 45%	9
36% to 40%	10
31% to 35%	12
26% to 30%	14
21% to 25%	12
16% to 20%	15
11% to 15%	17
6% to 10%	11
1% to 5%	9
0%	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0772****(Question Serial No. 6782)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list in the following table, the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, by their cumulative reserve and by percentage of their cumulative reserve to their LSG subvention, in 2012-13.

cumulative reserve / percentage of cumulative reserve to the LSG subvention for that NGO for the year	Above 50%	46% to 50%	41% to 45%	36% to 40%	31% to 35%	26% to 30%	21% to 25%	16% to 20%	11% to 15%	6% to 10%	1% to 5%	0%
Above HKD100,000,000												
HKD90,000,001-100,000,000												
HKD80,000,001-90,000,000												
HKD70,000,001-80,000,000												
HKD60,000,001-70,000,000												
HKD50,000,001-60,000,000												
HKD40,000,001-50,000,000												
HKD30,000,001-40,000,000												
HKD20,000,001-30,000,000												
HKD10,000,001-20,000,000												
HKD5,000,001-10,000,000												
HKD1,000,001-5,000,000												
HKD500,001-1,000,000												
HKD1-500,000												
HKD 0												

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 620)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Number of NGOs by their cumulative reserve and  
by such reserve as a percentage of their LSG subvention received in 2012-13**

<b>cumulative reserve/ such reserve as a percentage of the LSG subvention/ number of NGOs</b>	<b>51% or above</b>	<b>46% to 50%</b>	<b>41% to 45%</b>	<b>36% to 40%</b>	<b>31% to 35%</b>	<b>26% to 30%</b>	<b>21% to 25%</b>	<b>16% to 20%</b>	<b>11% to 15%</b>	<b>6% to 10%</b>	<b>1% to 5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>Total</b>
Above HK\$100,000,000			1	1			2		1				5
HK\$90,000,001- 100,000,000		1											1
HK\$80,000,001- 90,000,000				1	2	1							4
HK\$70,000,001- 80,000,000	1	2		1									4
HK\$60,000,001- 70,000,000		1			1	2							4
HK\$50,000,001- 60,000,000			1										1
HK\$40,000,001- 50,000,000				1			1	1					3
HK\$30,000,001- 40,000,000	2				2			1					5
HK\$20,000,001- 30,000,000	1				1	1		1	1				5
HK\$10,000,001- 20,000,000	4	2		1	1	3			1				12
HK\$5,000,001- 10,000,000	3	2		3	2	2	2	3	4	1	2		24
HK\$1,000,001- 5,000,000	10		2	2	1	4	3	6	5	3	2		38
HK\$500,001- 1,000,000	1		4		2		1	1					9
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6783)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0781 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of integrated family service centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 621)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6784)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0782 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of children and youth centres (CYCs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG subvention system (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 622)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6785)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0783 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of district youth outreaching social work teams run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 623)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6786)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0783 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of youth outreaching teams run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 624)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6787)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0785 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of integrated children and youth services centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 625)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6788)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0786 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of overnight outreaching service units for young night drifters run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 626)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6789)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0787 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of family support networking teams run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 627)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6790)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0788 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (hostels only) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 628)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6791)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0789 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of supported hostels run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 629)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6793)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0829 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of the Community Support Service Scheme run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 631)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6794)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0728 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of residential special child care centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 632)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6795)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0729 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 633)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6796)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0730 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of sheltered workshops (with 100 service places) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 634)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6797)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0731 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of day activity centres (with 50 service places) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 635)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6798)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0792 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of district elderly community centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 636)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6799)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0793 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of neighbourhood elderly centres run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 637)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6800)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0794 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of social centres for the elderly run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 638)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6801)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0795 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of day care centres for the elderly run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 639)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6804)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0732 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 642)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6805)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0733 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. The recognised staffing establishment of halfway houses run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) in 2008; and
2. If the Government still refuses to provide the above figures for the period before 2008, please explain the reasons by making reference to documents other than the Review Report.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 643)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6806)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0781 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the integrated family service centres operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 644)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6807)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0782 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the children and youth centres operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 645)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6808)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0783 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the district youth outreaching social work team operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 646)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6809)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0783 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the youth outreaching teams operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 647)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6810)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0785 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the integrated children and youth services centres operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 648)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6811)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0786 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new Subvention System, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the overnight outreaching service units for young night drifters operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 649)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6812)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0787 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the family support networking teams operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 650)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6814)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Not Specified

Question:

Regarding nursing homes (NHs), please inform this Committee of the basis of calculation for the amount of annual funding for each NH, including subvented and contract homes. Please explain in detail.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 889)

Reply:

The annual funding for each NH, including subvented homes and contract homes providing NH places, is mainly calculated on the basis of the standard notional staffing establishment. The actual amount of subventions and subsidies each residential care home receives may vary, depending on a number of factors, including the recognised expenses of the premises, the number of service places, the fees paid by service users, the difference in the amounts of various supplements, etc.

At present, the amount of subsidies for subvented residential care homes is basically adjusted on the basis of civil service pay scale and the Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI). Funding is allocated to various subvented organisations operating residential care homes under the lump sum grant mode. The amount of subsidies for contract homes is adjusted mainly according to the CCPI during the contract period.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6815)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, 164 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are operating under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the annual provision for each NGO from 2000-01 to 2006-07 (list by NGOs operating under LSG Subvention System); and
- (b) the personal emoluments (PE) and other charges (OC) in the annual provision for each NGO from 2000-01 to 2006-07 (list by NGOs operating under LSG Subvention System).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 890)

Reply:

The information for the recent 5 years has been provided in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0803 (i.e. Question Serial No. 6817) of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements being met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6816)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, 164 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are operating under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG). Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) please set out the amount of annual funding for each of the organisations by the list of NGOs operating under the LSG from 2007-08 to 2010-11;
- (b) please set out the respective amount of personal emoluments (PE) and other charges (OC) in the annual funding for each of the organisations by the list of NGOs operating under the LSG from 2007-08 to 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 891)

Reply:

The information for the recent 5 years has been provided in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0803 (i.e. Question Serial No. 6817) of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16.

Under the LSG Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements being met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6817)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, 164 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are operating under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG). Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) please set out the amount of annual funding for each of the organisations by the list of NGOs operating under the LSG from 2011-12 to 2015-16;
- (b) please set out the respective amount of personal emoluments (PE) and other charges (OC) in the annual funding for each of the organisations by the list of NGOs operating under the LSG from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 892)

Reply:

The lists of subvented NGOs, together with the amount of subventions allocated to them from 2011-12 to 2015-16, are attached at Annex.

Under the LSG subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to service quality being ensured, and the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements being achieved.

**Social Welfare Department**  
**Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2011-12 (Actual)**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	53,550,568
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	998,186
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	10,240,245
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,571,891
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	698,281
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,371,507
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,596,303
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	38,358,163
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,408,022
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,522,636
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	13,740,035
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	32,359,732
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,853,729
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	123,325
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,883,177
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	58,185,370
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,472,378
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	227,400,427
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	4,101,541
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	35,149,771
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	13,887,459
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	699,065,251
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	460,204
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,613,060
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,742,815
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	35,069,895
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,076,596
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	8,211,279
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	50,966,318
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	141,719,775
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	21,530,463
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	13,195,204
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	9,076,323
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	166,055,083
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,444,322
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,087,964
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	20,071,376
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	24,085,138
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	24,197,741
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	9,051,375
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	1,006,356
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	458,578,649
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	1,033,408
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	11,268,086
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	408,750
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	6,379,455

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47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	9,041,445
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	154,579,950
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	6,017,419
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	16,247,014
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	794,500
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,166,005
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	14,853,460
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,983,418
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,685,533
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	170,026,246
57	HELPING HAND	47,727,724
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	109,245,050
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,606,300
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	9,813,513
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	178,125,808
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,799,409
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	10,983,706
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	134,590,427
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	24,268,641
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,078,052
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,460,184
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	240,310,779
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	30,762,349
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,144,554
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,515,853
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,141,529
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	196,957,557
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,239,108
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,519,783
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	192,705,872
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	13,065,791
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	191,785,090
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,254,103
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	28,970,840
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	82,992,958
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	4,112,538
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,331,697
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	202,603,660
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	92,286,481
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	24,699,175
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	26,447,711
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	33,788,786
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,493,391
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	39,444,766
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	18,628,323
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,425,064
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	187,094,730
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	11,027,829
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,071,335
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	214,519,549
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,075,155
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,123,701
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	128,683,619

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		<u>2011-12 (Actual)</u> \$
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	19,390,000
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,498,966
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	116,650,254
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	10,525,535
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	11,485,048
105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,255,187
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,054,152
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	31,820,542
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,702,900
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,346,493
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	145,541,323
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	4,241,980
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	38,085,138
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	25,894,561
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,598,296
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	216,111,095
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,604,575
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,153,432
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	193,056,610
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,157,704
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	6,774,962
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,329,720
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	19,328,813
123	PO LEUNG KUK	378,969,036
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	127,656,259
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	10,010,213
126	PROJECT CARE	7,116,708
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	37,777,534
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	6,110,193
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	292,237,392
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	31,258,739
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	921,946
132	SIK SIK YUEN	107,104,275
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,549,337
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,698,217
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	85,694,667
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	39,888,641
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	239,213,428
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	602,552
139	SAHK	238,554,778
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,728,454
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	39,248,233
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	142,983,239
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	785,824
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	51,856,215
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,572,146
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,091,720
147	METHODIST CENTRE	22,376,400
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,749,787
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,048,343
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	7,142,884
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,045,813

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152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	2,898,004
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,717,057
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	26,269,011
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,179,817
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	7,653,059
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	4,589,541
158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	760,844,834
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	7,125,600
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	3,822,533
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	1,004,009
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	21,430,599
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,522,554
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	254,778,136
165	YAN OI TONG	75,794,439
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	874,861
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	107,757,943
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	10,670,307
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	20,992,789
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	24,821,832
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,781,824
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,263,314,120</b>

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**Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2012-13 (Actual)**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2012-13 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	56,832,691
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,472,781
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	10,812,369
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,661,533
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	738,954
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,447,444
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,646,165
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	40,773,646
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,480,294
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,064,734
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	14,192,060
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	35,797,040
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	14,531,639
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	153,637
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,960,921
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	64,794,003
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,777,266
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	239,599,001
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	4,096,834
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	39,315,267
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	15,370,272
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	749,570,212
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	468,232
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,734,609
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	10,163,243
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	39,850,358
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,129,525
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	8,696,749
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	56,530,680
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	150,879,812
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	24,220,481
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	14,790,871
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	9,652,512
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	181,434,739
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,641,028
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,140,739
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	22,371,956
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	26,512,283
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	26,119,272
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	9,575,728
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	1,040,846
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	495,906,963
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	1,085,586
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	12,229,327
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	426,635
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	6,666,528
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	10,699,037

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		<u>2012-13 (Actual)</u> \$
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	164,621,404
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	6,270,038
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	18,062,246
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	857,068
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,266,676
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	16,096,751
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	3,666,677
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	6,358,301
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	180,338,362
57	HELPING HAND	51,877,602
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	120,467,136
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,825,929
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	11,173,199
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	189,771,972
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,946,697
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	11,853,366
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	143,112,853
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	27,042,433
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,140,467
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,547,513
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	265,933,273
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	31,833,466
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	9,595,894
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	9,312,903
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,178,198
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	216,006,920
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,563,632
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,603,176
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	204,098,785
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	13,774,944
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	208,455,983
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,410,253
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	31,596,276
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	87,008,900
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	4,343,633
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,460,832
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	224,833,567
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	99,903,912
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	26,627,549
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	27,837,517
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	36,001,376
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,572,293
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	42,282,941
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	20,312,904
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,501,511
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	198,609,839
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	11,393,869
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,137,951
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	269,067,536
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,129,020
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,178,681
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	137,854,654
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	23,349,225
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,617,628



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		<u>2012-13 (Actual)</u> \$
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	123,984,947
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	11,867,937
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,522,007
105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	2,084,405
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,249,231
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	35,675,307
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,799,208
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,534,454
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	158,117,713
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	4,131,937
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	40,740,794
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	27,337,176
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	16,569,456
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	238,923,791
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,760,443
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,437,063
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	210,862,035
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,374,131
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,175,417
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,421,734
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	20,307,193
123	PO LEUNG KUK	435,861,081
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	141,167,214
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	10,442,781
126	PROJECT CARE	7,464,181
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	41,833,699
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	6,958,353
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	315,321,742
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	33,374,722
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	974,317
132	SIK SIK YUEN	119,004,094
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,639,854
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,792,419
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	92,863,898
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	42,302,008
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	251,666,101
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	648,700
139	SAHK	258,278,594
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,817,178
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	42,425,943
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	151,837,709
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	855,938
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	57,321,084
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,702,654
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	16,292,104
147	METHODIST CENTRE	23,852,645
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,840,030
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,097,140
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	7,726,735
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,336,611
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	3,058,858
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,861,062

		<b>Subvention Allocation</b>
		<b><u>2012-13 (Actual)</u></b>
<b><u>S/N</u></b>	<b><u>Name of NGO</u></b>	<b>\$</b>
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	29,299,060
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,341,743
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	8,600,620
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	5,226,200
158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	847,086,223
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	7,647,918
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	4,045,107
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	1,057,779
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	23,708,529
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,641,442
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	278,056,115
165	YAN OI TONG	81,545,486
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	931,230.00
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	114,404,373
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	10,870,435
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	22,069,110
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	27,381,402
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,167,881
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,097,318,712</b>

**Social Welfare Department**  
**Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2013-14 (Actual)**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2013-14 (Actual)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	58,113,319
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	1,269,107
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	11,152,422
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,713,214
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	952,267
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	1,527,566
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,727,978
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	42,608,470
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,542,838
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,476,486
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	14,487,028
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	38,550,901
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HONG KONG) LIMITED	15,260,228
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	142,346.00
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	2,041,302
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	68,481,599
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,908,042
18	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	245,677,206
19	BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG (THE)	3,828,861
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	42,022,130
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	17,845,913
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	787,694,823
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	474,725
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTERGATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,823,523
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	10,517,150
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	41,367,642
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	1,172,653
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	9,109,539
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	62,547,354
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	154,873,859
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	27,354,282
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HONG KONG) LIMITED	14,919,248
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	10,094,515
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	191,894,500
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,738,674
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,196,831
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	23,775,503
38	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	29,766,855
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	28,104,394
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	9,694,060.00
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	1,084,350
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	524,054,758
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	1,127,508
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	12,763,446
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	437,699
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	7,224,971
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	10,559,500

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		<u>2013-14 (Actual)</u> \$
48	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	174,630,245
49	FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION (THE)	6,617,113
50	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	19,253,765
51	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	925,095
52	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,328,625
53	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	17,412,144
54	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	3,523,864
55	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	6,338,971
56	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	187,012,160
57	HELPING HAND	59,881,407
58	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	133,309,718
59	HONG KONG & KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	3,951,316
60	HONG KONG & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	12,369,250
61	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	202,476,800
62	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	3,085,115
63	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	12,051,047
64	HONG KONG CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	148,563,300
65	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	32,543,804
66	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,197,876.00
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,624,950
68	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	273,927,732
69	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	32,031,440
70	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,249,157
71	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	9,019,784
72	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	1,244,413
73	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	230,984,006
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,568,307
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,668,871
76	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	209,750,526
77	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE (THE)	14,523,111
78	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	218,317,763
79	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,436,607
80	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	33,463,611
81	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	89,831,259
82	HONG KONG RED CROSS	4,650,673
83	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	2,772,466
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	247,876,333
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	105,006,401
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	29,323,699
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	29,343,585
88	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	38,000,728
89	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,637,008
90	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	44,500,351
91	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	25,247,162
92	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	1,562,157
93	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	211,301,393
94	HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	11,707,836
95	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,206,276
96	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	284,924,537
97	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,158,340
98	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,223,367
99	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	144,708,928
100	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	26,254,362
101	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,712,167

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		<u>2013-14 (Actual)</u> \$
102	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	131,264,128
103	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	13,122,055
104	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,638,437
105	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	1,786,155
106	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	1,230,122
107	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON (THE)	39,131,757
108	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	2,853,346
109	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	3,607,967
110	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	167,502,990
111	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	4,267,629
112	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	41,644,614
113	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	28,361,508
114	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,591,507
115	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	286,319,557
116	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,926,687.00
117	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	2,341,832
118	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	226,409,003
119	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	5,712,060
120	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,482,948
121	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,422,757
122	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	21,394,450
123	PO LEUNG KUK	467,541,568
124	POK OI HOSPITAL	152,973,105
125	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	10,969,033
126	PROJECT CARE	7,858,876
127	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	44,978,508
128	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	7,167,923
129	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	335,073,213
130	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	31,571,642
131	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	1,012,826
132	SIK SIK YUEN	129,844,031
133	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,631,844
134	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	1,847,832
135	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	97,480,595
136	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	44,722,704
137	FU HONG SOCIETY	265,733,483
138	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	676,999
139	SAHK	291,125,550
140	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,887,064
141	S K H ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	44,518,259
142	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	158,576,881
143	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	864,227
144	STEWARDS LIMITED	60,954,900
145	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,660,740
146	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	16,653,978
147	METHODIST CENTRE	24,750,981
148	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	1,921,203
149	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,146,919
150	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	8,055,858
151	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,124,167
152	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	3,183,782
153	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	1,878,669

		<b>Subvention Allocation</b>
		<b><u>2013-14 (Actual)</u></b>
<b><u>S/N</u></b>	<b><u>Name of NGO</u></b>	<b>\$</b>
154	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED (THE)	30,528,243
155	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,407,457
156	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	9,450,013
157	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	6,871,276
158	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	929,546,006
159	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	7,947,991
160	WATCHDOG LIMITED	4,070,606
161	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	1,101,625
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	25,348,795
163	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	3,787,774
164	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	302,685,223
165	YAN OI TONG	84,507,016
166	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	963,373.00
167	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	122,067,250
168	YOUTH OUTREACH	11,077,228
169	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	22,632,012
170	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	31,103,017
171	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,440,440
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,771,866,720</b>

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**Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate)**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</u> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	61,777,925
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	2,406,736
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	12,806,074
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,169,919
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	1,308,530
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	2,066,578
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	3,062,682
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	58,032,940
9	ALICE LAN AND VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,974,223
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,037,448
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	14,216,910
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	45,057,589
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HK) LIMITED	17,544,556
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	171,371
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	3,425,416
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	72,099,654
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	6,358,493
18	BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	238,695,482
19	BOYS' BRIGADE, HONG KONG (THE)	3,504,355
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	45,908,265
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	20,052,637
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	835,461,631
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	669,522
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTEGRATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,799,504
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	11,922,185
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	47,768,981
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	2,463,064
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	7,291,767
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	67,403,326
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	155,791,248
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	30,615,049
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION HONG KONG LIMITED	16,174,469
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	10,698,349
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	237,784,668
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	4,374,946
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	2,485,215
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	27,135,616
38	CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	32,832,585
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	31,252,346
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	10,471,757
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	2,367,298
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED	578,360,638
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	2,409,445
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED	14,073,075
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	624,539
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	10,202,424

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<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	\$
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	11,466,550
48	ELCHK, SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	186,893,913
49	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	21,704,162
50	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,106,082
51	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	4,536,654
52	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	19,943,547
53	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,881,066
54	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	7,094,127
55	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	210,065,099
56	HELPING HAND	64,620,745
57	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	159,623,745
58	HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	5,384,770
59	HONG KONG AND MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	13,978,772
60	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	226,916,743
61	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	3,620,550
62	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	13,222,941
63	HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES	153,543,025
64	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	35,867,890
65	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,268,925
66	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	4,861,384
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	291,758,571
68	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	34,739,548
69	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	12,147,186
70	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	9,853,847
71	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	2,535,093
72	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	240,240,911
73	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,954,339
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	2,129,281
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	201,303,179
76	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE	16,729,336
77	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	229,707,872
78	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	4,661,537
79	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	36,011,078
80	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	87,105,994
81	HONG KONG RED CROSS	5,515,508
82	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	3,497,440
83	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	274,027,348
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	117,444,878
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	34,033,676
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	32,132,628
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	41,395,895
88	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	2,108,169
89	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	49,924,270
90	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	27,511,482
91	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	2,093,890
92	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	212,658,707
93	HONG KONG-MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	12,411,811
94	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	2,475,685
95	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	86,010,387
96	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	2,445,646
97	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,523,251
98	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	173,619,012



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<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	\$
99	KIANGSU CHEKIANG AND SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	29,628,295
100	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	3,399,141
101	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	148,210,124
102	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	14,864,337
103	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	12,606,236
104	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	2,493,289
105	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	2,438,592
106	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON (THE)	45,130,405
107	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	5,080,609
108	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	4,163,589
109	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	189,169,888
110	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	5,965,852
111	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	41,543,355
112	MONGKOK KAI-FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	29,808,522
113	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,030,258
114	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	366,549,648
115	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,043,287
116	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	4,669,601
117	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	252,965,845
118	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN AND JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	7,109,161
119	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,589,352
120	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,911,756
121	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	24,577,062
122	PO LEUNG KUK	579,279,895
123	POK OI HOSPITAL	177,109,337
124	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	12,956,899
125	PROJECT CARE	9,172,087
126	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	50,036,014
127	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED	6,742,959
128	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	361,341,360
129	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	32,325,078
130	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	2,097,984
131	SIK SIK YUEN	143,082,223
132	SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	2,080,160
133	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	2,323,053
134	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION, HONG KONG (THE)	106,790,207
135	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	50,720,651
136	FU HONG SOCIETY	299,350,655
137	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	884,964
138	SAHK	360,496,310
139	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	2,366,357
140	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	49,134,450
141	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	169,301,324
142	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	1,062,366
143	STEWARDS LIMITED	65,484,455
144	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,761,592
145	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,000,021
146	METHODIST CENTRE	25,530,306
147	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	3,242,830
148	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,428,415
149	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	8,672,940

		Subvention Allocation 2014-15 (Revised Estimate)
<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	\$
150	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,453,792
151	SUEN MEI SPEECH AND HEARING CENTRE	3,753,825
152	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	2,368,930
153	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	31,398,876
154	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,903,893
155	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	10,513,657
156	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	7,580,788
157	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	1,058,059,855
158	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	8,919,534
159	WATCHDOG LIMITED	4,813,363
160	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	2,389,032
161	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	30,300,044
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG	6,098,119
163	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	347,459,132
164	YAN OI TONG	86,999,556
165	YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	1,026,210
166	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	176,383,331
167	YOUTH OUTREACH	11,083,535
168	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	23,560,774
169	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	34,777,360
170	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,327,783
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,789,314,060</b>

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**Provisional Subvention Allocations to Subvented NGOs in 2015-16**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<b>Provisional Subvention Allocation 2015-16</b> \$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE	63,633,215
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LIMITED	3,275,014
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	13,353,447
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,179,686
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	1,332,716
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LIMITED	2,069,714
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	3,930,777
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	58,527,701
9	ALICE LAN AND VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LIMITED	1,960,323
10	ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION (THE)	10,104,973
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	15,129,547
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	45,775,714
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HK) LIMITED	19,755,972
14	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HONG KONG (THE)	171,976
15	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	4,330,507
16	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	73,948,993
17	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	6,407,919
18	BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	241,280,270
19	BOYS' BRIGADE, HONG KONG (THE)	3,541,806
20	HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (THE)	45,923,572
21	HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LIMITED (THE)	19,816,772
22	CARITAS - HONG KONG	846,259,311
23	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	664,858
24	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE INTEGRATED YOUTH CENTRE	2,809,803
25	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG (THE)	13,705,120
26	CHI LIN NUNNERY	49,113,134
27	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INCORPORATION	3,331,087
28	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LIMITED	7,350,671
29	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HONG KONG SYNOD (THE)	68,794,524
30	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	158,866,632
31	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED	31,911,756
32	CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION HONG KONG LIMITED	17,025,625
33	CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LIMITED (THE)	10,789,413
34	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	233,891,176
35	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	4,386,080
36	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	3,346,305
37	CHUK LAM MING TONG LIMITED	27,930,995
38	CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LIMITED	34,216,261
39	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	32,321,972
40	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA (THE)	10,510,444
41	HOP YAT CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	3,236,760
42	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED	592,138,769
43	ENDEAVOURERS HONG KONG (THE)	3,277,992
44	EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED	14,228,078
45	EMMANUEL CHURCH	619,289
46	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF CHINA - EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	10,547,892

		Provisional Subvention Allocation 2015-16 \$
<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	
47	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HONG KONG (THE)	12,099,310
48	ELCHK, SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	188,980,607
49	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	22,229,490
50	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,074,532
51	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	6,289,346
52	MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT HONG KONG (THE)	20,082,362
53	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB	2,894,231
54	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	7,063,935
55	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	214,444,266
56	HELPING HAND	64,959,378
57	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	161,025,364
58	HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	6,262,332
59	HONG KONG AND MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	15,560,727
60	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	231,588,429
61	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	3,645,449
62	HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (THE)	13,193,969
63	HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES	153,964,324
64	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	35,995,527
65	HONG KONG CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,298,964
66	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	6,612,276
67	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	295,213,081
68	HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	35,004,278
69	HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	12,384,265
70	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	10,755,219
71	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LIMITED	3,417,608
72	HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	241,759,501
73	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	3,985,991
74	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	2,138,890
75	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS (THE)	201,353,197
76	HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE	16,864,406
77	HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	234,202,070
78	HONG KONG MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED	6,436,933
79	HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	36,591,995
80	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	87,524,243
81	HONG KONG RED CROSS	5,543,550
82	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER	3,541,971
83	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (THE)	280,275,676
84	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	119,934,190
85	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	35,665,247
86	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (THE)	32,293,393
87	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	40,003,898
88	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	2,085,904
89	HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY	50,348,094
90	HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE)	27,873,802
91	NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	2,141,927
92	HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	216,056,136
93	HONG KONG-MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	12,855,533
94	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	3,344,150
95	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH	86,879,938
96	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	3,315,191
97	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	3,397,576
98	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	176,995,520

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<b><u>S/N</u></b>	<b><u>Name of NGO</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
99	KIANGSU CHEKIANG AND SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (HONG KONG) ASSOCIATION	30,339,931
100	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	3,621,719
101	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	151,417,485
102	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (THE)	14,800,877
103	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	13,561,014
104	LAM TIN ESTATE KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	3,380,551
105	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	3,310,206
106	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON (THE)	47,413,142
107	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HONG KONG DISTRICT LIMITED	6,838,340
108	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LIMITED	4,142,987
109	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	193,475,177
110	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	6,720,417
111	METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE	41,990,425
112	MONGKOK KAI-FONG ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	30,602,989
113	MOTHER'S CHOICE	14,312,927
114	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	364,864,779
115	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LIMITED	2,116,954
116	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED	6,368,192
117	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	261,460,292
118	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN AND JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE)	7,990,116
119	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED (THE)	7,655,774
120	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,932,720
121	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	25,748,276
122	PO LEUNG KUK	616,998,537
123	POK OI HOSPITAL	177,377,198
124	SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE)	13,038,500
125	PROJECT CARE	9,262,495
126	RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	51,204,486
127	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED	6,773,383
128	SALVATION ARMY (THE)	367,258,785
129	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	32,398,940
130	SHAMSHUIPO KAI FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	2,970,035
131	SIK SIK YUEN	146,644,611
132	SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	2,052,626
133	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	2,333,767
134	SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION, HONG KONG (THE)	107,409,581
135	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	51,074,167
136	FU HONG SOCIETY	303,787,030
137	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	886,494
138	SAHK	344,831,209
139	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	2,385,880
140	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LIMITED	49,550,810
141	ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	173,345,732
142	SHENG KUNG HUI ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	1,038,924
143	STEWARDS LIMITED	67,300,524
144	TAI HANG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION	2,773,310
145	CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HONG KONG LIMITED (THE)	15,127,762
146	METHODIST CENTRE	26,023,981
147	MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED (THE)	4,119,033
148	TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	3,303,834
149	SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG (THE)	8,692,560

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<b>Provisional Subvention Allocation 2015-16</b> \$
150	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (THE)	4,517,914
151	SUEN MEI SPEECH AND HEARING CENTRE	3,765,169
152	HONG KONG AND MACAU REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS LIMITED	2,371,749
153	TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE (THE)	33,402,206
154	YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2,890,040
155	TUNG LUM NIEN FAH TONG LIMITED	10,583,984
156	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	7,912,858
157	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	1,071,290,539
158	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	9,010,344
159	WATCHDOG LIMITED	4,825,540
160	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH	3,262,954
161	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB (EASTERN DISTRICT) HONG KONG (THE)	32,664,744
162	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG	7,867,783
163	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	350,596,706
164	YAN OI TONG	88,441,811
165	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	180,375,217
166	YOUTH OUTREACH	11,573,616
167	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LIMITED	25,413,821
168	YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE (THE)	34,739,007
169	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	7,335,769
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,004,044,007</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6818)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0788 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG subvention system. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) (hostels only) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 651)

Reply:

Under the LSG subvention system introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6819)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0789 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG subvention system. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the supported hostels (SHOSs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 652)

Reply:

Under the LSG subvention system introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6822)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0728 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG subvention system. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the residential special child care centres (RSCCCs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 655)

Reply:

Under the LSG subvention system introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6823)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0729 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGHs(MMHC)) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 656)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6824)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0730 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the sheltered workshops (SWs) (with 100 service places) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 657)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6825)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0731 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the day activity centres (DACs) (with 50 service places) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 658)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6826)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0792 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the district elderly community centres (DECCs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 659)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6827)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0793 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 660)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6828)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0794 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the social centres for the elderly (SEs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 661)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6829)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0795 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG Subvention System. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the day care centres for the elderly (DEs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 662)

Reply:

Under the LSG Subvention System introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, subject to the services being provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6832)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0732 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG subvention system. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 665)

Reply:

Under the LSG subvention system introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6833)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0733 provided in last year's Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, "the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only. As set out in the Review Report on Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System in 2008, the LSG Independent Review Committee agreed that it would not be helpful for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes." As pointed out in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System (the Review Report) (paragraph 1.5) that under the new subvention system, "SWD no longer imposes rigid input controls on non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing and salary structures or individual items of expenditure. Recurrent funding is granted to NGOs in a lump sum." Therefore, SWD states that as the notional staffing is for budgetary purpose only and does not mean reverting to stipulating staffing establishment, there will not be any impact on NGOs' manpower plan or the flexibility of the LSG subvention system. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee: what is the notional staffing, being for SWD's budgetary purpose only, of the halfway houses (HWHs) operated by NGOs this year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 666)

Reply:

Under the LSG subvention system introduced by SWD in 2001, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing, subject to the service quality being ensured and the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) being met. The notional staffing as estimated by SWD for new services is one of the factors based on which the resources required are calculated. NGOs operating the service may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the service is provided as stipulated in the FSA. This principle has been clearly stated in the LSG Manual. The LSG Independent Review Committee, in its Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, also agreed that it would not be helpful for SWD to stipulate a notional staffing establishment for input control purposes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6834)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2015-16 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “enhanced the service provision and social work support of Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the details of support services that SWD plans to provide for enhancing the service provision and the respective additional expenditure, as well as the details of social work support that SWD plans to enhance and the respective additional expenditure.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 667)

Reply:

In 2014-15, SWD has provided additional funding of \$4.8 million to NSCCP to enhance the service, increase the number of places to not less than 954, strengthen social work support and training for child carers, and extend the age limit of children receiving the service from under 6 to under 9. Operators also have the flexibility to increase the places to meet the demand in the respective districts, for which additional funding will be provided, so as to arrange suitable staffing according to their operational needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6835)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Estimates that the "Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional places in residential homes for children". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the geographical distribution of the additional places. How many of these additional places will be provided in the existing service units and how many in the new service units respectively? What additional expenditure will the additional places incur?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 668)

Reply:

SWD plans to provide 9 additional places through in-situ expansion of a girls' home on Hong Kong Island in the fourth quarter of 2015-16, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$1 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6836)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Estimates that the "Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional places for extended hours service (EHS) in aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs)". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the number of service units of aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs that participate in the above initiative, the number of additional places for EHS and the meaning of additional extended hours provided. Please also advise whether SWD will provide additional resources to the relevant service units. If yes, what are the details and how are the additional resources calculated? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 669)

Reply:

SWD will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. SWD will consult the relevant operators of these services to work out the implementation details.

Regarding the provision of additional places of EHS, apart from receiving resources for the additional places, service operators will also get additional funding to enhance administrative support to alleviate the workload of child care workers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6837)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Estimates that the "Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional supervisory and administrative support for aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and aided kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) operating occasional child care service (OCCS) and/or extended hours service (EHS)". In this connection, please inform this Committee whether all of the aided standalone CCCs and aided KG-cum-CCCs operating OCCS and/or EHS will receive additional supervisory and administrative support. Please also provide the details and the support services of the above additional supervisory and administrative support. How much additional manpower will be involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 670)

Reply:

SWD will provide additional resources for all aided standalone CCCs and units providing OCCS and EHS from 2015-16 onwards, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support. The purpose of this initiative is to assist staff in service units to handle both service and administrative work effectively. Each unit may adopt different measures which suit its operation to alleviate the workload of child care workers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6838)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “provide additional manpower for integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and integrated services centres (ISCs) to enhance community support services for families”. Please inform this Committee whether all IFSCs and ISCs run by the Government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are covered by the initiative. Please also provide the number of additional staff for the IFSCs and ISCs run by the Government and NGOs respectively, the average amount of additional funding to each of the IFSCs and ISCs run by the Government and NGOs respectively, and the specific duties of the additional staff.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 671)

Reply:

The Government will earmark \$8.2 million full-year additional provision to increase the number of professional social workers at IFSCs and ISCs, so as to enhance early identification, intervention and supports for families and children facing the risk of domestic violence and those in need of other welfare services. Each centre will get an additional provision of about \$120,000 in average. 41 IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department will be provided 10 additional frontline social worker posts. 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs operated by NGOs will also get additional resources to arrange for the manpower at each centre according to the needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve. According to the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing for service provision, on the premises that the service quality is ensured and service demands are met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6839)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 36 posts for family and child services in 2015-16. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the ranks, programme areas and duty scope of these 36 posts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 672)

Reply:

Under the Programme of Family and Child Welfare, there will be a net increase of 36 posts in Social Work Officer grade and supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to strengthen the community support services provided for children and families.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6840)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that there will be a net decrease of 14 posts for social security in 2015-16. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the posts/ranks, departmental units and duties of these 14 posts? Will such a reduction in manpower affect frontline services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 673)

Reply:

The net decrease of 14 posts will involve time-limited posts comprising Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades. The posts to be deleted mainly involve those who plan and prepare for the implementation of Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, handle the work relating to the addition of Residential Care Supplement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, and conduct the 2014-15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households. The staff reduction will not affect frontline services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6841)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that there will be a net increase of 4 posts in 2015-16 regarding services for the elderly. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the rank, section and duty description of the above 4 posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 674)

Reply:

Regarding services for the elderly, there will be a net increase of 4 posts in the Social Work Officer and Registered Nurse grades in the Social Welfare Department in 2015-16. The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance licensing services as well as monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6842)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that there will be a net increase of 3 posts for rehabilitation and medical social services in 2015-16. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the ranks, departmental units and duties of the 3 posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 675)

Reply:

The net increase of 3 posts for rehabilitation and medical social services in 2015-16 involves Social Work Officer, Registered Nurse and Architect grade posts. The new posts will be deployed mainly to enhance the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for persons with disabilities and assist in the implementation of works projects of welfare facilities under planning or in progress.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6843)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2015-16 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will monitor the implementation of the enhanced after school care programme. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the details of the initiative and the manpower and expenditure involved for its implementation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 676)

Reply:

SWD has introduced the Enhanced After School Care Programme (ASCP) since December 2014. A total of 34 after-school care centres are operating the service on a self-financing and fee-charging basis with extended hours service on weekday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays. SWD does not collect information on the manpower of NGOs operating ASCP. An annual funding of about \$17 million is earmarked for implementing ASCP. SWD will regularly review the service needs and enhance ASCP as and when necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6844)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2015-16 Estimates that “subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2015-16, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$2,419,831,000”. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the number of non-directorate posts that the controlling officer of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) created and deleted in each of the past 5 years under the delegated power of the above policy, as well as the ranks, annual salary value, duties and the reasons for the creation or deletion of the posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 677)

Reply:

From 2009-10 to 2013-14, the new posts created by SWD were mainly in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and paramedical grades, as well as supporting general grades. The new posts were mainly deployed to assist in the implementation of new policy initiatives and improvement of existing services, such as implementing the Old Age Living Allowance and the Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, introducing Residential Care Supplement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, implementing the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, planning and implementing welfare assistance programmes under the Community Care Fund, setting up a new Integrated Family Service Centre and splitting large Social Security Field Units, enhancing medical social services including setting up a Medical Social Services Unit in the new North Lantau Hospital, implementing enhanced probation service for young drug offenders, as well as strengthening the support to frontline staff, etc.

The deleted posts were mainly in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Welfare Worker, Workshop Instructor, Cook, Hostel Manager/Manageress, Motor Driver, Property Attendant and Ward Attendant grades, as well as supporting general grades. The deletion

of the posts was mainly due to the hiving-off of 2 SWD rehabilitation hostels to non-governmental organisations for operation and the completion of time-limited tasks.

Net increase in the number of posts and the annual salary value involved were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Net increase in the number of posts	79	65	73	114	144
Annual salary value involved in the net increase of posts (\$ million) <sup>[Note]</sup>	33.9	20.4	32.2	36.3	40.3

<sup>[Note]</sup> Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved in the respective year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6845)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2015-16 Estimates that “subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2015-16, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$2,419,831,000”. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the criteria and calculation methodology based on which the above total annual salary value is determined?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 678)

Reply:

The said total annual salary value is the establishment ceiling of the Social Welfare Department for 2015-16 (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value), which is equivalent to the sum of the notional annual mid-point salary value of all non-directorate posts after the rise from an estimated 5 799 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 to 5 828 posts as at 31 March 2016.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0828****(Question Serial No. 6871)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Over the past 5 years, what is the total amount of funds raised from flag days each year? What are the administrative expenses for holding flag days and their proportion to the total amount of funds raised from flag days each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 697)Reply:

The breakdown of total gross proceeds for flag days held in the past 5 years was as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total gross proceeds (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	112
2011-12	115
2012-13	117
2013-14	113
2014-15	84 <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> According to the figures available as at 12 March 2015.

The Social Welfare Department does not have readily available statistics on the administrative expenses for flag days in the past 5 years. Nevertheless, based on the information extracted from 117 flag sale organisations in 2013-14, the total administrative expenses for flag days amounted to \$7.2 million, representing 6.3% of the gross proceeds of flag days in that year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0829****(Question Serial No. 6901)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) What is the actual number of cases of the Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since 2009? What is the estimated number of cases of AVP? Please list in table form as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD						
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD						
Number of participants of Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) organised by FCPSUs of SWD						
Estimated number of participants of AVP						
Actual number of participants of AVP						
Number of participants of Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV)						

Note: FCPSUs refers to Family and Child Protective Services Units.

- (2) How will SWD increase the utilisation of AVP?
- (3) Will SWD consider proposing amendments to the law to require mandatory participation by spouse/partner batterers in therapeutic services on problems of domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 828)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Under the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (DCRVO) (Cap. 189), the Court may, in granting an injunction, require the batterers to participate in any programmes approved and as arranged by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) which is aimed at changing the attitude and behaviour of the batterers. For this purpose, SWD developed AVP which is psycho-educational in nature in 2008.

The number of participants for AVP hinges on the number of referrals from the Court. The statistics sought from 2009 to 2014 is set out in table form at the Annex.

- (2) Social workers working with domestic violence cases will provide the victims with information on AVP and encourage them to consider applying for AVP along with injunction as appropriate. In addition, SWD has all along maintained liaison with the Family Court, Hong Kong Law Society and Legal Aid Department, etc. to promote AVP.
- (3) There is a provision under DCRVO that the Court may, in granting an injunction, require the batterer to participate in any programme approved by DSW, i.e. AVP. The Government has no plan to propose legislative amendment.

**Information on Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), Anti-Violence Programme (AVP) and Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV)**

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Number of spouse battering cases handled by the FCPSUs of SWD	6 410	5 920	5 414	5 131	5 157	4 551
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD	SWD does not have such information					
Number of participants of BIP organised by FCPSUs of SWD	96	81	74	71	57	61
Estimated number of participants of AVP	Since participants of AVP are referred by the Court, SWD cannot estimate the number of participants.					
Actual number of participants of AVP	2	-	-	-	1	-
Number of participants of EPSDV <sup>[Note]</sup>	-	-	-	-	52	118

<sup>[Note]</sup> EPSDV was launched in October 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0830****(Question Serial No. 6902)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), how will the Government enhance the service? Please provide the following information –

Details	Amount
Subvention in 2012-13	
Subvention in 2013-14	
Subvention in 2014-15	
Subvention in 2015-16	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 829)Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per year. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic or sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres or Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for training sessions and for services related to the judicial process.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0831****(Question Serial No. 6903)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the figures for Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and Conditional Tenancy (CT) since 2008? Please provide the following information –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of CR applications (excluding CT)							
Number of approved CR cases (excluding CT)							
Number of rejected CR cases (excluding CT)							
Average time required for processing CR cases (excluding CT)							
Number of CT applications							
Number of approved CT cases							
Number of rejected CT cases							
Average time required for processing CT cases							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 830)Reply:

The relevant information of the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

### Numbers of CR and CT applications processed

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of CR applications (excluding CT)	2 367	2 266	2 243	1 898	1 632
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	2 184	2 043	2 062	1 705	1 392
Number of rejected CR applications (excluding CT) <sup>[Note]</sup>	39	59	57	35	29
Average processing time for CR applications (excluding CT) (no. of days)	36	44	39	42	40
Number of CT applications	496	444	378	339	273
Number of CT cases recommended to HD	472	400	329	307	240
Number of rejected [CT applications <sup>Note</sup> ]	3	4	4	1	3
Average processing time for CT applications (no. of days)	32	38	34	35	33

<sup>[Note]</sup> Apart from rejected applications, some CR and CT applications were withdrawn by the applicants because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. applicants being allocated public housing units through the general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0832****(Question Serial No. 6904)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) From which sources have the Social Welfare Department (SWD) been receiving referrals of domestic violence cases since 2008? Please provide the following information –

Source	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Police							
Hospitals							
Schools							
Non-governmental organisations							
Others							

- (2) Have SWD, the police, the Hospital Authority, schools, etc. varied the definitions of “domestic violence cases”, or changed how such cases should be defined in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 831)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A breakdown by reporting agency of the newly reported domestic violence cases in the recent 5 years, including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases captured by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and Child Protection Registry maintained by SWD, is set out in the Annex.
- (2) SWD has drawn up 2 sets of procedural guidelines, namely the “Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases” and the “Procedural Guidelines for Handling Intimate Partner Violence Cases”, in which the definitions of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering are included for reference by front-line professionals from different sectors. According to the said guidelines, child abuse is defined as any act of commission or omission that endangers or impairs the physical/psychological health and development of an individual under the age of 18 while spouse/cohabitant battering refers to

battering that occurs in a relationship between a couple who live or have lived together intimately. For the period between 2010-11 and 2014-15, SWD had not varied the definitions or ways of defining spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases.



<b>Reporting agency</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Police	1 404	1 190	791	1 341	1 718
Hospital Authority	596	814	727	726	260
School	181	156	192	203	175
Social Welfare Service Unit	1 586	1 528	1 570	2 144	2 287
Others	397	363	348	385	333
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 164</b>	<b>4 051</b>	<b>3 628</b>	<b>4 799</b>	<b>4 773</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> For spouse/cohabitant battering cases, if more than 1 agency reports the same case, the first agency which provides the data will be recorded as the reporting agency.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0833****(Question Serial No. 6905)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) How many cases have required "Social Investigation Reports" on child custody and access upon the Social Welfare Department (SWD) receiving referrals from the Family Court and High Court since 2008? Please provide the following information –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of cases							

- (2) How many cases, with breakdown by sources, for which child visitation service was provided by SWD since 2008?

Source	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Referral as ordered by the court							
Self-referred							

- (3) How many cases were provided with child visitation service under the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in the past 3 years? What was the work like?

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of cases				
Average time of service per case (in months)				

- (4) Does SWD have plan to enhance the child visitation service?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 832)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases completed by social workers of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the recent 5 years is set out below –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (up to end-Dec 2014)
Number of social enquiry reports completed	781	1 030	976	940	709

- (2) Social workers of FCPSUs render counselling to parents and children regarding child access issues for all child custody supervision cases and provide assistance with child access as appropriate. All these cases are referred by the Court. The number of child custody supervision cases handled by FCPSUs in the recent 5 years is set out below -

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-Dec2014)</b>
Number of child custody supervision cases served	734	386	324	260	212

- (3) VSP has started providing child visitation service for victims of domestic violence since August 2012. The number of cases having received child visitation service under VSP from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (up to end-December 2014) is shown below -

	<b>2012-13 (August 2012 to March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-Dec 2014)</b>
Number of cases having received child visitation service under VSP	7	24	20

The follow-up time for individual child visitation cases under VSP depends on the complexity of the cases.

- (4) At present, when divorced parents cannot agree on the custody/access arrangement for their children, or when the Court has concern about the custody/access of their children, the Court may call for a social enquiry report from FCPSUs. Social workers of FCPSUs render counselling and other assistance as appropriate to the cases under statutory supervision with a view to facilitating smooth access arrangement. SWD will evaluate the existing child visitation services according to the changing needs of society. Besides, VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0834****(Question Serial No. 6906)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please advise how the following accommodation services were utilised.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>The 5 Refuge Centres for Women</b>						
Daily capacity						
Daily number of persons served						
Annual number of cases admitted						
Annual number of persons admitted						
Number of male service users						
Number of female service users						
Number of service users aged above 60						
Number of service users aged below 18						
Utilisation rate in the year						

<b>Family Crisis Support Centre</b>						
Daily capacity						
Daily number of persons served						
Annual number of cases admitted						
Annual number of persons admitted						
Number of male service users						
Number of female service users						
Number of service users aged above 60						
Number of service users aged below 18						
Utilisation rate in the year						

<b>Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre</b>						
Daily capacity						
Daily number of persons served						
Annual number of cases admitted						
Annual number of persons admitted						
Number of male service users						
Number of female service users						
Number of service users aged above 60						
Number of service users aged below 18						
Utilisation rate in the year						

2. Is there any plan to increase the provision of the accommodation services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 833)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The utilisation of various accommodation services is set out in the following tables -

The 5 Refuge Centres for Women	Year				
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15 (As at end-December 2014)
Daily capacity	260	260	260	260	260
Annual number of cases admitted	The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.				
Annual number of persons admitted [Note 1]	1 309	1 424	1 418	1 450	1 251
Utilisation rate in the year	86.8%	79.1%	85.6%	103.0%	99.3%

Family Crisis Support Centre	Year				
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15 (As at end-December 2014)
Daily capacity	40	40	40	40	40
Annual number of cases admitted	SWD does not have the relevant statistics.				
Annual number of persons admitted					
Utilisation rate in the year	131.1%	124.6%	108.2%	130.4%	128.0%

Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre	Year				
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15 (As at end-December 2014)
Daily capacity	80	80	80	80	80
Annual number of cases admitted	SWD does not have the relevant statistics.				
Annual number of persons admitted [Note 1]	SWD does not have the relevant statistics.	451	527	509	407
Utilisation rate in the year	92.6%	90.0%	83.3%	95.7%	91.1%

[Note 1] As a service user of the refuge centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre may have multiple admissions in a year, the number of persons admitted is on person-time basis in each financial year.

At present, SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of persons served daily in various centres, as well as the gender and age of service users.

2. SWD is aware of the increasing utilisation rate of the above accommodation services in recent years. Taking into account the fluctuating service demand, the refuge centres, Family Crisis Support Centre and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre have exercised flexibility in admission and set up a mutual referral mechanism with a view to meeting the service demand. SWD will keep in view the utilisation of the above accommodation services to evaluate the need to increase the provision of places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6907)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many additional places of residential homes for children (RHCs) will be provided in 2015-16 and what will be the types of services provided? How have they been determined?
2. What will be the expenditure and the items involved?
3. In what ways will the above additional service places be provided? What will be the distribution of service locations?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 834)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. Adopting service needs as criteria, the Social Welfare Department will provide an additional 9 places in a girls' home in 2015-16. The target service users are girls with behavioural or emotional problems whose families are unable to take proper care of them.
2. The above arrangement involves a full-year expenditure of about \$1 million.
3. The additional places will be provided through in-situ expansion of a girls' home on Hong Kong Island.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6908)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Budget Speech (paragraph 161) that the Government will strengthen various support services for persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons, including residential care services and community support services, which will involve an additional annual expenditure of \$160 million. What initiatives will the additional expenditure of \$160 million cover? What are the details of the services, the number of service users, the expenditure and the staffing establishment involved, as well as the time of commencement, of each initiative?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 835)

Reply:

The Government proposes to allocate an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about \$160 million in 2015-16 to strengthen various rehabilitation services in order to promote the development of the capabilities of persons with disabilities and facilitate their full integration into the community. This covers –

- (i) some \$118 million for providing 285 additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 550 additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services and 436 additional places for residential services to strengthen the care for persons with disabilities and provide the training they need;
- (ii) some \$25.9 million for enhancing the manpower of long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons and strengthening the allied health services of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons to take care of and support ageing service users;
- (iii) some \$12.7 million for increasing the manpower of social workers in integrated community centres for mental wellness to provide more intensive counselling and



support for the families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons so as to relieve their caring pressure and consolidate their mutual help network; and

- (iv) \$3.2 million recurrent allocation for increasing the number of social workers in the existing subvented parents/relatives resource centres to strengthen support to relatives/carers of persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons including children or young people with special needs.

Preparation for implementing the above services will commence in 2015-16. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6909)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates for 2015-16 that the Government will roll out a pilot project on providing outreach pre-school rehabilitation service to children with disabilities in kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres. What are the details of the services, the number of service users, the expenditure and the staffing establishment involved, as well as the time of commencement, of the pilot project?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 836)

Reply:

To facilitate children with special needs or suspected to have special needs in ordinary kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres to receive the timely training they need, while providing professional advice to kindergarten teachers/child care centre workers and counselling and support to the parents concerned, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a pilot project of pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities (pilot project) with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Non-governmental organisations operating subvented pre-school rehabilitation services will be invited to provide outreach rehabilitation services. SWD is drawing up the specific implementation details for the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting stakeholders. SWD plans to launch the pilot project in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6910)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates for 2015-16 that the Government will explore the implementation of a pilot project on providing peer support service by trained ex-mentally ill persons in community psychiatric service units. Currently, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned are directly employing ex-mentally ill persons to work as peer supporters. Would peer supporters continue to be directly employed under the pilot project to be implemented by the Government? If not, what are the reasons? In addition, how much total expenditure is involved and what is the total number of peer supporters in the pilot project? How also will the supporters be distributed among the units concerned?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 837)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is preparing for the implementation of the pilot project on providing peer support service by ex-mentally ill persons, with relevant details to be finalised in due course. Preliminary ideas include providing training to ex-mentally ill persons for them to serve as peer supporters in community psychiatric service units, share their recovery experience with other ex-mentally ill persons in rehabilitation and support them to rebuild confidence and hope. Meanwhile, peer supporters will also assist in the implementation of public education programmes on mental health in order to enhance public understanding of ex-mentally ill persons. SWD plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund for implementing the pilot project.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0839****(Question Serial No. 6914)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years [i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up to data available month)] –

- (1) with regard to application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the number of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applicants and applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved with a breakdown by age; and
- (2) the number of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients and the geographical distribution of these clinics?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 841)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of approved claims and the related amounts of dental grant by age of the CSSA recipients from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –
  - (a) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 18 or below

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	42	30	40
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	1,627	1,763	2,261
<b>Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>

(b) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 19-59

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(up to end-December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	3 594	3 795	2 734
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,267	4,196	4,741
<b>Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>13.0</b>

(c) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 60 or above

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(up to end-December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	8 155	8 461	6 101
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	5,073	5,119	5,703
<b>Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>

(d) Total number of approved claims (the sum of approved claims by recipients of all age groups)

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(up to end-December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	11 791	12 286	8 875
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,815	4,826	5,391
<b>Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>47.8</b>

A CSSA recipient may submit more than one claim for dental grant within a year. SWD does not have figures on the number of recipients who have their dental grant approved or the approved amount. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

(2)(a) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(as at end-December 2014)</b>
Number of designated dental clinics (including the 2 mobile clinics)	53	59	61

- (2)(b) The number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients (excluding the 2 mobile clinics) by geographical district from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of designated dental clinics</b>		
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Aberdeen	1	1	1
Central	1	1	1
Chai Wan	2	2	2
Diamond Hill	2	2	2
Fanling	1	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	2	3	3
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	6	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	3	3
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2
North Point	1	1	1
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	1	1	2
Shau Kei Wan	1	2	2
Sheung Wan	-	1	1
Tai Po	3	3	4
Tin Shui Wai	2	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	2	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	3	3	3
Yuen Long	1	2	2

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0840****(Question Serial No. 6917)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Government increasing the annual recurrent expenditure by \$71 million:

- (1) what are the number and distribution of the additional places for day care for the elderly?
- (2) what are the type, number and distribution of the additional places for residential care?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 844)Reply:

The Government will increase the recurrent expenditure by \$71 million to provide 58 additional places for day care (DC) service and 169 subsidised residential care service places, and to adjust the subsidies for 6 existing contract homes <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, with a view to enhancing the existing services, including end-of-life care service. The residential care places/number of places involved in the funding are as follows –

<b>Item</b>	<b>No. of additional places/places involved</b>
DC places for the elderly <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	58
Newly constructed contract homes <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	60
Making better use of space in subvented and contract homes <sup>[Note 4]</sup>	109
Adjustment of subsidies for the 6 existing contract homes	560
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> One of the contract homes also provides DC service for the elderly.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The additional places for DC service for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The newly constructed contract home will be provided in Sha Tin.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> The new additional residential care places will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0841****(Question Serial No. 6919)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in determining the optimal level of reserve (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-government organisations (NGOs) should have documents briefly setting out their mechanisms in planning, evaluating and determining the level of lump sum grant reserve including: (a) Planning and evaluation of the reserve level, which should be conducted regularly; (b) Reference material and tools for planning and evaluation of the reserve level, including such factors as the salary structure, staff turnover rate, staff age distribution, NGOs' projection of the increase/decrease in income and expenditure, NGOs' contractual commitment to subvented staff, and long-term financial viability, etc., with a view to facilitating NGOs' development plan and projection of the reserve level. The above planning and projection should be discussed by NGOs' governing boards, and the discussion be put on record.			
NGOs' chief executives should regularly report the status of the reserve to their governing boards.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 846)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0842****(Question Serial No. 6920)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in achieving effective communication (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should establish effective channels of communication, such as meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires and suggestion boxes, etc. to collect feedback from staff and service users.			
NGOs should have documents spelling out the regular communication channels for the governing board and the management to collect feedback from staff and service users. NGOs should provide appropriate channels for staff and service users to access such information.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 847)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0843****(Question Serial No. 6921)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures regarding the term of office of the governing board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should establish a succession mechanism for their governing board members, especially for the chairman and key posts (such as secretary, treasurer, etc.), where there are no such restrictions in relevant legislation or constitution. NGOs should also have documents spelling out the succession mechanism, including the term of office, number of consecutive terms, etc., which should be made public.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 848)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0844****(Question Serial No. 6922)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures regarding the roles of governing board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should, at least once a year, provide the governing board and the relevant committees with updated service information, including the objectives of their SWD-subvented services, the number of subvented staff and service users of each service unit, etc.			
NGOs should arrange for members of the governing board and the relevant committees to meet with the subvented staff and service users so that they can be familiar with the operation of their SWD-subvented services.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 849)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0845****(Question Serial No. 6923)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in delineating the roles and responsibilities of the governing board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should have documents and the organisation chart to illustrate the structure and membership of the governing board, the relevant committees and senior management, their roles and responsibilities, and delineate the roles and responsibilities between governing board members and senior management.			
NGOs should provide appropriate channels for the staff and service users to access such information.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 850)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0846****(Question Serial No. 6924)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in NGOs' decision making on important management issues of SWD-subvented services (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
<p>Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should prepare documents and policies on their own, explaining how feedback from staff and/or service users will be collected and responded to when making important decisions related to LSGSS, such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires, newsletters, notice boards, suggestion boxes, etc.</p> <p>Examples of important decisions mentioned above -</p> <p>(a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.;</p> <p>(b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions;</p> <p>(c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary;</p> <p>(d) service re-engineering;</p> <p>(e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and</p> <p>(f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.</p>			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented NGOs to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented NGOs that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 851)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0847****(Question Serial No. 6925)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in NGOs' decisions made on important management issues of SWD-subvented services (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
<p>Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should prepare documents and policies on their own, spelling out how information about important decisions related to LSGSS will be disseminated to their staff and/or service users, such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, newsletters, notice boards, etc.</p> <p>[Examples of important decisions made by NGO -</p> <p>(a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.;</p> <p>(b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions;</p> <p>(c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary;</p> <p>(d) service re-engineering;</p> <p>(e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and</p> <p>(f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]</p>			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 852)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6942)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee in its Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant (LGS) subvention system published in December 2008 recommended, inter alia, that the Government should make available an actuarial service for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to assess their ability to meet snapshot staff commitments, and NGOs' application for this service should be on a voluntary basis. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

1. since the provision of the above actuarial service for subvented organisations, what are the number and names of the organisations that have used the service each year respectively?
2. how will the Government promote the above actuarial service to the subvented organisations to boost the utilisation rate of the service in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 869)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In response to the recommendations made in the Review Report on the LSG subvention system, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned consultants to provide actuarial service for 2 NGOs, namely the Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited and Yan Oi Tong, in 2010 and 2012 respectively.
2. SWD sent letters to subvented NGOs in February 2015 to encourage them to make use of the funding available under the Social Welfare Development Fund for conducting actuarial studies or related studies.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6943)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the review visits/surprise visits conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in order to monitor the service performance of subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

1. the number of review visits/surprise visits conducted by SWD by service types of the service units in each of the past 5 years;
2. among the visits mentioned in no. 1 above, how have the service operators been complying with the agreed performance standards in each of the past 5 years; and
3. what are the follow-up actions by SWD against the service units which have failed to comply with the agreed performance standards in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 870)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. Over the past 5 years, SWD has conducted a total of 548 review visits/surprise visits. Relevant information is set out in Annex 1.
2. Among the 548 visits mentioned in no.1 above, 521 service units were assessed to have complied with the "Essential Service Requirements" set out in their respective Funding and Service Agreements, as well as the requirements of the Service Quality Standards being assessed. Relevant information is set out in Annex 2.
3. For those service units failing to comply with the requirements, SWD has requested the respective subvented NGOs to submit action plans and monitored their implementation. Generally speaking, the NGOs were able to carry out their action plans smoothly.

**Number of review visits/surprise visits conducted by service types  
from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Elderly Services</b>	<b>Family and Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>	<b>Youth and Corrections Services</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010-11	57	22	40	27	-	146
2011-12	31	11	24	23	1	90
2012-13	24	9	23	11	-	67
2013-14	54	19	45	28	-	146
2014-15	29	15	28	26	1	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>548</b>

**Results of review visits/surprise visits conducted from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of units complying with requirements</b>	<b>Number of units failing to comply with requirements</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010-11	135	11	<b>146</b>
2011-12	83	7	<b>90</b>
2012-13	67	-	<b>67</b>
2013-14	141	5	<b>146</b>
2014-15	95	4	<b>99</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>548</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0850****(Question Serial No. 6945)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in ensuring the maximised use of reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, based on the actual circumstances and their development strategies, decide on their own how the LSG reserve be utilised in different areas, such as fulfilling the contractual commitment to staff, maintaining or strengthening service delivery and implementing strategic development plans, including building up a staff team with high quality through enhancement of the employment terms of existing staff, supporting the professional development of staff, etc.			
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how to manage and utilise the reserve, and to consider during the discussion how to maximise the use of the reserve for the NGOs' development. The discussion has to be put on record.			
In managing the LSG reserve, NGOs are required to observe the intended purposes as stipulated in the LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.			
NGOs are required to have documents setting out the policies and procedures on managing and monitoring their LSG reserve, and to make known to staff such procedures.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the

SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 872)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0851****(Question Serial No. 6946)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures regarding the status of reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about the utilisation of the LSG reserve in the past year to the public. Such information should include briefly a plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 873)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0852****(Question Serial No. 6947)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in the use of reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, based on the actual circumstances of their PF reserve, determine on their own the use of PF reserve in such ways as adjusting the PF contribution rates or giving a one-off additional contribution to staff.			
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how the PF reserve should be managed and utilised. The discussion has to take the above principles into consideration and be put on record.			
NGOs are required to observe the relevant legislation and the purposes as stipulated in the LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications in utilising the PF reserve for non-snapshot staff, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.			
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out the mechanisms, policies and procedures regarding the management and monitoring of the PF reserve for non-snapshot staff.			
NGOs are required to report on the utilisation of the PF reserve for non-snapshot staff in the past year and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve is going to be used in the future at their annual general meetings/in their annual reports.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the



SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 874)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6948)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures regarding the status of reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about utilisation of the PF reserve in the past year to staff members, and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 875)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0854****(Question Serial No. 6949)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures in the optimal use of reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
In spending the allocation for salary adjustment, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to observe the relevant orders as imposed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council when granting the allocation, the latest LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications of SWD regarding the designated purpose of the allocation.			
Meanwhile, when NGOs spend the allocation on salary adjustment, they are required to either- (a) Adjust the staff salary by the same percentage of the Civil Service Pay Adjustment (CSPA); or (b) Spend the full amount of the additional allocation for salary adjustment on salary adjustment for staff.			
NGOs are required to, through letters or emails, inform all staff members subvented by LSG about the salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year, including the following- (a) The amount of subvention allocated by SWD as additional resources to the NGO for salary adjustment for the financial year; (b) The NGO's salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year (briefly explaining why the staff salary will be adjusted by the same percentage of CSPA, or why the additional allocation for salary adjustment will be fully spent on salary adjustment for staff).			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 876)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0855****(Question Serial No. 6950)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with the criteria and procedures set down for the composition, duties and responsibilities on handling complaints at different levels (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
LSG-related complaints against non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or their service units lodged by service users/staff should first be handled by the NGO concerned in accordance with its established policies.			
NGOs are required to have policy documents spelling out the policies and mechanism in relation to complaints handling (including complaints involving staff, the senior management and board members). If NGOs' existing complaints handling policies and mechanism (SQS 15) have already covered the complaints mentioned above, the NGOs just need to follow the existing mechanism.			
NGOs are required to let both the complainant and the parties being complained against know that the complaint concerned is being handled in accordance with the procedures set out by the NGOs/the ICHC.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 877)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0856****(Question Serial No. 6951)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following - what was the number of subvented organisations that had submitted the BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014? For the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by the end of October 2014, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were under preparation to comply with NGOs' policies and procedures on complaints handling (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Having complied with	Not yet complied with	Under preparation to comply with
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to have documents spelling out their internal control measures in relation to handling LSG-related complaints.			
NGOs are required to keep written records of the complaints received and the actions taken to ensure that the complaints will be handled fairly in accordance with the established policies, procedures and personnel composition.			
NGOs are required to comply with the ICHC's requirements to provide relevant information and written records of the complaints concerned in a timely manner to facilitate the ICHC's investigation into the complaints.			
NGOs are required to keep relevant written records to show that follow-up actions have been taken in accordance with the ICHC's recommendations.			

What are the reasons for the failure of the subvented organisations to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will the SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have failed to comply with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 878)Reply:

At present, there are a total of 164 NGOs receiving subvention from SWD in the form of lump sum grant. The first BPM self-assessment checklists are to be submitted by these NGOs to SWD by 30 October 2015. If the NGOs concerned fail to comply with the above criteria and procedures, SWD will approach them to look into the circumstances. SWD will then assist them in making improvement plans and monitor the progress. If the NGOs persistently fail to comply with BPM requirements, SWD will submit the cases to the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee for discussion and follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0857****(Question Serial No. 6953)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the clinical psychological services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), what have been the number of staff members, the number of service users and the amount of expenditure in each service unit for the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 880)Reply:

The information sought is tabulated as follows –

	<b>Establishment of Clinical Psychologists</b> [Note 1]	<b>Number of service users</b> [Note 2]	<b>Actual expenditure (\$10,000)</b>
2010-11	58	5 629	5,750
2011-12	58	5 569	6,220
2012-13	58	5 983	6,770
2013-14	58	4 958	6,960
2014-15	59	4 832	7,310 [Note 3]

[Note 1] The establishment for 2010-14 included 1 Chief Clinical Psychologist, 5 Senior Clinical Psychologists and 52 Clinical Psychologists, of whom 44 were dedicated to handling cases referred from families and other casework service units while the remaining 8 provided support to rehabilitation service units. 1 post of Clinical Psychologist was created in 2014-15.

[Note 2] This only includes cases of psychotherapy and psychological assessment referred from families and other casework service units.

[Note 3] Revised estimate for 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0858****(Question Serial No. 6954)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In the past 5 years, how many appeals have been received by the Social Security Appeal Board (the Board)? How many of them have been handled and not handled respectively? Among the appeals handled, how many have been successful and unsuccessful respectively? Please provide the numbers with a breakdown by case category.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 881)Reply:

The number of appeals received and handled in the past 5 years by case category was as follows –

Year	Case category			Total
	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	Social Security Allowance (SSA)	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA)	
2010-11	169	336	2	<b>507</b>
2011-12	123	428	-	<b>551</b>
2012-13	136	457	1	<b>594</b>
2013-14	142	385	2	<b>529</b>
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	59	254	-	<b>313</b>

The number of appeals received but not handled <sup>[Note]</sup> in the past 5 years by case category was as follows –

Year	Case category			Total
	CSSA	SSA	TAVA	
2010-11	-	-	-	-
2011-12	-	1	-	1
2012-13	1	1	-	2
2013-14	-	2	-	2
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	-	2	-	2

<sup>[Note]</sup> According to the present procedures of social security appeals, an appeal must be lodged within 4 weeks from the date of notification of decision issued by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Late appeals may be handled by the Chairman of the Board only if the applicants have sufficient grounds.

The number of appeals decided by the Board in the past 5 years by case category was as follows –

Year	Number of cases where SWD's decision were revoked				Number of cases where SWD's decision were confirmed			
	CSSA	SSA	TAVA	Total	CSSA	SSA	TAVA	Total
2010-11	50	73	-	123	67	166	-	233
2011-12	43	80	-	123	55	220	1	276
2012-13	42	87	-	129	32	186	-	218
2013-14	40	67	-	107	36	203	1	240
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	37	72	-	109	42	201	-	243

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0859****(Question Serial No. 6956)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many Snapshot Staff are working in different ranks and posts in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 883)Reply:

The number of Snapshot Staff in NGOs in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Snapshot Staff in NGOs</b>
2010-11	10 058
2011-12	9 379
2012-13	8 779
2013-14	8 166
2014-15	7 578

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6957)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the respective number of participants of Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) (please list by type of disabilities) in the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15)? What are the funding allocation and the details of expenditure involved in Sunnyway?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 884)

Reply:

The number of people participating in Sunnyway and the expenditure involved are set out in the Annex.

**Table 1 – Number of people participating in Sunnyway**

<b>Type of disabilities</b>	<b>Number of people participating in Sunnyway<sup>[Note]</sup></b>			
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Autism	3	7	9	15
Early signs of mental illness	18	21	21	18
Mental illness	130	136	145	110
Intellectual disability	60	77	72	73
Physical disability	11	7	22	21
Hearing impairment	27	20	31	26
Visual impairment	1	4	-	3
Visceral disability	15	14	5	10
Other categories	4	6	8	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>300</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> The figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the number of people participating in Sunnyway is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

**Table 2 – Expenditure for Sunnyway**

<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>				
<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>
9.6	10.0	10.5	12.2	13.9

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0861****(Question Serial No. 6958)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the average waiting time for various types of persons with disabilities to get a place in a sheltered workshop (SW) in the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15)? Please explain by type of disabilities. What is the current longest waiting time for a SW place for which a person with disabilities has to wait?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 885)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on applicants waiting for SW by type of disabilities and the longest waiting time. The average waiting time for SW was as follows –

	<b>Average waiting time (in months)</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>
2010-11	16.9
2011-12	16.8
2012-13	12.6
2013-14	16.1

<sup>[Note]</sup> The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figure for 2014-15 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6959)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Among the 16 district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) at present, which of them have fixed address? Which of them have yet fixed address? What is the floor area of each of the DSCs with fixed address?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 886)

Reply:

All the existing 16 DSCs have fixed address, and the areas of these DSCs are set out in the Annex. Among the 16 DSCs, 11 have secured permanent premises while the other 5 have identified places for permanent premises.

	<b>Name of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs)</b>	<b>Existing Area (square metres)</b>
1.	St. James' Settlement WE NET Club <sup>[Note 1]*</sup>	358
2.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Lok Kwan District Support Centre <sup>[Note 2]*</sup>	158
3.	Christian Family Service Centre Cheerful Place - District Support Centre (Kwun Tong East)*	Temporary accommodation at agency premises <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
4.	Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre (Kwun Tong West)	555
5.	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Wong Tai Sin Wellness Support Centre	413
6.	Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung District Support Centre	500
7.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS Homantin Lutheran Yung Lok Centre	403
8.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po District Support Centre	608
9.	Po Leung Kuk District Support Centre (Sha Tin)	419
10.	Yan Chai Hospital District Support Centre (Tai Po)	500
11.	Hong Chi Association Hong Chi District Support Centre - N.T. (North District) <sup>[Note 4] *</sup>	162
12.	Caritas - Hong Kong Caritas Joyous Link	443
13.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong ELCHK, Kwai Chung District Support Centre*	Temporary accommodation at agency premises <sup>[Note 3]</sup>
14.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tuen Mun District Support Centre - The Gathering	506
15.	Wai Ji Christian Service Yuen Long District Support Centre	567
16.	Fu Hong Society Tin Shui Wai District Support Centre	754

\* Permanent accommodation has been identified.

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> At present, the temporary accommodation is at New Wan Chai Market Building, 258, Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The DSC has taken up temporary accommodation at commercial premises since September 2011.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> SWD has no available information on the area of agency premises for temporary accommodation.

<sup>[Note 4]</sup> At present, the temporary accommodation is at Room 217-222, 2/F, Cheung Lai House, Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling, New Territories.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0863****(Question Serial No. 6965)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare, please provide this Committee with the following information on aided, non-profit-making and private child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) in each of the past 3 financial years – (i) the number of places approved; (ii) the enrolment ; (iii) the number of children under “Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme” (KCFRS) (and their percentage against the enrolment); and (iv) among the children under KCFRS, how many belong to Social Need Category (a) and what is their percentage against the total number of children under KCFRS?

	CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs
	Aided	Non-profit-making/private	Aided/non-profit-making/private
Number of places approved			
Enrolment			
Number of children under KCFRS (and their percentage against enrolment)			
Number of children under KCFRS who belong to Social Need Category (a) (and their percentage against the total number of children under KCFRS)			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 706)Reply:

Information on the number of places approved and the enrolment of CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs, the number and percentage of children subsidised by KCFRS; and the number and percentage of children who belong to Social Need Category (a) among the KCFRS cases in the past 3 years is set out at the Annex.

**The number of places approved and the enrolment of CCCs and  
KG-cum-CCCs, the number and percentage of children subsidised by KCFRS,  
and the number and percentage of children who belong to Social Need Category (a)  
among the KCFRS cases**

Year	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 (April to December 2014)		
	CCCs		KG-cum- CCCs	CCCs		KG-cum- CCCs	CCCs		KG-cum- CCCs
	Aided	Non-profit-making/ private	Aided / non-profit-making/ private [Note 1]	Aided	Non-profit-making/ private	Aided / non-profit-making/ private [Note 1]	Aided	Non-profit-making/ private	Aided / non-profit-making/ private [Note 1]
Number of places approved	690	2 265	23 589	690	2 195	25 575	714	2 121	27 012
Enrolment	689	No information kept	18 220	690	1 357	19 715	714	1 435	21 398
Number of children subsidised by KCFRS (and their percentage against enrolment) [Note 2]	314 (45.6%)	-	2 503 (13.7%)	276 (40%)	1 (0.07%)	2 256 (11.4%)	212 (29.7%)	2 (0.14%)	1 601 (7.5%)
Number of children under KCFRS who belong to Social Need Category (a) (and their percentage against the total number of children subsidised by KCFRS) [Note 3]	220 (70.1%)	-	1 210 (48.3%)	189 (68.5%)	1 (100%)	1 105 (49%)	134 (63.2%)	2 (100%)	774 (48.3%)

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September in each school year.

[Note 2]

Number of children benefited under KCFRS is calculated on a school year basis.

[Note 3]

Social Need Category (a) refers to cases whereby parents of the children are both employed, with one engaged in full-time employment (i.e. no less than 120 hours working hours per month) while the other has to work no less than 104 hours per month, resulting in children receiving no proper care at home.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0864****(Question Serial No. 6973)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare, please inform this Committee of the respective number of places and the average utilisation rate of extended hours service, occasional child care service and mutual help child care centres in each of the past 3 financial years, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Administrative district of SWD	Extended Hours Service		Occasional Child Care Service		Mutual Help Child Care Centre	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands						
Eastern/Wan Chai						
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong						
Sham Shui Po						
Kwun Tong						
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung						
Sha Tin						
Tai Po/North						
Yuen Long						
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing						
Tuen Mun						
Total						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 714)Reply:

The number of places and the average utilisation rate of extended hours service, occasional child care service and mutual help child care centres by administrative district in the past 3 years are set out in Annex.

**Table 1 – The number of places and the average utilisation rate of extended hours service, occasional child care service and mutual help child care centres (2012-13)**

Administrative district of SWD	Extended Hours Service		Occasional Child Care Service		Mutual Help Child Care Centre	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	124	71	42	79	67	9.4
Eastern/Wan Chai	152	72	31	56	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	124	74	47	65	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	76	114	25	77	37	20.2
Kwun Tong	122	82	49	85	56	8.1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	140	92	55	70	14	16.6
Sha Tin	82	79	29	55	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	124	82	35	62	14	4.9
Yuen Long	70	70	35	65	42	2.9
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	138	79	55	81	56	3.5
Tuen Mun	78	84	31	79	14	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>8</b>

**Table 2 – The number of places and the average utilisation rate of extended hours service, occasional child care service and mutual help child care centres (2013-14)**

Administrative district of SWD	Extended Hours Service		Occasional Child Care Service		Mutual Help Child Care Centre	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	124	60	42	79	67	8.2
Eastern/Wan Chai	152	74	31	57	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	124	74	47	65	14	-
Sham Shui Po	76	116	25	84	37	17.1
Kwun Tong	122	82	49	76	56	9.9
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	140	96	55	77	14	14.8
Sha Tin	82	57	29	59	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	124	78	35	55	14	3.3
Yuen Long	70	66	35	67	42	3.5
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	138	74	55	73	56	3.6
Tuen Mun	78	77	31	83	14	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>7.9</b>

**Table 3 – The number of places and the average utilisation rate of extended hours service, occasional child care service and mutual help child care centres (Apr-Dec 2014)**

Administrative district of SWD	Extended Hours Service		Occasional Child Care Service		Mutual Help Child Care Centre	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	124	53	44	79	67	6.2
Eastern/Wan Chai	152	74	32	60	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	124	67	44	65	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	76	100	26	85	37	16.6
Kwun Tong	122	76	50	75	56	11.6
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	140	95	54	78	14	15.6
Sha Tin	82	56	30	55	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	124	79	33	64	28	4.3
Yuen Long	70	61	34	77	42	2.8
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	138	73	54	77	56	6.4
Tuen Mun	78	75	33	82	-	Not applicable
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>8.1</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0865****(Question Serial No. 6976)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing services under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare, please advise this Committee of the respective number of subvented organisations and private organisations which have their rent, government rent and rates reimbursed in 2013-14 and 2014-15 as well as the amount involved, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Administrative district	Number of organisations with rent, government rent and rates reimbursed			
	Subvented organisation (amount)		Private organisation (amount)	
Central/Western/Southern & Islands				
Eastern/Wan Chai				
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong				
Sham Shui Po				
Kwun Tong				
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po/North				
Yuen Long				
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing				
Tuen Mun				
Total				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 717)Reply:

NGOs renting SWD's recognised premises for operating subvented services can claim for reimbursement of rent, Government rent and rates, while NGOs operating non-subvented welfare services can apply for subsidies under SWD's Rent/Rates/Government Rent Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme). SWD will assess and approve the applications according to the assessment criteria of the Scheme each year. At present, SWD does not reimburse any rent, Government rent or rates to private organisations.

SWD does not have information on the number of subvented NGOs under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare in each of the SWD administrative districts which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed, nor the amounts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0866****(Question Serial No. 6979)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing services under Programme (3) Services for The Elderly, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subvented and private organisations having received reimbursement of rent, rates and government rent, and the amounts reimbursed, by Social Welfare Department (SWD) Administrative district in 2013-14 and 2014-15?

District	No. of organisations having received reimbursement of rent, rates and government rent	
	Subvented organisation (Amount)	Private organisation (Amount)
Central, Western, Southern & Islands		
Eastern & Wan Chai		
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kwun Tong		
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po & North		
Yuen Long		
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing		
Tuen Mun		
Total		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 720)Reply:

NGOs renting SWD's recognised premises for operating subvented services can claim for reimbursement of rent, Government rent and rates, while NGOs operating non-subvented welfare services can apply for subsidies under SWD's Rent/Rates/Government Rent Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme). SWD will assess and approve the applications according to the assessment criteria of the Scheme each year. At present, SWD does not reimburse any rent, Government rent or rates to private organisations.

SWD does not have the information on the number of subvented NGOs under Programme (3) Service for The Elderly in each of the SWD administrative districts which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed, nor the amounts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0867****(Question Serial No. 6980)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing services under Programme (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services, please inform this Committee of the number of NGOs in subvented and private sectors which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed and the amount reimbursed, broken down by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

SWD Administrative district	Number of NGOs receiving refund of rent, Government rent and rates	
	Subvented sector (amount)	Private sector (amount)
Central, Western, Southern & Islands		
Eastern & Wan Chai		
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kwun Tong		
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po & North		
Yuen Long		
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing		
Tuen Mun		
Total		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 721)Reply:

NGOs renting SWD's recognised premises for operating subvented services can claim for reimbursement of rent, Government rent and rates, while NGOs operating non-subvented welfare services can apply for subsidies under SWD's Rent/Rates/Government Rent Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme). SWD will assess and approve the applications according to the assessment criteria of the Scheme each year. At present, SWD does not reimburse any rent, Government rent or rates to private organisations.

SWD does not have the information on the number of subvented NGOs under Programme (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services in each of the administrative districts which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed, nor the amounts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0868****(Question Serial No. 6981)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Services for OffendersControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

As regards non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing services under Programme (5) Services for Offenders, would the Government please advise this Committee of the numbers of organisations from both the subvented sector and the private sector, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), which have their rents, Government rent and rates reimbursed, together with the amounts involved, in 2013-14 and 2014-15?

District	No. of organisations with reimbursement of rents, Government rent and rates	
	Subvented sector (\$)	Private sector (\$)
Central & Western/Southern/Islands		
Eastern & Wan Chai		
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kwun Tong		
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po & North		
Yuen Long		
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing		
Tuen Mun		
Total		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 722)Reply:

NGOs renting SWD's recognised premises for operating subvented services can claim for reimbursement of rent, Government rent and rates, while NGOs operating non-subvented welfare services can apply for subsidies under SWD's Rent/Rates/Government Rent Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme). SWD will assess and approve the applications for each year based on the assessment criteria of the Scheme. At present, SWD does not reimburse any rent, Government rent or rates to private organisations.

SWD has no readily available information on the number of subvented NGOs under Programme (5) Services for Offenders in each of the SWD administrative districts which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed, nor the amounts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0869****(Question Serial No. 6983)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

As regards non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing services under Programme (7) Young People, would the Government please advise this Committee of the numbers of organisations from both the subvented sector and the private sector, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), which have their rents, Government rent and rates reimbursed, together with the amounts involved, in 2013-14 and 2014-15?

District	No. of organisations with reimbursement of rents, Government rent and rates	
	Subvented sector (\$)	Private sector (\$)
Central & Western/Southern/Islands		
Eastern & Wan Chai		
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong		
Sham Shui Po		
Kwun Tong		
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung		
Sha Tin		
Tai Po & North		
Yuen Long		
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing		
Tuen Mun		
Total		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 724)Reply:

NGOs renting SWD's recognised premises for operating subvented services can claim for reimbursement of rent, Government rent and rates, while NGOs operating non-subvented welfare services can apply for subsidies under SWD's Rent/Rates/Government Rent Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme). SWD will assess and approve the applications for each year based on the assessment criteria of the Scheme. At present, SWD does not reimburse any rent, Government rent or rates to private organisations.

SWD has no readily available information on the number of subvented NGOs under Programme (7) Young People in each of the SWD administrative districts which have their rent, Government rent and rates reimbursed, nor the amounts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6984)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015 Estimates that the Government plans to strengthen/raise the incentive payment for trainees of sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). Please inform this Committee of the details of the initiative. What are the details of funding and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 887)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has raised the amount of incentive payment to SWs and IVRSCs since 1 November 2014. The incentive payment to service users receiving training in SWs or SWs operated in IVRSCs has been raised from \$21 per day to \$26.5 per day. The annual additional expenditure incurred by the increased incentive payment is about \$12.27 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0871****(Question Serial No. 6985)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the work of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the staff establishment (with a breakdown by social workers, nurses, professional staff from Fire Services Department (FSD) and Buildings Department (BD), officers of other grades), estimated salary provision, amount of expenditure, staff turnover rate of LORCHE in the past 5 years;

Post/rank	No. of staff	Estimated salary provision (per officer)	Amount of expenditure
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- (b) the respective numbers of inspections conducted, residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) inspected and complaints received by LORCHE in the past year;
- (c) the respective numbers of advisory or warning letters issued and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years; the number of non-compliant RCHEs having eventually been prosecuted each year;
- (d) has the Government cancelled any licences of non-compliant RCHEs in the past year? If yes, what are the reasons and how many licences have been cancelled? Please provide the names of such RCHEs licences.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 725)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The establishment of the professional staff in LORCHE in the past 5 years was as follows -

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Social workers	27	27	27	27	27
Nurses	7	10	10	10	10
Building surveying professionals	3	3	3	3	3

Fire services professionals	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>

All the civil servants in LORCHE are remunerated according to their own grades and ranks. The expenditure of LORCHE in the past 5 years was as follows –

	<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised estimate)</b>
Expenditure	\$30.5 million	\$33.6 million	\$33.6 million	\$36.3 million	\$39.7 million

- (b) In 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015), LORCHE conducted about 4 509 inspections in 730 RCHEs. LORCHE received and investigated 190 complaints.
- (c) The numbers of advisory letters and warning letters given to and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years were as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)</b>
No. of advisory letters	3 264	3 097	3 042	3 204	2 511
No. of warning letters	404	377	348	364	267
No. of prosecution actions taken	18	5	10	11	-

- (d) There was no record of cancellation of licences in respect of RCHEs in 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 6986)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the work of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Licensing Office), please advise –

- (a) the staffing establishment of the Licensing Office (please provide a breakdown by social worker, nurse, professional staff from the Fire Services Department and Buildings Department and other grades), estimated salary provision, expenditure and the number of staff who left in the past 2 years;

Post/grade	Number of staff	Estimated salary provision (per staff member)	Expenditure
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- (b) the respective number of inspections conducted, residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) inspected and complaints received by the Licensing Office in each of the past 2 years;
- (c) the respective number of advisory letters and warning letters issued and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHDs in the past 2 years; how many non-compliant RCHDs have eventually been prosecuted each year?
- (d) Has the Government cancelled any licences of non-compliant RCHDs in the past 2 years? If yes, what are the reasons and how many licences have been cancelled?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 726)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In the past 2 years, the Licensing Office was staffed by 16 civil service posts, including 1 Senior Social Work Officer, 1 Social Work Officer, 5 Assistant Social Work Officers, 1 Nursing Officer, 2 Registered Nurses, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, 1 Clerical Assistant, 1 Building Surveyor, 1 Survey Officer and 2 Senior Station Officers. The actual expenditure for 2013-14 and the revised estimated expenditure for 2014-15 of the Licensing Office are \$15.5 million and \$16.4 million respectively.



- (b) The numbers of inspections conducted, the numbers of RCHDs inspected and the numbers of complaints received by the Licensing Office in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (from April 2014 to end-February 2015)</b>
Number of inspections conducted <sup>[Note]</sup>	1 657	1 738
Number of RCHDs inspected	306	310
Number of complaints received	72	42

<sup>[Note]</sup> There may be more than 1 RCHD in the same licensed premises as some subvented RCHDs operate on an integrated mode of service. Hence, an inspection may cover more than 1 RCHD.

- (c) The respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued by the Licensing Office to RCHDs in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)</b>
Number of advisory letters	318	439
Number of warning letters	-	1

RCHDs concerned were receptive to advice given by the Licensing Office regarding their irregularities and made corresponding improvements within the specified time frame. In the past 2 years, there was no RCHD prosecuted.

- (d) No RCHD licences were cancelled by the Licensing Office in the past 2 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0873****(Question Serial No. 6990)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government has provided financial support for self-help organisations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses to foster their development and promote their self-help spirit. Please advise –

- (a) the funding allocation for self-help organisations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses in each of the past 5 years;
- (b) the number of self-help organisations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 770)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The total funding allocation for the Scheme and the number of self-help organisations funded under the Scheme in the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Date of implementation (on a biennial basis)</b>	<b>Number of self-help organisations funded under the Scheme</b>	<b>Total funding allocation (biennial) (\$)</b>
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012	56	17,083,832
1 April 2012 to 30 September 2014	68	24,301,515
1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016	79	29,434,660

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6991)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The mode of service of sheltered workshops (SWs) has been adopted since the 1960s. For years the Government has not reviewed the services or the operating mode of SWs. There is a suggestion that SWs be converted to social enterprises in order to enhance employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. Will the Government consider the suggestion? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 751)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) reviewed SW and supported employment (SE) services in 2002 and proposed adopting an integrated service model to provide vocational rehabilitation services, whereby vocational rehabilitation service programmes such as SWs, SE, etc. were pooled into the same service unit so as to better cater for the diversified needs of persons with disabilities for vocational rehabilitation services. SWD pooled the resources of vocational rehabilitation services on a trial basis in 2004 and set up 16 integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). Having reviewed the effectiveness, the service was regularised in 2005. As at end-December 2014, there were 26 IVRSCs across the territory providing a total of 4 257 places.

Although some social enterprises (such as the small enterprises established under the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project of SWD) can create employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, most of the persons with disabilities who cannot get a job in the open market due to their physical or intellectual constraints still need to receive appropriate vocational training in the specially designed working environment of SWs so that they can learn how to adapt to general workplace requirements and get prepared for supported or open employment in the future. As at end-December 2014, 2 728 persons were waiting for SW service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6992)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the progress of the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme)? What are the estimated number of additional places of various social services, the geographical distribution and the number of participating organisations?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 752)

Reply:

The Government has received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the proposed services and places by district is set out in the Annex.

Based on the information provided by the applicant organisations, it is expected that 5 of the projects could be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 100 places for subsidised elderly service and 450 places for rehabilitation service. The remaining 58 proposals which are at different planning stages are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18 subject to smooth implementation.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme  
Distribution of Proposed Services and Places by District**

District	No. of applications	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
<b>Hong Kong</b>												
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	4	150	-	140	-	110	156	-	280	170	120	180
Southern	7	773	300	274	50	50	50	-	-	50	54	120
Wan Chai	2	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	180
<b>Kowloon</b>												
Kowloon City	5	165	190	150	50	150	100	-	60	150	120	330
Kwun Tong	6	932	-	140	200	-	50	-	120	150	360	540
Sham Shui Po	3	100	-	40	-	-	56	73	77	-	60	90
Wong Tai Sin	2	50	150	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	-	60	-	-	50	-	-	50	120	360
<b>New Territories</b>												
Islands	2	107	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	3	200	-	160	-	50	50	-	400	100	120	150
North	5	429	-	210	-	-	-	200	120	-	60	90
Sai Kung	5	250	-	80	60	50	-	-	-	90	60	90
Sha Tin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	4	120	-	80	-	84	100	-	120	84	60	60
Tsuen Wan	4	209	184	115	75	57	-	-	-	57	48	170
Tuen Mun	4	1 250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	4	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>5 254</b>	<b>1 704</b>	<b>2 009</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>1 227</b>	<b>1 201</b>	<b>1 302</b>	<b>2 540</b>

**Legend**

CoC Home	Care-and-attention Home for the Elderly providing Continuum of Care
NH	Nursing Home
DE	Day Care Centre for the Elderly
C&A/SD	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
HSMH	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
HMMH	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons
LSCH	Long Stay Care Home
IVRSC	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre
DAC	Day Activity Centre
SCCC	Special Child Care Centre
EETC	Early Education and Training Centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6993)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), what are the names of the operating organisations, the districts involved, the details of the Navigation Scheme, the month and year of commencement and the number of places to be provided each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 753)

Reply:

To encourage the younger persons to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly. Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme to be launched and extended to cover rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. The Social Welfare Department is inviting non-governmental organisations to submit proposals on the implementation of the Navigation Scheme. Enrolment of trainees is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0877****(Question Serial No. 6994)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the actual amount of total funding allocation for parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), the actual amount of funding allocation for each PRC and the number of PRCs in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 754)Reply:

The amounts of annual funding allocation for the 6 subvented PRCs in Hong Kong in the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Annual funding allocation (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	11.4
2011-12 (Actual)	12.0
2012-13 (Actual)	12.6
2013-14 (Actual)	13.2
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	14.3

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6995)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding rolling out a pilot project on providing outreach pre-school rehabilitation service to children with disabilities in kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres, please advise –

- a. the details of the pilot project;
- b. the number of service operators of subvented pre-school rehabilitation service participating in the pilot project and the geographical distribution by District Council district;
- c. the number of people waiting for pre-school rehabilitation service and the waiting time by District Council district in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 755)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. & b. To facilitate children with special needs or suspected to have special needs in kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres to receive the timely training they need, while providing professional advice to kindergarten teachers/child care centre workers and counselling and support to the parents concerned, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a pilot project of pre-school rehabilitation services for children with disabilities (pilot project) with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Non-governmental organisations operating pre-school rehabilitation services will be invited to provide outreach rehabilitation services. SWD is drawing up the specific implementation details and the resources required for the pilot project, in addition to actively consulting various stakeholders.



- c. The numbers of applicants waiting for pre-school rehabilitation services by Administrative District of SWD in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. The CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for early education and training centres (EETC), special child care centres (SCCC) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP) in the past 3 years was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months) <sup>[Note]</sup>	
	2012-13	2013-14
EETC	15.2	19
SCCC	16.9	18.5
IP	12.7	14.1

<sup>[Note]</sup> The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not yet available.

**Table 1 – Number of applicants waiting for EETC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for EETC</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	377	358	323
Eastern/Wan Chai	427	441	364
Kwun Tong	419	391	285
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	590	558	424
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	369	453	432
Sham Shui Po	188	216	223
Sha Tin	464	472	367
Tai Po/North	337	350	297
Yuen Long	183	143	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	390	427	406
Tuen Mun	134	136	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 418</b>

**Table 2 – Number of applicants waiting for SCCC**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for SCCC</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	103	105	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	126	122	93
Kwun Tong	136	121	95
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	191	185	153
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	131	135	138
Sham Shui Po	91	89	79
Sha Tin	157	140	128
Tai Po/North	134	104	102
Yuen Long	124	106	99
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	134	160	146
Tuen Mun	77	68	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 404</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 182</b>

**Table 3 – Number of applicants waiting for IP**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of applicants waiting for IP</b>		
	<b>2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	82	118	89
Eastern/Wan Chai	113	111	63
Kwun Tong	192	180	138
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	222	194	176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	117	156	128
Sham Shui Po	88	89	61
Sha Tin	218	258	217
Tai Po/North	284	263	211
Yuen Long	156	125	154
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	196	183	112
Tuen Mun	111	107	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>1 784</b>	<b>1 484</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6996)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will explore the implementation of a pilot project on providing peer support service by trained ex-mentally ill persons in community psychiatric service units. What are the progress, earmarked funding and details of the pilot project? Will the Government consult the sector about the pilot project? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 756)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is preparing for the implementation of the pilot project on providing peer support service by ex-mentally ill persons, with relevant details to be finalised in due course. Preliminary ideas include providing training to ex-mentally ill persons for them to serve as peer supporters in community psychiatric service units, share their recovery experience with other ex-mentally ill persons in rehabilitation and support them to rebuild confidence and hope. Meanwhile, peer supporters will also assist in the implementation of public education programmes on mental health in order to enhance public understanding of ex-mentally ill persons. SWD plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund for implementing the pilot project. SWD will make reference to the experience of relevant services and maintain communication with the sector when drawing up the service details.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6997)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will enhance community support services for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the funding allocation, the number and the details of the following community support services in each of the past 5 years –

- a. integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs);
- b. home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS);
- c. integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 757)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 24 ICCMWs across the territory were set up in October 2014 to provide comprehensive, district-based and one-stop community support services, including counselling service, day training, outreach service, public education, referrals of cases to the Hospital Authority for clinical assessment and psychiatric treatment when necessary, etc., for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers, as well as residents living in the community. The Social Welfare Department had provided additional resources for ICCMWs in all the past 4 years to increase the manpower of ICCMWs with a view to providing services for more persons requiring community mental health support services. From the commencement of ICCMWs in October 2010 to December 2014, ICCMWs served over 43 000 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems.
- b. HCS has been regularised since March 2014. It provides a range of integrated home-based services to meet the personal care, nursing and rehabilitation needs of persons with severe disabilities living in the community, relieve the pressure of their families/carers and improve their quality of life. HCS provides one-stop support

services including case counselling, occupational therapy/physiotherapy, nursing care service, etc. through a case management approach. From the regularisation of HCS to end-December 2014, a total of 1 176 persons were served.

- c. ISS was launched in November 2014, covering the regularisation of 2 assistance programmes for persons with severe physical disabilities under the Community Care Fund. It renders support in the form of cash subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities who need constant attention and care to relieve their burden of respiratory support medical equipment and medical consumables, and enable them to continue living in their familiar community. ISS provides one-stop support services including case counselling, occupational therapy/physiotherapy, nursing care service, etc. through a case management approach. From the implementation of ISS to end-December 2014, service operators had received a total of 321 applications for ISS.

The annual expenditure for the above community support services for persons with disabilities is as follows –

<b>Annual expenditure</b> <b>Type of service</b>	<b>Annual expenditure (\$ million)</b>			
	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>
ICCMW	159.7	199.0	221.6	252.5
HCS			19.3	226.5
ISS				18.8

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 6998)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will strengthen community support services for persons with disabilities. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the funding allocation, number of units, districts, target service users, number of service users and details of the services for the following community support centres in each of the past 5 years?

- (a) district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs);
- (b) community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 758)

Reply:

The funding allocation for DSCs and CRDCs in each of the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

There are a total of 16 DSCs across the territory. DSCs, by adopting a district-based approach, provide one-stop services and support for persons with disabilities living in the community, their family members and carers. DSCs aim at enhancing the domestic living and community living skills of persons with disabilities living in the community so as to facilitate their integration into the community through the provision of a range of support services. DSCs also provide training and support services to the family members/carers of persons with disabilities so as to strengthen their caring capacity and to relieve their stress. The number of members of the 16 DSCs in the past 5 years is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

There are a total of 4 CRDCs in 4 regions, namely Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories East and New Territories West. CRDCs provide both professional and psychosocial rehabilitation training services to discharged patients having suffered from stroke, neurological or physical impairments, or other illnesses affecting their functional performance. CRDCs aim at enhancing the patients' physical functioning and self-maintenance abilities; strengthening their domestic living and community living skills; helping them restructure an orderly life and build up a healthy and meaningful lifestyle so as to facilitate their integration into the community. CRDCs also provide day respite service for patients, training programmes and educational courses for their family members/carers to strengthen their caring capacities and relieve their stress so as to improve their quality of life. The number of attendances of the 4 CRDCs in the past 5 years is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

**Table 1**

**Funding allocation for the following community support services  
from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

	<b>DSC</b>	<b>CRDC</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual funding allocation (\$ million)</b>	<b>Annual funding allocation (\$ million)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	109.4	15.2
2012-13 (Actual)	118.6	17.3
2013-14 (Actual)	123.1	18.2
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	141.8	19.0
2015-16 (Estimate)	150.7	20.1

**Table 2**

**Number of members of the 16 DSCs across the territory**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of members</b>
2010-11 (as at end-March 2011)	4 589
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	5 251
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	5 122
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	5 162
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	5 245

**Table 3**

**Number of attendances of the 4 CRDCs across the territory**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of attendances</b>
2010-11	4 376
2011-12	4 501
2012-13	4 612
2013-14	4 554
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	3 460

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6999)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will enhance community support services for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the funding allocation, the number of units, districts, target users, the number of service users and the details of the following community support services in each of the past 5 years –

- (a) social and recreational centres (S&RCs);
- (b) community rehabilitation network (CRN);
- (c) community-based support projects.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 759)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides annual funding allocation for the 16 S&RCs for the disabled across the territory so that persons with disabilities can have the opportunities to participate in and organise different types of activities in order to meet their social, recreational and developmental needs and facilitate their integration into the community. S&RCs are located in Eastern, Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin, Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Tai Po, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing.
- (b) There are a total of 6 CRN centres across the territory, providing educational, training and supportive services for people with chronic illnesses and their family members and relatives, as well as assisting them in building up mutual help network so that they can lead a normal community life. CRN centres are located in Hong Kong East, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Sha Tin, Sheung Shui and Tuen Mun.
- (c) SWD has provided funding support through Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities and their Families (the Projects) for non-governmental

organisations (NGOs) to implement 3-year territory-wide projects since 2002. The objective of the Projects is to enhance the caring capacity of the families of persons with disabilities, relieve carers' burden and improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities and their families by providing professional advice, support and training. SWD does not have the number of units implementing the Projects for the NGOs. A total of 9 service projects, serving persons with disabilities who have special needs, persons with autism, mentally handicapped persons with challenging behaviours, newly blind persons and non-Chinese speaking children with disabilities and their parents/carers, will be implemented from 2015 to 2017 under the new round of the Projects.

The numbers of service users and funding allocation for S&RCs, CRN and community-based support projects from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15<sup>[Note]</sup></b>
S&RCs	19 627	20 244	20 148	20 144	19 555
CRN	SWD does not keep information on the number of service users				
Community-based support projects	SWD does not keep information on the number of service users				

<sup>[Note]</sup> As at end-December 2014

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Funding allocation (\$ million)</b>				
	<b>2010-11 (Actual)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Actual)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b>
S&RCs	25.1	26.0	27.5	28.9	32.3
CRN	22.6	24.0	25.4	26.8	29.0
Community-based support projects	6.7	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.3

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 7000)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will enhance community support services for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the funding allocation, the number of units, districts, target users, the number of service users and the details of the following community support services in each of the past 5 years –

- a. respite service;
- b. place of refuge for children with disabilities;
- c. emergency placement service for adults with disabilities.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 760)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Through designated places or casual vacancies at the residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides short-term residential respite service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. At present, there are 90 RCHDs operating respite service in Hong Kong. Information on such service and a list of RCHDs has been uploaded onto the website of SWD, [http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_listofserv/id\\_2respites/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_2respites/), and is being updated regularly. Funding allocations for residential respite service for persons with disabilities has been subsumed under the recurrent subvention of the rehabilitation service units providing such service. SWD does not have the breakdown of the financial resources involved in the service.

The numbers of admissions for residential respite service in the past 5 years are as follows –

<b>Number of admissions for residential respite service</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>				
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
2 324	2 957	2 848	2 883	2 491

[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions for residential respite service within the same year.

- b. Services of the place of refuge for children with disabilities include: provision of physical and basic care 24 hours a day; development of welfare plans and provision of training services to meet individual needs of the children and juveniles concerned; arrangement of social and recreational activities, etc. Funding allocation for the above service has been subsumed under the recurrent subvention of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing such service. SWD does not have the breakdown of the financial resources allocated for such service. At present, there are two places of refuge providing service to mentally and/or physically handicapped children in Hong Kong, namely PLK New Comers' Ward providing service to children with disabilities aged under 8 and PLK Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel providing service to children with disabilities aged from 8 to under 18 (or under 21 for disabled wards of the Director of Social Welfare). As PLK New Comers' Ward also provides service to cater for the needs of children under other categories, the number of children with disabilities admitted to the Ward is not readily available. From 2009-10 to 2013-14, the total number of admissions, i.e. children and juveniles with disabilities aged between 8 and 18, taken by PLK Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel was 105.
- c. Emergency placement service for persons with disabilities provides temporary residential care for persons with disabilities aged 15 or above who are homeless, abandoned or lack immediate carers. PLK Wing Lung Bank Golden Jubilee Sheltered Workshop and Hostel is currently providing such service to persons with disabilities. From 2009-10 to 2013-14, the total number of attendances of the above service was 11. Funding allocation for emergency placement service has been subsumed under the recurrent subvention of NGOs providing such service. SWD does not have the breakdown of the financial resources allocated for the service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7001)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (the Programme) provides employers of persons with disabilities with a one-off subsidy for procurement of assistive rehabilitation devices and/or workplace modifications. In this connection, please advise -

- (a) the number of cases participating in the Support Programme, the types of disabilities and the average amount of subsidy per case in each of the past 5 years;
- (b) a detailed breakdown of trades participating in the Support Programme and their numbers in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 761)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The Programme was introduced in June 2013. As at February 2015, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had approved 68 applications with subsidy of over \$0.92 million granted for the procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications for 68 employees with disabilities. Most applications involved procurement of assistive devices including optical magnifiers plus software, computer equipment with vision aid, etc. There were also applications that involved workplace modification, such as replacement of moveable doors to facilitate access of employees with disabilities. The categories of disability of these 68 employees with disabilities are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.
- (b) The categories of trade of these 68 employees with disabilities are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

**Table 1 – Categories of disability of employees with disabilities  
under the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities  
(as at February 2015)**

<b>Type of disability</b>	<b>Number of employees with disabilities</b>
Visual impairment	36
Hearing impairment	12
Physical disability	10
Intellectual disability	5
Ex-mentally ill persons	2
Autism	2
Visceral disability	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

**Table 2 – Categories of trade of employees with disabilities  
under the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities  
(as at February 2015)**

<b>Category of trade</b>	<b>Number of employees with disabilities</b>
Social Welfare Service	24
Catering Service/Hotel	8
Car Cleaning and Grooming	8
Wholesale, Retail and Customer Service	5
Social Enterprise	4
Information Technology	3
Laundry, Hairstyling	3
Tourism, Exhibition Gallery/Hands-on Exhibit	3
Technical Training, Special Education	2
Others (political organisations, textile and clothing, toys, construction, property, transport)	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7002)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The scheme of providing financial incentive for mentors of employees with disabilities (the scheme) is to facilitate the latter to adapt to work smoothly. In this connection, please advise –

- (a) the number of cases participating in the scheme, the types of disabilities and the average amount of subsidy per case in each of the past 5 years;
- (b) the number of mentors, their years of service, educational attainment and the funding allocation involved in the scheme in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 762)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Financial Incentive Scheme for Mentors of Employees with Disabilities was launched in December 2012 to encourage employers to arrange mentors for employees with disabilities for the purpose of rendering them workplace support and facilitating them to adapt to their new jobs. The mentors must be experienced staff and would receive a one-off incentive pay of \$500 as an encouragement after providing guidance for employees with disabilities for a period of not less than 1 month. In 2012-13, there were 12 cases receiving incentive pay with the total subsidy being \$6,000.

The scheme was fine-tuned in 2013-14, whereby a mentor who has rendered guidance to an employee with disabilities for a period of not less than 1 month or 2 months will receive a one-off incentive pay of \$500 or \$1,000. This arrangement was introduced on 1 July 2013. In 2013-14, there were 62 cases receiving incentive pay with the total subsidy being \$45,000.

Comprehensive figures for 2014-15 are not yet available as the number of cases and subsidy amount are compiled on a financial year basis. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the types of disabilities suffered by employees with disabilities.

(b) SWD does not keep statistical information on the mentors.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7003)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Community rehabilitation day centre (CRDC) provides both professional rehabilitation training service and psychosocial rehabilitation services to discharged patients. It aims at enhancing the patients' physical functioning and self-maintenance abilities; strengthening their domestic living and community living skills; helping them restructure a healthy lifestyle and productive life roles so as to facilitate their integration into the community. However, heavy wear and tear of therapeutic equipment in CRDCs, manpower shortage, inadequate service space, etc. have prevented discharged patients from receiving the most suitable rehabilitation training service, making it difficult for them to integrate into the community. In this connection, please advise –

- (a) according to the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA), the number of service users that a CRDC has to serve with physiotherapy/occupational therapy and training services per day;
- (b) the amount of subvention for the CRDCs in each of the past 5 years;
- (c) the average number of service users receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy and training services provided by a CRDC per day and the number of referrals received in each of the past 5 years;
- (d) the number of discharged patients referred to and waiting for CRDCs in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 763)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) According to the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA), the numbers of service users that the existing CRDCs have to serve with physiotherapy/occupational therapy and training services per day are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

- (b) The amounts of subvention for CRDCs in the past 5 years are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
- (c) & (d) The numbers of service users receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy and training services provided by each CRDC per day, the number of referrals received per year and the numbers of discharged patients waiting for CRDCs in the past 5 years are set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

**Table 1 – Number of service users each CRDC has to serve with physiotherapy/occupational therapy and training services per day**

<b>CRDC</b>	<b>Physiotherapy/occupational therapy and training services Number of service users required to serve per day</b>
Haven of Hope Christian Service	80
Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	80
Christian Family Service Centre	60
Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	80

**Table 2 – Amount of subvention for CRDCs in the past 5 years**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Annual subvention (\$ million)</b>
2011-12 (Actual)	15.2
2012-13 (Actual)	17.3
2013-14 (Actual)	18.2
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	19.0
2015-16 (Estimate)	20.1

**Table 3 – Number of service users receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy and training services provided by each CRDC per day, number of referrals received per year and number of discharged patients waiting for CRDCs**

CRDC	2010-11			2011-12			2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)		
	Number of service users per day	Number of referrals received per year	Number of people on the waiting list per year	Number of service users per day	Number of referrals received per year	Number of people on the waiting list per year	Number of service users per day	Number of referrals received per year	Number of people on the waiting list per year	Number of service users per day	Number of referrals received per year	Number of people on the waiting list per year	Number of service users per day	Number of referrals received per year	Number of people on the waiting list per year
Haven of Hope Christian Service	74	236	8	83	249	12	82	222	11	83	214	15	84	147	23
Christian Family Service Centre	70	531	24	64	467	29	64	461	24	52	527	28	47	414	42
SAHK NT East	142	345	8	141	417	8	142	492	25	145	572	12	158	333	19
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council NT West	79	662	199	88	728	212	96	637	238	99	528	231	96	357	157

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0887****(Question Serial No. 7004)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Heavy wear and tear of therapeutic equipment in community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), manpower shortage, inadequate service space, etc. have prevented discharged patients from receiving the most suitable rehabilitation training service, making it difficult for them to integrate into the community. In this connection, please advise –

- (a) As required by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the therapeutic equipment had to meet the same specification standards as those of the Hospital Authority when the CRDCs first opened. What are the details of the specification standards for therapeutic equipment?
- (b) There is heavy wear and tear of therapeutic equipment in CRDCs, with some items have certified as worn-out already. However, the Block Grant for the Replenishment of Furniture and Equipment (Block Grant) from the Lotteries Fund (LF) is capped at \$50,000. Damaged equipment cannot be replaced if its value exceeds the cap. Has the Government considered relaxing the cap of the Block Grant for CRDCs to replace the worn-out therapeutic equipment? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- (c) What is the situation of CRDCs applying for the Block Grant under LF for replacing therapeutic equipment in the past 5 years? What are the amounts of the Block Grant involved? Please reply in Table 1.

Table 1

Service district	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Haven of Hope Christian Service					
Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Day Centre					
Christian Family Service Centre					
Community Rehabilitation Day Centre					
SAHK					
NT East Community Rehabilitation Day Centre					
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council					
NT West Community Rehabilitation Day Centre					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 764)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Under the Funding and Service Agreements with CRDCs, SWD has no requirements regarding the specifications of therapeutic equipment.
- (b) Under the current mechanism, if it is necessary for subvented CRDCs to replace therapeutic equipment not exceeding the cost of \$50,000 per item because of heavy wear and tear, they can do so by using Block Grant from LF provided for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) regularly on an annual basis. For replacement of equipment exceeding the cost of \$50,000 per item, they may apply for the major (other) grants under Chapter 5 of the Lotteries Fund Manual for replacement, and the subsidised equipment must be recognised by SWD as a standard item necessary for the provision of services.
- (c) In the past 5 years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2013-14), the amounts involved in the replenishment of furniture and equipment in CRDCs by using Block Grant from LF are as follows –

Service district	2009-10 (\$)	2010-11 (\$)	2011-12 (\$)	2012-13 (\$)	2013-14 (\$)
Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	-	-	23,148.0	20,835.0	27,718.0
Christian Family Service Centre Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	41,830.0	154,170.0	83,648.0	23,549.8	32,095.0
SAHK NT East Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	-	-	-	-	68,008.0
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council NT West Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	-	-	-	33,707.0	79,977.0

Allocations of Block Grant from LF are made to NGOs regularly on an annual basis for the replenishment of furniture and equipment and minor works for NGO premises providing subvented welfare services. NGOs may decide on the use of the Block Grant within the aforesaid ambit, including the replacement of therapeutic equipment, at their discretion. Based on the financial statements submitted by NGOs in the past 5 years, the amounts involved in the replenishment of furniture and equipment in the CRDCs concerned by using Block Grant are set out in the table above. As CRDCs are not required to list separately the amounts allocated for the replacement of therapeutic equipment, SWD does not have the relevant statistical information.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7005)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to fellow workers, therapeutic equipment in community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs) have fallen into disrepair one by one and the operating organisations, having to bear all the maintenance and repair fees, are under tremendous pressure. In this connection, please advise –

- a. Has the Government kept records and compiled statistics on the damaged therapeutic equipment in CRDCs? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons and will the Government consider keeping records and compiling statistics on the damaged therapeutic equipment in CRDCs in the future?
- b. Has the Government considered reimbursing the maintenance and repair fees of therapeutic equipment to CRDCs on an accountable basis so as to solve the difficulty faced by CRDCs and facilitate discharged patients to integrate into the community by providing them with the most suitable rehabilitation training service? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- c. It is understood that the therapeutic equipment had to meet standards the same as those of the Hospital Authority (HA) when the CRDCs first opened. Given the continuous advancement of therapeutic equipment, the existing ones in CRDCs are no longer up to HA's standard specifications. Will the Government consider providing a new grant for CRDCs to acquire new equipment each year? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- d. What are the number and percentage of service users of CRDCs being on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 765)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. If CRDCs procure therapeutic equipment by Lotteries Fund (LF) grants, according to the stipulations in Chapter 6 of the Lotteries Fund Manual, they should properly

record, take stock of and verify the equipment items by themselves and follow the required procedures for disposal of the assets. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep any records nor statistics on damaged therapeutic equipment.

- b. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in paying for the maintenance and repair fees of therapeutic equipment, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs being met.
- c. At present, SWD does not have any plan to provide a new grant for CRDCs to acquire new equipment. Under the current mechanism, subvented CRDCs may make use of the annual block grants from LF to procure furniture and equipment, including therapeutic equipment, at their discretion. If the equipment items needed to be procured exceed \$50,000 each, CRDCs may apply for Major (Other) Grants under LF to finance the procurement according to the stipulations in Chapter 5 of the Lotteries Fund Manual, but the funded equipment must be recognised by the Service Branches of SWD as standard items necessary for the provision of service.
- d. The number and percentage of service users of CRDCs being on CSSA in each of the past 5 years are listed at Annex.



Organisation		Haven of Hope Christian Service Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Day Centre			Christian Family Service Centre Community Rehabilitation Day Centre			SAHK NT East Community Rehabilitation Day Centre			The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council NT West Community Rehabilitation Day Centre		
Year	Number/ Percentage	Total number of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users	Percentage of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users	Percentage of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users	Percentage of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users on CSSA	Total number of service users	Percentage of service users on CSSA
2010-11		8	278	2%	1	332	0.3%	122	616	19.8%	625	1 550	40.3%
2011-12		22	313	7%	44	493	8.9%	118	641	18.4%	599	1 511	40%
2012-13		28	312	9%	193	510	37.8%	109	603	18.1%	623	1 650	38%
2013-14		26	291	8.9%	201	504	39.88%	133	653	20.4%	412	1 518	27%
2014-15		29	231	12.55%	168	591	28.4%	112	600	18.7%	234	1 256	18.6%

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7006)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will strengthen day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities. Please advise –

- a. the total funding allocation, the cost per place, the number of places in each district and the total number of places of day respite service for persons with disabilities by District Council district in each of the past 5 years;
- b. the total funding allocation, the cost per place, the number of places in each district and the total number of places of residential respite service for persons with disabilities by District Council district in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 766)

Reply:

Day respite service is an enhanced support service provided by units of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating services for persons with disabilities while residential respite service is an enhanced support service provided by residential care homes for persons with disabilities operated by NGOs through casual vacancies or designated places.

The current funding allocation for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities is met under the recurrent allocation for rehabilitation service units providing such services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown on the financial resources involved in day and residential respite services.

The numbers of places for day and residential respite services by Administrative District of SWD in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

**Number of places for day and residential respite services  
by district from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Administrative District of SWD	Number of places									
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (as at December 2014)	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service	Day respite service	Residential respite service	Day respite service	Residential respite service	Day respite service	Residential respite service	Day respite service	Residential respite service
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	46	2	50	2	50	2	44	2	44
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	8	-	8
Kwun Tong	5	23	5	23	5	23	5	23	5	23
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	27	4	27	4	31	4	31	4	31
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	11	-	11	-	13	-	13	-	13
Sham Shui Po	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5
Sha Tin	10	22	10	22	10	22	10	20	10	20
Tai Po/North	10	20	10	20	10	20	10	20	10	20
Yuen Long	2	14	2	14	2	14	2	12	2	12
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	43	8	43	8	53	8	45	8	45
Tuen Mun	3	29	3	29	3	29	3	31	3	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>252</b> [Note]	<b>44</b>	<b>252</b>

[Note] In 2013-14, the number of places for residential respite service provided by 2 NGOs providing services for persons with disabilities was reduced by 22, while the number of places of residential respite service provided by another NGO was increased by 4.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7007)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As expressed by some in the sector, the Government has, after allocating over \$100,000 each year to purchase 2 places for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities from welfare units, counted only the number of times services are provided without considering the care needs of persons with disabilities in different age groups. Please advise –

- a. the number of service users and the number of people on the waiting list for day respite service for persons with disabilities in each age group (including the number of persons with disabilities aged 6 to 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) by District Council district in each of the past 5 years;
- b. the number of service users and the number of people on the waiting list for residential respite service for persons with disabilities in each age group (including the number of persons with disabilities aged 6 to 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) by District Council district in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 767)

Reply:

At present, day or residential respite service users are not required to wait for the services through the central waiting system. Applications can be made to the relevant service units by applicants directly or through referrals by social workers of medical social services units, integrated family services centres, special schools or rehabilitation service units. Applicants can be admitted directly by the day or residential rehabilitation service units if respite service places are available. Whether the applicants are required to wait for respite services depends on the circumstances of individual units in different periods (higher service demand is expected in certain periods such as long school holidays). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users of day and residential respite services nor the waiting situation. SWD does not capture information on the number and age groups of service users. The number of service users in person-time of day and residential respite services in various districts over the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

**Number of service users in person-time of day respite service in various districts  
from 2010 to 2014**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>Number of service users in person-time</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	55	79	91	58
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	-	-	1	5
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	27	22	47	51	34
Tai Po/North	24	19	27	22	66
Yuen Long	34	39	53	38	46
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	15	60	72	57	67
Tuen Mun	32	13	20	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>294</b>

**Number of service users in person-time of residential respite service in various districts  
from 2010 to 2014**

<b>Administrative District of SWD</b>	<b>Number of service users in person-time</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	444	332	286	333	211
Eastern/Wan Chai	94	85	52	112	60
Kwun Tong	549	426	422	428	305
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	296	231	221	257	232
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	110	107	155	139
Sham Shui Po	25	38	42	48	29
Sha Tin	207	330	387	373	425
Tai Po/North	266	234	286	308	345
Yuen Long	102	129	123	117	133
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	441	437	450	479	369
Tuen Mun	439	496	507	401	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 957</b>	<b>2 848</b>	<b>2 883</b>	<b>3 011</b>	<b>2 597</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7008)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities have been open to children with disabilities aged 6 to 15 since April 2008. However, while residents with disabilities are ageing, children with disabilities receiving respite services are more active, posing difficulties in the provision of services and increasing the risk of accidents in the homes. In this connection, please advise whether there are policies to improve the services and facilities, and enhance manpower. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

In addition, will the Government review the administrative arrangement under which day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities have been open to children with disabilities aged 6 to 15 since April 2008? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Lastly, will the Government consider launching a new service specifically for children with disabilities aged 6 to 15 so that adequate day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities can be provided? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 768)

Reply:

Regarding residential respite service, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided additional resources since July 2013 to provide 86 places of residential respite service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above and a programme organiser was responsible for taking care of 2 service users so as to meet the caring needs of children with disabilities aged from 6 to 15. In 2014-15, SWD further improved the above manpower ratio when providing additional places of residential respite service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. 36 additional places of residential respite service will commence service in the fourth quarter of 2014-15.

Regarding day respite service, SWD also provided additional resources in 2014-15 to increase the manpower of programme organiser and provide additional places of day respite service for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. A programme organiser is responsible for taking care of 2 service users so as to meet the caring needs of children with disabilities aged from 6 to 15. The 112 additional places of day respite service has commenced service since January 2015.

SWD will continue to monitor the provision of day and residential respite services and keep in view the service demand of the parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7009)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has implemented case management service for persons with disabilities and their families/carers in district support centres (DSCs) for persons with disabilities. Please advise the total funding involved, the ranks of staff employed and the details of the case management service.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 769)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided an additional annual recurrent expenditure of \$10.6 million in 2014-15 to increase the manpower of DSCs for introducing a case management service approach, strengthening the support for persons with disabilities and providing more appropriate services.

Case management service has been implemented in DSCs since October 2014. Case managers co-ordinate necessary services for service users and make timely referrals so that service users can be provided with appropriate social and medical services. Together with a multi-disciplinary team comprising paramedical staff, clinical psychologists, social workers, etc., case managers draw up individual care plans with service users and/or their families.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating DSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other supporting staff, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0893****(Question Serial No. 7011)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What were the respective numbers of elderly persons in various age groups (including 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90 or above) enrolled in nursing home (NH) places and care-and-attention (C&A) places in each District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014 (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14)? What were the number and percentage of those who were already on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 798)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the elderly persons' age groups and CSSA status by District Council district of their former places of residence when they were admitted into subsidised places in residential care homes for the elderly. The number of elderly persons who were allocated places and admitted into subsidised NHs and subsidised C&A places from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

<b>Type of places \ Year</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Subsidised NHs	599	779	829	953
Subsidised C&A homes	4 294	4 200	4 310	4 275

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0894****(Question Serial No. 7012)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What were the respective numbers of elderly persons in various age groups who were on the waiting lists for nursing home (NH) places and care-and-attention (C&A) places by District Council district each year from 2010 to 2014 (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14)? What were the number and percentage of those who were already on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 799)Reply:

The information on the elderly persons on the waiting lists for subsidised NH and C&A places by District Council district of their residence and age group from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is set out at Annex.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the elderly persons on the waiting lists for subsidised places in residential care homes for the elderly by age groups and active CSSA status. The total number of CSSA recipients among the elderly persons on the waiting lists for NH places and C&A places from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is provided as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of CSSA recipients on the waiting list for NH places (% of the total number of applicants)</b>	<b>No. of CSSA recipients on the waiting list for C&amp;A places (% of the total number of applicants)</b>
2010-11	2 363 (36.9%)	7 196 (35.4%)
2011-12	2 380 (36.9%)	7 623 (35.6%)
2012-13	2 343 (37.4%)	7 876 (34.9%)
2013-14	2 350 (37.8%)	7 928 (34.1%)

**Table 1 Classification List of the Elderly Persons on the Waiting List for Subsidised NH Places by District Council District of their Residence and Age Group from 2010 to 2014**

Age group District Council district	2010-11					2011-12					2012-13					2013-14				
	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total
Central & Western	12	43	96	52	203	10	43	94	53	200	7	29	76	46	158	7	46	75	51	179
Eastern	35	109	239	103	486	30	92	223	103	448	31	68	213	120	432	38	54	192	118	402
Islands	5	13	17	7	42	4	12	23	9	48	4	12	23	9	48	6	6	18	3	33
Kowloon City	47	139	231	105	522	40	110	252	104	506	42	116	213	111	482	36	113	238	124	511
Kwai Tsing	44	179	245	85	553	53	181	268	97	599	59	174	267	92	592	51	168	271	100	590
Kwun Tong	57	203	345	122	727	54	189	345	123	711	44	157	331	117	649	50	143	299	123	615
North	18	63	103	49	233	22	69	118	47	256	19	71	127	52	269	22	56	119	60	257
Sai Kung	23	54	129	41	247	26	57	105	52	240	23	62	101	48	234	29	60	98	55	242
Sham Shui Po	31	108	190	70	399	26	78	183	84	371	28	72	192	94	386	37	85	201	94	417
Sha Tin	39	130	225	91	485	54	127	251	96	528	51	120	256	117	544	62	111	227	98	498
Southern	13	60	102	49	224	12	52	104	50	218	13	41	99	55	208	11	42	90	53	196
Tai Po	35	83	133	46	297	35	66	140	56	297	33	65	139	61	298	30	61	133	73	297
Tsuen Wan	26	101	165	68	360	27	99	177	61	364	31	91	192	62	376	36	78	190	74	378
Tuen Mun	39	106	186	78	409	51	114	183	82	430	46	86	175	71	378	49	87	173	65	374
Wan Chai	2	27	59	26	114	3	26	50	29	108	5	23	47	29	104	9	22	47	26	104
Wong Tai Sin	32	128	259	79	498	35	123	249	98	505	30	115	262	88	495	31	112	238	107	488
Yau Tsim Mong	15	68	122	41	246	17	61	112	52	242	19	56	103	45	223	24	59	112	60	255
Yuen Long	27	103	177	57	364	30	116	183	56	385	31	114	182	69	396	34	96	175	78	383
<b>Total in Hong Kong</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1 717</b>	<b>3 023</b>	<b>1 169</b>	<b>6 409</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>3 060</b>	<b>1 252</b>	<b>6 456</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1 472</b>	<b>2 998</b>	<b>1 286</b>	<b>6 272</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>1 399</b>	<b>2 896</b>	<b>1 362</b>	<b>6 219</b>

**Table 2 Classification List of the Elderly Persons on the Waiting List for Subsidised C&A Places by District Council District of their Residence and Age Group from 2010 to 2014**

Age group District Council district	2010-11					2011-12					2012-13					2013-14				
	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total	60-69	70-79	80-89	>90	Total
Central & Western	50	133	302	127	<b>612</b>	41	124	301	131	<b>597</b>	33	111	308	130	<b>582</b>	38	108	301	141	<b>588</b>
Eastern	77	341	732	263	<b>1 413</b>	97	348	775	313	<b>1 533</b>	111	335	864	382	<b>1 692</b>	100	321	889	423	<b>1 733</b>
Islands	6	32	44	15	<b>97</b>	9	34	52	22	<b>117</b>	7	40	65	28	<b>140</b>	12	37	88	26	<b>163</b>
Kowloon City	101	353	677	229	<b>1 360</b>	110	374	736	257	<b>1 477</b>	115	357	776	282	<b>1 530</b>	128	324	796	313	<b>1 561</b>
Kwai Tsing	114	375	589	179	<b>1 257</b>	121	416	679	177	<b>1 393</b>	124	415	738	215	<b>1 492</b>	143	480	863	260	<b>1 746</b>
Kwun Tong	216	934	1 579	436	<b>3 165</b>	198	966	1 710	484	<b>3 358</b>	237	1 003	1 800	537	<b>3 577</b>	234	896	1 759	549	<b>3 438</b>
North	41	199	318	76	<b>634</b>	48	150	324	87	<b>609</b>	48	149	332	86	<b>615</b>	53	140	312	100	<b>605</b>
Sai Kung	69	281	492	123	<b>965</b>	67	279	541	128	<b>1 015</b>	62	281	577	156	<b>1 076</b>	99	298	619	176	<b>1 192</b>
Sham Shui Po	98	466	853	285	<b>1 702</b>	121	414	909	305	<b>1 749</b>	115	370	905	324	<b>1 714</b>	113	386	832	339	<b>1 670</b>
Sha Tin	123	461	843	293	<b>1 720</b>	129	463	894	354	<b>1 840</b>	166	443	1 047	363	<b>2 019</b>	169	402	1 042	365	<b>1 978</b>
Southern	39	173	386	118	<b>716</b>	48	178	383	144	<b>753</b>	53	191	391	153	<b>788</b>	55	178	391	132	<b>756</b>
Tai Po	59	196	333	120	<b>708</b>	61	194	352	125	<b>732</b>	69	190	373	134	<b>766</b>	76	161	397	156	<b>790</b>
Tsuen Wan	59	245	376	105	<b>785</b>	54	232	379	110	<b>775</b>	57	220	397	123	<b>797</b>	63	195	377	117	<b>752</b>
Tuen Mun	85	291	444	107	<b>927</b>	110	290	486	148	<b>1 034</b>	114	260	488	137	<b>999</b>	139	254	545	154	<b>1 092</b>
Wan Chai	24	74	158	59	<b>315</b>	20	75	145	91	<b>331</b>	19	88	196	107	<b>410</b>	15	79	189	115	<b>398</b>
Wong Tai Sin	145	678	1 272	325	<b>2 420</b>	143	644	1 329	334	<b>2 450</b>	152	635	1 435	408	<b>2 630</b>	167	606	1 525	506	<b>2 804</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	71	279	441	135	<b>926</b>	73	245	474	167	<b>959</b>	64	248	498	159	<b>969</b>	77	261	474	178	<b>990</b>
Yuen Long	80	191	270	79	<b>620</b>	73	207	325	105	<b>710</b>	61	227	363	99	<b>750</b>	91	265	467	137	<b>960</b>
<b>Total in Hong Kong</b>	<b>1 457</b>	<b>5 702</b>	<b>10 109</b>	<b>3 074</b>	<b>20 342</b>	<b>1 523</b>	<b>5 633</b>	<b>10 794</b>	<b>3 482</b>	<b>21 432</b>	<b>1 607</b>	<b>5 563</b>	<b>11 553</b>	<b>3 823</b>	<b>22 546</b>	<b>1 772</b>	<b>5 391</b>	<b>11 866</b>	<b>4 187</b>	<b>23 216</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7013)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was mentioned in the White Paper on Rehabilitation 1995 that there be 4 modes of residential services, including supported housing for independent living, supported hostels for semi-independent living, hostels for people with a moderate disability and hostels for people with severe/multiple disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the respective number of homes currently providing residential services in the 4 modes above, as well as their respective number of service users, number of people on the waiting list and cost per place by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 772)

Reply:

Supported housing service ceased in September 2002 due to the significant drop in service demand. The numbers of units providing other rehabilitation residential services for persons with disabilities, the numbers of places and the number of applicants waiting for these services by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are set out in the Annex. The estimated cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services (including supported hostels for semi-independent living, hostels for people with a moderate disability and hostels for people with severe/multiple disabilities) in 2015-16 is \$13,089.

**Table1 – Number of units providing various rehabilitation residential services for persons with disabilities (as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of units				
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	SHOS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	11	2	4	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	4	1	2	2
Kwun Tong	6	5	2	-	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	3	8	2	2	4
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	2	1	-	2
Sham Shui Po	1	2	-	-	1
Sha Tin/Ma On Shan	3	6	2	2	2
Tai Po/North	2	2	-	2	3
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	4	2	1	2	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	11	1	4	2
Tuen Mun	6	7	1	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>

**Table 2 – Number of places of various rehabilitation residential services  
for persons with disabilities (as at end-March 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>				
	<b>HMMH</b>	<b>HSMH</b>	<b>HSPH</b>	<b>C&amp;A/SD</b>	<b>SHOS</b>
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	100	200	79
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	40
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	61
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	188	359	100	88	76
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	20	-	29
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	-	30
Sha Tin/Ma On Shan	186	470	88	102	62
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	70
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	187	106	50	100	46
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	83
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 364</b>	<b>3 382</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>596</b>

**Table 3 – Number of applicants waiting for various rehabilitation residential services for persons with disabilities (as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list				
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	SHOS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	145	151	49	36	92
Eastern/Wan Chai	176	186	59	31	104
Kwun Tong	176	223	54	46	136
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung/ Tseung Kwan O	190	251	69	63	207
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	141	181	39	43	87
Sham Shui Po	103	159	31	44	91
Sha Tin/Ma On Shan	146	181	52	28	115
Tai Po/North	150	213	37	41	131
Yuen Long/ Tin Shui Wai	121	186	37	42	116
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	193	233	49	56	127
Tuen Mun	153	236	40	38	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 694</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1 340</b>

Legend

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

SHOS – supported hostel

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7014)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government oversees the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (the Pilot Scheme). In this connection, please provide the number of participants, the number of those who have been invited to join the Scheme and the number of those whose applications have been rejected, as well as the amount of funding allocation since the introduction of the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 773)

Reply:

Funding of \$126 million in total was allocated from the Community Care Fund to roll out in June 2014 the Pilot Scheme administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Having issued a total of about 20 300 invitation letters, SWD received about 2 870 applications. As at 17 March 2015, 1 700 applicants were assessed to be eligible, while 388 were found ineligible. Currently 441 applications are still being processed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7015)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the "Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly" (Pilot Scheme) in 8 selected districts since September 2013. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. the number of vouchers issued each month in various districts, day care places, the number of vouchers already issued and the annual estimated expenditure since September 2013;
- b. the number of vouchers currently allocated by the Government to respective districts and the age distribution of service users;
- c. the Pilot Scheme involves heavy administrative work and recurrent monthly expenditure. The manpower cost and recurrent expenditure will be incurred even if no voucher is received. Will the Government consider providing a monthly flat-rate allowance to service units? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 774)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. & b. The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase launched in September 2013. As at end-January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing service voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. The accumulated numbers of participants, service voucher holders and day care places provided by the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) under the Pilot Scheme by district are set out at Annex. The age distribution of the 1 217 service voucher holders is as follows –

<b>Age</b>	<b>No. of service voucher holders</b>
60-69	116
70-79	320
80-89	622
90-99	155
100 or above	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 217</b>

- c. An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for launching the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to the RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme. Since the voucher value has covered manpower resources and other expenses, the Government does not intend to provide other allowances to the RSPs.

**Accumulated numbers of participants, service voucher holders and day care (DC)  
places under the Pilot Scheme by district  
(As at end-January 2015)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Accumulated no. of participants under the Pilot Scheme</b>	<b>No. of service voucher holders</b>	<b>No. of DC places</b>
Eastern	322	203	148
Kwun Tong	298	178	178
Wong Tai Sin	329	188	90
Sham Shui Po (including Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong)	225	136	105
Sha Tin	333	202	167
Tai Po	148	99	116
Tsuen Wan	149	94	50
Tuen Mun	198	117	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 002</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>923</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0898**

**(Question Serial No. 7016)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly" (Pilot Scheme) which has been implemented in 8 selected districts since September 2013, please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. whether the Government will relax the Pilot Scheme's mandatory service requirement of providing no less than 8 hours of direct home-based services for the elderly each month. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. the Government only counts the number of hours regarding professional services, while service users need home cleansing, meal delivery and escorting services for medical consultations. To improve the service mix, will the number of hours regarding home cleansing, meal delivery and escorting services for medical consultations be counted? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. it is proposed that a single-mode direct home-based service should be added to the Pilot Scheme to meet the service needs of the elderly persons. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- d. regarding the co-payment arrangement of the Pilot Scheme, how many service users are there and what is their percentage share at the various levels?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 775)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. to c. The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase having been launched in September 2013. In designing the parameters of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, the Government has conducted in-depth briefings, consultations and discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the Elderly Commission, non-governmental organisations, concern groups, etc., to work out the detailed arrangements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an

evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of possible areas for refinement for the second phase, including whether a single-mode home care service should be added. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

- d. During the implementation of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, service voucher holders need to pay according to affordability a co-payment amount set at 5 levels (i.e. \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,500). As at end-January 2015, the co-payment position of the 1 217 service voucher holders was as follows –

Level	Amount	Service Voucher Holders	
		Number	Percentage
I	\$500	869	71%
II	\$750	115	10%
III	\$1,000	109	9%
IV	\$1,500	25	2%
V	\$2,500	99	8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 217</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0899**

**(Question Serial No. 7017)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The "Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly" (Pilot Scheme) is to be implemented in 2 phases over a period of 4 years. The Government has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a formative and outcome evaluation (the Evaluation) of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. Please inform this Committee of the results of the Evaluation. Will the results of the study be evaluated? If yes, what are the reasons? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 776)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase having been launched in September 2013. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned COA of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of possible areas for refinement for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7018)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) has been commissioned to conduct a Case Mix Study on Community Care Services for the Elderly (the Study). Please inform this Committee of the results of the Study. Will the results of the Study be published? If yes, what are the reasons? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 777)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has commissioned COA of the University of Hong Kong to conduct the Study, which mainly examines the service needs of elderly persons at moderate to severe levels of impairment and different care needs of groups of elderly persons within the same impairment level. The results of the ongoing Study would assist the Government in determining the suitable level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7019)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many letters had been issued by the Government to eligible elderly persons as at February 2015? How many elderly persons had indicated the intention to participate in the pilot scheme and what was the percentage to the number of eligible elderly persons? What are the reasons as recorded by the Government for the elderly persons to have changed the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs)? What are the existing number of day care places and details of vacancies in RSPs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 778)

Reply:

Based on the application dates for long-term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited eligible elderly persons, via Responsible Workers, to join the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme). The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. All the 1 200 vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014.

As at end-January 2015, SWD had issued a total of about 16 000 invitation letters to elderly persons and received the replies from about 14 450 elderly persons. A total of 2 002 elderly persons had participated in the Pilot Scheme, representing about 18% of eligible elderly persons. SWD has no record of the reasons for the service voucher holders to have changed the RSPs.

The number of day care places provided by the 62 RSPs under the Pilot Scheme and the number of users as at end-January 2015 are set out at Annex. In the first phase of the pilot scheme, service voucher holders only used day care (part-time) services. Therefore, each place of day care services may serve more than 1 service voucher holders.

**Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly**  
**Number of Day Care Places Provided by Respective RSPs and Number of Users**  
**(As at end-January 2015)**

	<b>RSP</b>	<b>No. of day care place</b>	<b>No. of users</b>
1.	Eastern 1	20	29
2.	Eastern 2	20	29
3.	Eastern 3	10	27
4.	Eastern 4	12	25
5.	Eastern 5	10	19
6.	Eastern 6	10	11
7.	Eastern 7	10	7
8.	Eastern 8	53	6
9.	Eastern 9	3	3
10.	Kwun Tong 1	20	31
11.	Kwun Tong 2	24	27
12.	Kwun Tong 3	15	27
13.	Kwun Tong 4	10	16
14.	Kwun Tong 5	20	15
15.	Kwun Tong 6	15	14
16.	Kwun Tong 7	14	14
17.	Kwun Tong 8	10	7
18.	Kwun Tong 9	20	6
19.	Kwun Tong 10	10	4
20.	Kwun Tong 11	6	4
21.	Kwun Tong 12	14	-
22.	Wong Tai Sin 1	25	30
23.	Wong Tai Sin 2	20	27
24.	Wong Tai Sin 3	20	24
25.	Wong Tai Sin 4	10	20
26.	Wong Tai Sin 5	10	17
27.	Wong Tai Sin 6	5	10
28.	Sham Shui Po 1	24	18
29.	Sham Shui Po 2	20	18
30.	Sham Shui Po 3	12	12
31.	Sham Shui Po 4	10	11
32.	Sham Shui Po 5	5	10
33.	Sham Shui Po 6	5	10
34.	Sham Shui Po 7	13	9
35.	Sham Shui Po 8	10	5
36.	Sham Shui Po 9	6	-
37.	Sha Tin 1	40	57
38.	Sha Tin 2	10	24

	<b>RSP</b>	<b>No. of day care place</b>	<b>No. of users</b>
39.	Sha Tin 3	20	22
40.	Sha Tin 4	20	12
41.	Sha Tin 5	15	12
42.	Sha Tin 6	6	11
43.	Sha Tin 7	10	10
44.	Sha Tin 8	10	9
45.	Sha Tin 9	10	8
46.	Sha Tin 10	6	5
47.	Sha Tin 11	20	3
48.	Tai Po 1	35	27
49.	Tai Po 2	20	18
50.	Tai Po 3	12	12
51.	Tai Po 4	24	10
52.	Tai Po 5	13	10
53.	Tai Po 6	12	10
54.	Tsuen Wan 1	10	31
55.	Tsuen Wan 2	10	19
56.	Tsuen Wan 3	20	18
57.	Tsuen Wan 4	10	9
58.	Tuen Mun 1	15	25
59.	Tuen Mun 2	20	23
60.	Tuen Mun 3	10	18
61.	Tuen Mun 4	8	12
62.	Tuen Mun 5	16	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>968</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7020)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly" (Pilot Scheme), fellow workers have expressed that a lot of service users need home cleansing, meal delivery and escorting services for medical consultations, such as 3 follow-up consultations per month, daily meal delivery, 2 home cleansing sessions per week etc. Unfortunately, such services are not counted as service hours. As a result, professional staff are working as frontline workers providing home cleansing, meal delivery and escorting services for medical consultations. This has dealt a severe blow to the morale and led to a high staff turnover rate. Would the Government please therefore inform this Committee of the turnover rates of fellow workers working at various posts for the 62 Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) participating in the Pilot Scheme? Will the number of hours regarding home cleansing, meal delivery and escorting services for medical consultations be counted? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 779)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase having been launched in September 2013. In designing the parameters of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, the Government has conducted in-depth briefings, consultation sessions and discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the Elderly Commission, non-governmental organisations, concern groups, etc., to work out the detailed arrangements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, and is now working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of possible areas for refinement for the second phase. The sector will be engaged in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD does not record the staff turnover of RSPs under the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7026)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has planned to provide additional places for the Work Extension Programme (WEP) in sheltered workshops (SWs)/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). In this connection, please advise –

- a. the number of places, the funding allocation and the cost per place of WEP in each of the past 5 years;
- b. the number, the funding allocation and the cost per place of the additional places for WEP.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 785)

Reply:

Launched in 2005, WEP provided a total of 195 service places. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) further provided 655 additional WEP places in SWs/IVRSCs in the fourth quarter of 2014-15, bringing the total number of places to 850. The current funding allocation for WEP has been met under the recurrent funding for rehabilitation service units providing the service. SWD does not have the breakdown on the financial resources allocated for WEP, nor the information on the cost per place per month of WEP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7027)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has planned to provide additional places for the Extended Care Programme (ECP) in day activity centres (DACs). In this connection, please advise –

- a. the number of places, the funding allocation and the cost per place of ECP in each of the past 5 years;
- b. the number, the funding allocation and the cost per place of the additional places for ECP.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 786)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented ECP in DACs since March 2008, providing 130 service places. In 2014-15, SWD provided additional resources to increase some 900 ECP places, bringing the total number of places to some 1 030. The current funding allocation for ECP has been met under the recurrent funding for rehabilitation service units providing the service. SWD does not have the breakdown on the financial resources allocated for ECP, nor the information on the cost per place per month of ECP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0905****(Question Serial No. 7028)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to statistics from the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of each age group (i.e. aged 0-9, aged 10-19, aged 20-29, aged 30-39, aged 40-49, aged 50-59, aged 60-69, aged 70-79 and aged 80 or above) involved recipients with 100% disability for each of the past 5 years? Were the above cases required to provide medical certificates every 6 months to prove the level of disability?

If yes, how many cases over the past 3 years involved changing from 100% disability to constant attendance, from 100% disability to 50% disability, and from 100% disability to able-bodied?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 787)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients with 100% disability from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by age is as follows –

Age group	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
9 or below	1 082	1 153	1 176	1 161	1 167
10-19	2 237	2 186	2 191	2 244	2 263
20-29	3 233	3 149	3 112	3 165	3 143
30-39	7 282	7 173	7 302	7 340	7 280
40-49	13 018	13 249	13 010	13 107	12 975
50-59	15 647	16 015	16 658	17 133	17 236
60-69	10 355	11 256	12 026	12 802	13 427
70 or above	32 929	32 711	31 865	31 049	30 847
<b>Total</b>	<b>85 783</b>	<b>86 892</b>	<b>87 340</b>	<b>88 001</b>	<b>88 338</b>

CSSA recipients have to undergo medical assessment conducted by doctors of public hospitals or public clinics for proof of level of disability and the duration of such disability. A review is required upon expiry.

SWD does not have the numbers of cases involving changing from 100% disability to constant attendance, from 100% disability to 50% disability, or from 100% disability to able-bodied.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0906****(Question Serial No. 7029)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to the statistics from the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of each age group (i.e. aged 0-9, aged 10-19, aged 20-29, aged 30-39, aged 40-49, aged 50-59, aged 60-69, aged 70-79 and aged 80 or above) involved recipients with 50% disability for each of the past 5 years? Were the above cases required to provide medical certificates every 6 months to prove the level of disability?

If yes, how many cases over the past 3 years have involved changing from 50% disability to 100% disability, from 50% disability to able-bodied, and from 50% disability to constant attendance?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 788)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients with 50% disability from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by age is as follows –

Age group	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
9 or below	93	98	118	140	149
10-19	390	403	403	416	477
20-29	275	276	241	249	254
30-39	813	772	733	695	659
40-49	2 221	2 050	1 897	1 717	1 642
50-59	4 120	3 888	3 659	3 432	3 212
60-69	43 514	43 065	42 380	40 590	39 530
70 or above	84 209	82 221	80 333	76 835	74 944
<b>Total</b>	<b>135 635</b>	<b>132 773</b>	<b>129 764</b>	<b>124 074</b>	<b>120 867</b>

The number of recipients aged 60 or above includes both able-bodied and 50% disabled elderly persons.

CSSA recipients have to undergo medical assessment conducted by doctors of public hospitals or public clinics for proof of level of disability and the duration of such disability. A review is required upon expiry.

SWD does not have the numbers of cases having changed from 50% disability to 100% disability, from 50% disability to able-bodied, or from 50% disability to constant attendance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7030)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As the payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme have not been able to keep up with inflation, the quality of life of CSSA recipients or families has been worsening. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. Will the standard rate for an individual be increased to \$5,000? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. What are the standard rates for different categories of recipients over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 789)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) in order to maintain the purchasing power of the payment rates. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

Under the said mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the CSSA standard payment rates be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

- b. The standard rates applicable to different categories of CSSA recipients over the past 5 years are set out at the Annex.

**The standard rates for different categories of CSSA recipients from 2010-11 to 2014-15  
(amount per person per month)**

Effective period		1.2.2010 – 31.1.2011			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)		Family member (\$)	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	2,590		2,445	
	100% disabled	3,140		2,775	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,420		4,050	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	2,200		1,990	
	100% disabled	2,745		2,370	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,010		3,645	
Disabled child	50% disabled	2,925		2,550	
	100% disabled	3,465		3,100	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,740		4,375	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		1,990	1,795	1,590
	Other adult	1,830	1,630	1,470	1,315
Able-bodied child		2,200	1,820	1,635	1,455

Effective period		1.2.2011 – 31.7.2011			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)		Family member (\$)	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	2,680		2,530	
	100% disabled	3,245		2,870	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570		4,190	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	2,275		2,060	
	100% disabled	2,840		2,450	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,145		3,770	
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,025		2,635	
	100% disabled	3,585		3,205	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,900		4,525	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		2,060	1,855	1,645
	Other adult	1,890	1,685	1,520	1,360
Able-bodied child		2,275	1,880	1,690	1,505

Effective period		1.8.2011 – 31.1.2012			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)		Family member (\$)	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	2,680		2,530	
	100% disabled	3,245		2,870	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570		4,190	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	2,680		2,530	
	100% disabled	3,245		2,870	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,570		4,190	
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,025		2,635	
	100% disabled	3,585		3,205	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,900		4,525	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		2,060	1,855	1,645
	Other adult	1,890	1,685	1,520	1,360
Able-bodied child		2,275	1,880	1,690	1,505

Effective period		1.2.2012 – 31.1.2013			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)		Family member (\$)	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	2,820		2,660	
	100% disabled	3,415		3,020	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,810		4,410	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	2,820		2,660	
	100% disabled	3,415		3,020	
	Requiring constant attendance	4,810		4,410	
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,180		2,770	
	100% disabled	3,770		3,370	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,155		4,760	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		2,165	1,950	1,730
	Other adult	1,990	1,775	1,600	1,430
Able-bodied child		2,395	1,980	1,780	1,585

<b>Effective period</b>		<b>1.2.2013 – 31.1.2014</b>			
<b>Category of recipients</b>		<b>Single person (\$)</b>		<b>Family member (\$)</b>	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	2,935		2,765	
	100% disabled	3,550		3,140	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,000		4,585	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	2,935		2,765	
	100% disabled	3,550		3,140	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,000		4,585	
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,305		2,880	
	100% disabled	3,920		3,505	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,360		4,950	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		2,250	2,030	1,800
	Other adult	2,070	1,845	1,665	1,485
Able-bodied child		2,490	2,060	1,850	1,650

<b>Effective period</b>		<b>With effect from 1.2.2014</b>			
<b>Category of recipients</b>		<b>Single person (\$)</b>		<b>Family member (\$)</b>	
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	3,055		2,880	
	100% disabled	3,695		3,270	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,205		4,775	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/ 50% disabled	3,055		2,880	
	100% disabled	3,695		3,270	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,205		4,775	
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,440		3,000	
	100% disabled	4,080		3,650	
	Requiring constant attendance	5,580		5,155	
		Single person (\$)	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children (\$)	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children (\$)
Able-bodied adult aged under 60	Single parent/ Family carer		2,340	2,115	1,875
	Other adult	2,155	1,920	1,735	1,545
Able-bodied child		2,590	2,145	1,925	1,720

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7031)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients from 1-person households are not provided with water and sewage charge allowance, while 2-person families can get a monthly allowance of \$8.1 per person, 3-person families a monthly allowance of \$11.3 per person, and 4-person families a monthly allowance of \$13.1 per person. Obviously, the allowance payments are unreasonable. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. Will the Government provide water and sewage charge allowance for CSSA recipients from 1-person families? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Will the Government increase the amount of water and sewage charge allowance? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 790)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. CSSA recipients may receive water and sewage charge allowance but the amount of allowance depends on the number of persons sharing the water meter. Singleton CSSA recipients sharing a water meter with other tenants may also receive water and sewage charge allowance. For example, a singleton CSSA recipient may receive water and sewage charge allowance of \$8.1 a month if he/she is sharing a water meter with 1 other tenant, \$11.3 a month if he/she is sharing a water meter with 2 other tenants, and \$13.1 a month if he/she is sharing a water meter with 3 other tenants. On the other hand, no charge will be levied for water consumption of the first tier (i.e. the first 12 cubic metres).
- b. The water and sewage charge allowance under the CSSA Scheme is adjusted on 1 April every year in accordance with relevant information provided by the Water Supplies Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7032)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The special grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme include grants for water, electricity and gas/LPG deposits for accommodation in public housing, but not a monthly grant for electricity and gas/LPG. CSSA families have therefore been leading a difficult life. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. What is the monthly expenditure on electricity and gas/LPG of CSSA recipients for each of the past 3 years?
- b. If no such information is available, will the Government collect data on the monthly expenditure on electricity and gas/LPG of CSSA recipients as a reference for providing grants in the future? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 791)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

CSSA recipients receive payment of standard rates to meet their basic needs, including food, clothing and footwear, fuel and electricity, durable goods, etc.

- a. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the monthly expenditure on electricity and gas/LPG of CSSA recipients.
- b. The Census and Statistics Department and SWD jointly conduct the Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households every 5 years to study the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and to update the weighting system of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) for the purpose of adjusting standard rate CSSA payments. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, while the survey for 2014-15 is underway.



In the SSAIP weighting system with 2009-10 as the basis period, electricity and gas represent 8%.

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard rate CSSA payments (including the CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account movements of the SSAIP. Based on the above-mentioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015.

SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0910****(Question Serial No. 7033)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

According to social security statistics from the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of each age group (i.e. aged 0-9, aged 10-19, aged 20-29, aged 30-39, aged 40-49, aged 50-59, aged 60-69, aged 70-79 and aged 80 or above) involved disabled persons requiring constant attendance for each of the past 5 years? Were the above cases required to provide medical certificates every 6 months to prove the level of disability?

If yes, how many cases over the past 3 years involved persons changing from requiring constant attendance to 100% disability, from constant attendance to 50% disability, and from constant attendance to able-bodied?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 792)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients requiring constant attendance from 2010-11 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by age is as follows –

Age group	Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
9 or below	95	86	82	70	73
10-19	235	217	196	183	182
20-29	246	242	264	258	271
30-39	187	173	169	184	206
40-49	511	499	472	468	470
50-59	1 150	1 141	1 203	1 213	1 277
60-69	1 770	1 877	1 938	2 104	2 188
70 or above	14 694	14 921	14 762	15 047	15 606
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 888</b>	<b>19 156</b>	<b>19 086</b>	<b>19 527</b>	<b>20 273</b>

CSSA recipients have to undergo medical assessment conducted by doctors of public hospitals or public clinics for proof of level of disability and the duration of such disability. A review is required upon expiry.

SWD does not have the numbers of cases involving persons changing from requiring constant attendance to 100% disability, from constant attendance to 50% disability, or from constant attendance to able-bodied.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3382)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Department “provides support for employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant”. Please inform this Committee of the number of able-bodied CSSA recipients participating in various employment assistance schemes, as well as the number and percentage of participants who had secured employment in the past 3 financial years. Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of various employment assistance schemes? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 59)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the New Dawn (ND) Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) in April 2006, October 2006 and October 2008 respectively to encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients and single parents/child carers to secure employment and become self-reliant. Since their launch until end-December 2012, the number and percentage of participants of the above projects who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling were as follows –

<b>Employment assistance project</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number and percentage of participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling as at end-December 2012</b>
ND Project	26 162	7 582 (29%)
My STEP	1 960	1 147 (58.5%)
IEAS	121 507	26 079 (21.5%)

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects above into a new programme, namely the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). From January 2013 to end-December 2014, a total of 30 997

persons participated in IEAPS, and 9 930 (32%) of the participants had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS. In the coming year, SWD will extend IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017 to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients, and to encourage and assist them to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. In the meantime, we will continue to keep in view the implementation of the programme in order to determine its future direction.

SWD does not keep information on the number of participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling with a breakdown by financial year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3303)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Government, the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) would be launched. Please advise on the estimated expenditure for the Pilot Scheme in 2015-16. What is the staffing establishment?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The Community Care Fund rolled out the Pilot Scheme in June 2014, which is administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The total provision for the 2-year Pilot Scheme is \$126 million, with no breakdown by year. The manpower deployed by SWD for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme is estimated to be about 77 man-months.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3579)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2015 Policy Address that the Government will enhance child care services to provide better support for women who wish to join the job market. The Government will, from 2015-16 onwards, gradually increase the subsidised places of extended hours service (EHS) provided by child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) to some 6 200, which represents a fourfold increase. Please advise:

1. How did the above child care services affect government expenditure in the past 3 years? Regarding "a fourfold increase", how much expenditure will be incurred for this financial year?
2. Based on past experience, how will the above initiative affect the gross domestic product (GDP) and tax revenue?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The actual expenditure on EHS in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$14.91 million and \$15.9 million respectively, while the revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$17.7 million and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$36.4 million.
2. The Government believes that the above measures can help unleash potential women work force. After the relevant measures are implemented, we will keep in view the implementation and effectiveness. However, at this stage we are unable to estimate how GDP and tax revenue will be affected.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6485)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimate for the government sector for 2015-16 represents a 6.1% increase over the original estimate for 2014-15. What are the reasons for the increase? Will there be any additional manpower or service involved? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 300)

Reply:

The estimate for 2015-16 is higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the full-year costs for the new posts created in 2014-15 and the provision for administrative support for implementing new measures, including the net increase of 4 posts of the Social Work Officer and Registered Nurse grades in the Social Welfare Department in 2015-16 for strengthening the licensing service and stepping up the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6492)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The revised estimate for the government sector for 2014-15 represents a 4.8% decrease against the original estimate. What are the reasons for the decrease? Is there any decrease in manpower or service involved? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 301)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2014-15 is less than the original estimate, mainly because the general non-recurrent expenditure is less than what was expected. For instance, the number of projects targeting elderly persons under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged is less than originally estimated.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6493)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimate for the subvented/private sectors for 2015-16 represents an 11.6% increase over the original estimate for 2014-15. What are the reasons for the increase? Will there be any additional manpower or service involved? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 302)

Reply:

Estimate for 2015-16 is higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. The additional allocation is mainly for the provision of subsidised home, day and residential care places, the full-year effect of new initiatives which have only been implemented since 2014-15, and the net increase of 4 posts in the Social Welfare Department.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6494)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The revised estimate for the subvented/private sectors for 2014-15 represents a 1.4% decrease against the original estimate. What are the reasons for the decrease? Is there any decrease in manpower or service involved? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 303)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2014-15 is lower than the original estimate, mainly due to the fact that the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector and the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services are still in the process of selecting operators through tendering and invitation of proposals respectively. The expenditure items concerned will be incurred in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0918****(Question Serial No. 6495)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

For residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Government please advise –

- (a) the total number of various types of subsidised and non-subsidised places in Hong Kong, the number of elderly persons waiting for each type of places, the average and the longest waiting time and the number of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list for the past 3 years; and
- (b) the total number of care staff serving each type of subsidised and non-subsidised places in Hong Kong and the ratio of care staff to residents for each type of places.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 304)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of various subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information on the waiting situation of non-subsidised places. The places in subsidised RCHEs that are currently available for application for waitlisting include the places in care-and-attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs). The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for places in C&A homes and NHs from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons	
	C&A home places <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	NH places <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	22 546	6 272
2013-14 (as at end-March 2013)	23 216	6 219
2014-15 (as at end-March 2013)	25 269	6 384

[Note 1] Excluding the 4 445, 5 823 and 6 553 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases from 2012-13 to 2014-15 respectively.

[Note 2] Excluding the 437, 525 and 617 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases from 2012-13 to 2014-15 respectively.

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

The average waiting time for allocation of places in subsidised C&A homes and NHs in 2012-13 to 2014-15 is provided as follows –

Year	Waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)		
	C&A homes		Subsidised NH places
	Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHEs	Subsidised places provided by homes participating in EBPS	
2012-13	35	8	34
2013-14	36	7	33
2014-15 (as at end-January 2015)	35	7	32

The number of elderly persons who passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 years is provided as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons passed away
2012	5 157
2013	5 019
2014	5 568

- (b) Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality, meet service needs and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has neither the total number of care staff in various subsidised homes in Hong Kong, the ratio of care staff to elderly residents for various kinds of places, nor the information on the number of care staff in non-subsidised homes in Hong Kong.

**The number of various subsidised and non-subsidised places in Hong Kong  
from 2012-13 to 2014-15**

Year (as at end-March)	Subsidised places					Non-subsidised places				
	Self-care (S/C) hostels	Homes for the aged (H/As)	C&A homes [Note 1]	NHs [Note 2]	Total	S/C hostels	H/As	C&A homes	NHs	Total
2012-13	24	293	22 307	3 047	<b>25 671</b>	15	831	47 215	1 183	<b>49 244</b>
2013-14	-	101	22 655	3 198	<b>25 954</b>	15	728	47 147	1 335	<b>49 225</b>
2014-15 [Note 3]	-	67	22 858	3 394	<b>26 319</b>	15	740	44 899	1 374	<b>47 028</b>

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A home places included C&A places with a continuum of care (COC). These places with COC were available in subvented C&A homes and contract homes.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places were available in subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

[Note 3] As at end-January 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0919****(Question Serial No. 3993)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in each age bracket in residential care at 31 December 2014, in the table below:

Age at 31 December 2014	Foster Care	Small Group Homes	Institutional Care
0 - below 6 months old			
6 months - below 1 year old			
1 - below 2 years old			
2 - below 3 years old			
3 - below 4 years old			
4 - below 5 years old			
5 - below 6 years old			
6 - below 7 years old			
7 - below 8 years old			
8 - below 9 years old			
9 - below 10 years old			
10 - below 11 years old			
11 - below 12 years old			
12 - below 13 years old			
13 - below 14 years old			
14 - below 15 years old			
15 - below 16 years old			
16 - below 17 years old			
17 - below 18 years old			
18+			
Total			

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 51)Reply:

The number of children in residential care is set out in the Annex.

### Number of Children in Residential Care

<b>Age at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>Foster care</b>	<b>Small group homes</b>	<b>Residential homes for children</b>
0 - below 6 months old	26	-	22
6 months - below 1 year old	20	-	30
1 - below 2 years old	73	-	58
2 - below 3 years old	77	-	51
3 - below 4 years old	80	-	29
4 - below 5 years old	83	3	29
5 - below 6 years old	80	6	22
6 - below 7 years old	62	15	17
7 - below 8 years old	74	31	30
8 - below 9 years old	71	52	50
9 - below 10 years old	58	76	54
10 - below 11 years old	53	72	86
11 - below 12 years old	45	93	80
12 - below 13 years old	43	90	85
13 - below 14 years old	28	86	115
14 - below 15 years old	19	76	195
15 - below 16 years old	18	65	183
16 - below 17 years old	11	57	124
17 - below 18 years old	9	53	78
18+	2	17	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>1 464</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0920****(Question Serial No. 3994)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in residential care at 31 December 2014 who had experienced more than one residential care placement, in the table provided:

<b>Residential care placements</b>	<b>Number of children (of those in residential care at 31 December 2014)</b>
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
More than 5	

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 52)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0921****(Question Serial No. 3995)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the length of time spent in residential care by age, of children in care at 31 December 2014, in the table provided:

Age at 31 December 2014	Number of children in residential care (at 31 December 2014)	Average time spent in residential care (at 31 December 2014)	Average number of placements among different care homes
0 - below 6 months old			
6 months - below 1 year old			
1 - below 2 years old			
2 - below 3 years old			
3 - below 4 years old			
4 - below 5 years old			
5 - below 6 years old			
6 - below 7 years old			
7 - below 8 years old			
8 - below 9 years old			
9 - below 10 years old			
10 - below 11 years old			
11 - below 12 years old			
12 - below 13 years old			
13 - below 14 years old			
14 - below 15 years old			
15 - below 16 years old			
16 - below 17 years old			
17 - below 18 years old			
18+			
Total			

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 53)Reply:

The average time spent by children in residential care by age group is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the average number of placements among different care homes of children in residential care.

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<b>Age at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>Number of children in residential care (as at 31 December 2014)</b>	<b>Average time spent in residential care (as at 31 December 2014) (months)</b>
0 - below 6 months old	48	1.8
6 months - below 1 year old	50	4.2
1 - below 2 years old	131	9.1
2 - below 3 years old	128	16.4
3 - below 4 years old	109	19.5
4 - below 5 years old	115	23.5
5 - below 6 years old	108	25.4
6 - below 7 years old	94	29.6
7 - below 8 years old	135	28.1
8 - below 9 years old	173	27.8
9 - below 10 years old	188	27.5
10 - below 11 years old	211	30.1
11 - below 12 years old	218	36.3
12 - below 13 years old	218	36.3
13 - below 14 years old	229	31.7
14 - below 15 years old	290	23.2
15 - below 16 years old	266	29.7
16 - below 17 years old	192	32.7
17 - below 18 years old	140	44.8
18+	145	34.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 188</b>	<b>28.0</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0922****(Question Serial No. 3996)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) What is the average time a child spends with each foster family before moving on?
- (b) How many foster homes (with a breakdown between those with a placement of a child and those available and waiting for a placement) were there in 2014? How many foster parents were trained in 2014? What training were they given? What, if any, additional training was given to foster parents who are taking care of children with special needs?
- (c) Please provide the record of placement breakdown in the past 5 years from 2010-2014 and their reasons:

Year	No. of Records	Reasons
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013		
2014		

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 54)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014, the average time a foster child had spent with the foster family before leaving was 18.5 months.
- (b) There were 929 foster homes as at 31 December 2014, among which 698 foster homes were taking care of foster children while the remaining 231 foster homes were available for placements. In 2014, 314 foster parents had received training organised by the Central Foster Care Unit of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The training included pre-service training for prospective foster parents, training on care for foster children and training on care for foster children with special needs, etc.

Some of the training programmes could help foster parents to understand the characteristics and developmental needs of children with special needs, and acquire the necessary caring skills.

- (c) The number of children who had left foster care service and the reasons over the past 5 years were as follows –

<b>Reasons for leaving foster care service</b> \ <b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Family reunion	274	279	284	244	236
Adoption	26	29	34	41	46
Independent living	-	-	-	3	1
Admission to other residential care placement	175	198	171	151	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>429</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3997)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 had a “Case Review Meeting” in the previous 6 months (i.e. July-December 2014)?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3998)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children in residential care do not have birth certificates?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3999)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 had a "Welfare Plan" for family reunion? How many had a welfare plan for adoption? How many had a welfare plan for independent living? Please reply in the table provided. Please add any additional categories.

<b>Welfare Plan</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Family reunion					
Adoption					
Independence					
No plan					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 57)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0926****(Question Serial No. 4000)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

For children in residential care, how many welfare plans were changed in the past 5 years?  
Please reply in the table provided:

<b>Welfare Plan</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
From family reunion to adoption					
From family reunion to independence					
From adoption to family reunion					
From adoption to independence					
From independence to family reunion					
From independence to adoption					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 58)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0927****(Question Serial No. 4001)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

For children in each welfare plan category, please indicate the average time in residential care as at 31 December 2014, in the table provided:

<b>Welfare plan</b>	<b>Average length of time in care</b>
Family reunion	
Adoption	
Independence	

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 59)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0928****(Question Serial No. 4002)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (a) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 were there by parental consent? How many were there because of a Care or Protection Order? How many had been in care by parental consent before a Care or Protection Order was made?
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of Care or Protection Order applications and High Court Wardship applications brought by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years, in the table provided:

<b>Application</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Care or Protection Orders					
Wardship					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 60)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, there were 3 188 children in residential care with the consent of their parents or guardians. SWD does not keep statistics on the number of children in residential care because of a Care or Protection Order or of children in residential care by parental consent before a Care or Protection Order was made.
- (b) SWD does not keep statistics on the numbers of applications brought by SWD for Care or Protection Order or for High Court Wardship.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4003)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 have siblings in residential care? How many of them are placed in the same residential care together with their siblings(s)? If they were not placed in the same residential care together with their sibling(s), what was the rationale for it?
- (b) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 were disabled? Please give a breakdown of the number by their disabilities. What support services did they receive?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have readily available statistics. Generally speaking, when arranging residential care service for children, case social workers will consider the age, gender, unique circumstances and service needs of individual children, so as to arrange suitable residential care service. If siblings are suitable for the same type of service and one of the service units providing that type of service has the required number of vacancies, they may be arranged to be taken care of in the same unit.
- (b) There were 302 children with disabilities in various types of residential care service as at 31 December 2014. SWD does not have readily available information on the breakdown figures by type of disabilities. The service units of residential care provide or assist to arrange the appropriate support services according to the needs of individual children with disabilities, such as clinical psychological service, nursing care, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech therapy, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4004)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many complaints were made to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) regarding children in residential care? How were the complaints handled?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

In 2014-15, SWD received a total of 3 complaints regarding children receiving residential care services provided by non-governmental organisations. Under the current mechanism, SWD has referred the above 3 complaints to the Lump Sum Grant Independent Complaints Handling Committee (ICHC) for follow-up. After obtaining the consent of the complainants, ICHC will, as a first step, refer the complaints to the organisations concerned for handling and direct reply to the complainants. In case any complainant is not satisfied with the handling and the reply from the organisation, ICHC may conduct direct investigations into the matters under complaint. It will then, as a response, convey to the complainants and the subject organisations its investigation findings and recommendations. ICHC will also inform SWD of its decisions and recommendations for SWD to take appropriate follow-up actions.

In 2014-15, SWD received no complaint regarding children admitted to its Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home. In case any complaint is received, SWD will take an objective and unbiased approach in its investigation and follow-up with the goal of solving the problem. SWD will issue a substantive reply within 30 calendar days of receipt of complaint in accordance with the guidelines. As for complicated cases requiring a longer time to process, SWD will, as far as practicable, also inform the complainants of the estimated time required.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0931****(Question Serial No. 4005)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown by age brackets of the number of children who left residential care in the calendar year 2014, as well as the average length of time in residential care, in the table below:

	<b>Number of children who left residential care in 2014</b>	<b>Average length of time in residential care</b>
0 - below 6 months old		
6 months - below 1 year old		
1 - below 2 years old		
2 - below 3 years old		
3 - below 4 years old		
4 - below 5 years old		
5 - below 6 years old		
6 - below 7 years old		
7 - below 8 years old		
8 - below 9 years old		
9 - below 10 years old		
10 - below 11 years old		
11 - below 12 years old		
12 - below 13 years old		
13 - below 14 years old		
14 - below 15 years old		
15 - below 16 years old		
16 - below 17 years old		
17 - below 18 years old		
18+		

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 63)Reply:

The number of children who left residential care and the average length of time in residential care are set out in the Annex.

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Age	Number of children who left residential care in 2014	Average length of time in residential care (months)
0 - below 6 months old	58	2.2
6 months - below 1 year old	76	4.7
1 - below 2 years old	76	6.1
2 - below 3 years old	76	12.8
3 - below 4 years old	64	15.4
4 - below 5 years old	53	9.6
5 - below 6 years old	55	14.0
6 - below 7 years old	61	15.0
7 - below 8 years old	61	11.2
8 - below 9 years old	65	17.0
9 - below 10 years old	56	11.3
10 - below 11 years old	66	15.1
11 - below 12 years old	80	16.6
12 - below 13 years old	104	27.0
13 - below 14 years old	95	25.0
14 - below 15 years old	123	20.3
15 - below 16 years old	135	20.7
16 - below 17 years old	112	26.1
17 - below 18 years old	94	40.9
18+	120	47.8

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0932****(Question Serial No. 4006)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children who left residential care in the calendar year 2014, their average age and average length of time in residential care, by the reasons of their leaving residential care, in the table provided:

	<b>Number of children who left residential care in 2014</b>	<b>Average age</b>	<b>Average length of time in residential care</b>
Family reunion			
Adoption			
Independence			
<b>Total</b>			

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 64)Reply:

There were 1 019 children who left residential care service in 2014. The reasons for leaving were family reunion, adoption and independent living. The breakdown is as follows –

	<b>Number of children who left residential care in 2014</b>	<b>Average age</b>	<b>Average length of time in residential care (months)</b>
Family reunion	947	11.6	21.0
Adoption	54	3.3	20.2
Independent living	18	19.1	38.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>21.3</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4007)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) Of the children who left residential care in 2014 to independent living (i.e. not family reunion or adoption), please provide a breakdown of the educational level attained.
- (b) Of the children who left residential care in 2014 to independent living, how many left to employment? How many left to university? How many were on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme?
- (c) What follow up assistance is given to children who leave residential care to independent living after they leave residential care?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

- (c) For children who have left residential care for independent living but still have welfare needs, case social workers will continue to provide them with counselling and the required support services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4008)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 had special needs?
- (b) How many children in residential care were on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme at 31 December 2014?
- (c) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 saw a dentist in the calendar year 2014?
- (d) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 were assessed by a clinical psychologist in the calendar year 2014? How many were treated?
- (e) How many children in residential care at 31 December 2014 saw a doctor in the calendar year 2014?
- (f) How many children in residential care homes were abused/injured or suspected of abuse/injury in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) to (e) The Social Welfare Department does not keep the relevant information.

- (f) According to the statistics captured by the Child Protection Registry, there were 856 newly reported child abuse cases in 2014. Among these cases, 39 child abuse victims were staying at the service units of residential care at the time of reporting.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0935****(Question Serial No. 4009)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the total number of children available for adoption at 31 December 2014? Please provide a breakdown of the number of children available for adoption at 31 December 2014 by age and time spent in residential care, in the table provided –

	<b>Number of children available for adoption</b>	<b>Number of children with special needs available for adoption</b>	<b>Average time spent in residential care</b>
0 - below 6 months old			
6 months - below 1 year old			
1 - below 2 years old			
2 - below 3 years old			
3 - below 4 years old			
4 - below 5 years old			
5 - below 6 years old			
6 - below 7 years old			
7 - below 8 years old			
8 - below 9 years old			
9 - below 10 years old			
10 - below 11 years old			
11 - below 12 years old			
12 - below 13 years old			
13 - below 14 years old			
14 - below 15 years old			
15 - below 16 years old			
16 - below 17 years old			
17 - below 18 years old			
18+			

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

There were 78 children, all with special needs, available for adoption as at 31 December 2014. The number of children available for adoption by age group is set out in the Annex. Regarding the average time spent in residential care, the Social Welfare Department does not have the information.

### Number of Children Available for Adoption

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of children available for adoption</b>
0 - below 6 months old	2
6 months - below 1 year old	4
1 - below 2 years old	6
2 - below 3 years old	7
3 - below 4 years old	5
4 - below 5 years old	3
5 - below 6 years old	2
6 - below 7 years old	7
7 - below 8 years old	2
8 - below 9 years old	2
9 - below 10 years old	5
10 - below 11 years old	7
11 - below 12 years old	7
12 - below 13 years old	6
13 - below 14 years old	2
14 - below 15 years old	5
15 - below 16 years old	4
16 - below 17 years old	2
17 - below 18 years old	-
18+	-

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4010)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children available for adoption at 31 December 2014 had special needs? What is their average age? What is their average time spent in residential care?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 68)

Reply:

There were 78 children with special needs available for adoption as at 31 December 2014. Their average age was 7.4. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on their average time spent in residential care.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0937****(Question Serial No. 4011)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of prospective adoptive parents in the past 5 years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
No. of Prospective Adoptive Parents for children at 3 years old or below					
No. of Prospective Adoptive Parents for children over 3 years old					
No. of Prospective Adoptive Parents for children with special needs					
<b>Total No. of Prospective Adoptive Parents</b>					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 69)Reply:

The number of applications for local adoption over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>end-Dec 2010</b>	<b>end-Dec 2011</b>	<b>end-Dec 2012</b>	<b>end-Dec 2013</b>	<b>end-Dec 2014</b>
155	153	191	218	224

The Social Welfare Department does not keep breakdown statistics on the choice of prospective adoptive parents regarding the age of the children or whether the children have special needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4012)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the average length of time prospective adoptive parents have to wait to be successfully matched to an adoptive child?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4013)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children were adopted in the calendar year 2014? How many were private adoptions? How many were inter-country adoptions?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

There were 141 children adopted in 2014, with 14 of them adopted by related persons in Hong Kong and 31 of them involving intercountry adoptions.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4014)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many of the children adopted in 2014 were siblings adopted together? How many were siblings adopted separately?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown figures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0941****(Question Serial No. 4015)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown by age brackets of the time spent in residential care of children who were adopted in 2014, in the table provided –

Age when placed with adoptive parents	Number of children adopted	Average time spent in residential care at time of placement with adoptive parents
0 - below 6 months old		
6 months - below 1 year old		
1 - below 2 years old		
2 - below 3 years old		
3 - below 4 years old		
4 - below 5 years old		
5 - below 6 years old		
6 - below 7 years old		
7 - below 8 years old		
8 - below 9 years old		
9 - below 10 years old		
10 - below 11 years old		
11 - below 12 years old		
12 - below 13 years old		
13 - below 14 years old		
14 - below 15 years old		
15 - below 16 years old		
16 - below 17 years old		
17 - below 18 years old		
18+		

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 73)Reply:

There were 141 children adopted in 2014. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on the average time spent in residential care by adopted children, broken down by age, at time of placement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4016)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many applications to free children for adoption were made in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

The court granted a total of 96 adoption orders in 2014, with 14 of which involving children free for adoption.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0943****(Question Serial No. 4407)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many foster parents received some form of training in 2014? How many current foster parents have received training ever? Please provide a breakdown of the number of parents trained by type of training received.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 75)Reply:

314 foster parents had attended training programmes organised by the Central Foster Care Unit of the Social Welfare Department in 2014. There were a total of 929 foster parents as at 31 December 2014, with all of them having received training.

The number of foster parents having received training in 2014 by the type of training is set out as follows –

<b>Type of training</b>	<b>Number of foster parents</b>
Pre-service training for prospective foster parents	82
Training on care for foster children	186
Training on care for foster children with special needs	46

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4408)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many frontline caseworkers were employed at Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) at 31 December 2014?
- (b) What was the average duration of an IFSC case in 2014?
- (c) What special training is given to IFSC workers (please provide the areas covered)? How many workers received training in 2014? What training was provided in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014-15, there are 738 frontline social worker posts in 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). As regards the 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the manpower provision is arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing, on the premises that the service quality is ensured and service demands are met.
- (b) Social workers of IFSCs provide services to individuals and families in need. The time spent by social workers may vary according to the service needs of individual cases. SWD does not keep the relevant statistics.
- (c) SWD provides a wide variety of training courses for social workers of IFSCs over the territory, including induction courses for social workers newly posted to IFSCs, different types of training courses on various modes of counselling for individuals and families, and tailor-made training courses for the specific needs of different service users (e.g. cross-boundary families, new arrivals, ethnic minorities, children with special educational needs, etc.). Furthermore, SWD also provides thematic training courses for social workers, such as courses on handling child discipline problems and enhancing communication skills of couples, etc. In 2014-15, SWD provided a total of 42 training courses for social workers of IFSCs, with about 2 200 participants in person-times.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4409)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many frontline caseworkers were employed by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) as at 31 December 2014?
- (b) What was the average time per case handled by FCPSU in 2014?
- (c) What special training is given to FCPSU workers (please provide the areas covered)? How many social workers received training in 2014? What training was provided in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Up to 31 December 2014, there were 168 frontline caseworkers in FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).
- (b) Social workers in FCPSUs provide services for individuals and families affected by child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute problems. The time taken by social workers to handle every case may vary, depending on the complexity and needs of individual cases. SWD does not have the data on the average time taken by FCPSUs to handle each case.
- (c) The training courses of SWD provided for social workers in FCPSUs mainly cover knowledge of protecting children against abuse, the relevant legislations, crisis management and follow-up action, crisis intervention and counselling skills for the prevention of spouse/cohabitant battering, skills for counselling batterers, handling child custody disputes and visitation arrangements. In 2014-15, SWD offered a total of 15 courses related to the above topics, which were attended by social workers in FCPSUs with over 300 person-times. In addition, SWD regularly conducts other training courses on family and child welfare services, mental health and youth services for social workers in FCPSUs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4410)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many potential child abuse cases were reported in 2014? How many cases had prior reports? How many were new cases?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 78)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of potential child abuse cases being reported or the number of cases which had prior reports.

According to the statistics captured by the Child Protection Registry maintained by SWD, there were 856 newly reported child abuse cases in 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4411)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the reports to Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in 2014. How many were from teachers, police, medical staff, relatives, and others (please set out any other category where applicable)?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 79)

Reply:

A breakdown of new child abuse cases and spouse/cohabitant battering cases for FCPSUs by source of referrals in 2014-15 (from April to December 2014) is set out at Annex.

<b>Source of referrals</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
Medical professionals and medical social workers	256
Schools (including teachers and school social workers)	69
Police	814
Social service units	696
The public/media	135
The court/other government departments	9
Self-approach	74
Others	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 085</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)0948**

**(Question Serial No. 4412)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many child abuse cases were investigated in 2014 (how many by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), how many by non-governmental organisations (NGOs))? How many of those were repeated investigations within 1 year of an earlier investigation? How many were repeated investigations within 6 months of an earlier investigation? How many were substantiated?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 80)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have figures concerning all suspected child abuse cases that have been investigated, or cases of repeated investigations within 1 year or 6 months of an earlier investigation. Cases that are substantiated as child abuse or cases with risk of abuse after investigation are registered in the Child Protection Registry. According to the Registry, there were 856 newly reported child abuse cases (including cases with risk of abuse) in 2014. Among these cases, 589, 173 and 94 cases were investigated and reported by FCPSUs of SWD, other service units of SWD and NGOs respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4413)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many Multi-disciplinary Case Conferences (MDCCs) on Child Abuse were held in 2014? How many MDCCs were attended by representatives of the police force? How many were initial meetings, and how many were subsequent to earlier meetings on a child abuse/neglect case? What is the average number of MDCC held for each case?
- (b) How many children were taken into protection/residential care homes as a result of a MDCC?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

Apart from the Social Welfare Department (SWD), non-governmental organisations may also convene MDCCs on Suspected Child Abuse in response to incidents of suspected child abuse. Since not all MDCCs would eventually classify the cases as child abuse cases, SWD does not keep the statistics on the total number of MDCCs on Suspected Child Abuse held, the number of MDCCs attended by representatives of the police force, the number of initial MDCCs or subsequent MDCCs held on same cases, the average number of MDCCs held for each case, or the number of children admitted to residential care homes on the recommendations of MDCCs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4414)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many active child abuse cases were handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2014 (please provide a breakdown between FCPSUs and NGOs)?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department handled a total of 2 208 child abuse cases in 2014-15 (April to December 2014). Child abuse cases are generally handled by FCPSUs. For non-FCPSU cases (including cases handled by NGOs) involving child abuse, the relevant service units will, upon completion of addressing the immediate welfare needs, refer the cases to FCPSUs for continuous follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4415)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (a) How many home visits were conducted by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in 2014?
- (b) How many parents were assessed by FCPSUs? What were the outcomes of those assessments (please provide a breakdown by category)?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) 6 578 home visits were conducted by FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014).
- (b) SWD does not keep statistical information on the number of parents being assessed by FCPSUs and the outcomes of the relevant assessments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4416)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many the Social Welfare Department (SWD) social workers (“referral workers” or “responsible workers (RWs)”) are assigned to children in residential care? Please provide a breakdown of which units they are in.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 84)

Reply:

As at end-December 2014, there were 2 334 children in residential care with their welfare being followed up by social workers of SWD. SWD does not have information on the breakdown of social workers by their serving units.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4417)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the ratio of children in residential care to referral workers at 31 December 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 85)

Reply:

Each child in residential care is required to have 1 referring social worker to follow up on his/her welfare.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4418)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the highest number of children in residential care assigned to any single referral worker in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4419)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Is there any policy as to the number of children in residential care that may be assigned to a single referral worker?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

Each child in residential care is required to have 1 referring social worker to follow up his/her welfare. Generally speaking, for a family with more than 1 child in need of residential care service, the welfare of the children in that family will be followed up by the same case social worker. The supervisor of each service unit will assign cases involving residential child care services to the social workers in the unit having regard to their workload.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4420)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the average amount of time spent by a referral worker each month on any 1 particular child in residential care in 2014?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4421)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the average number of referral workers that will be assigned to any 1 child in residential care over the course of their time in residential care?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 89)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4551)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the highest number of referral workers that have been assigned to any 1 particular child over the course of that child's time in residential care?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4552)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Is there any policy to ensure that children are kept under the supervision of a single referral worker over the course of their time in residential care?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 91)

Reply:

Each child in residential care is required to have 1 referring social worker to follow up his/her welfare. The referring social worker will formulate and implement the welfare plan of the child together with the child and his/her family members. The welfare plan will also be regularly reviewed and revised. Change of case social workers will not affect the follow-up on the welfare of a child.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3512)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In late 2013, the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down its judgment declaring the Government's 7-year Hong Kong (HK) residence requirement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme unconstitutional. Thus, the residence requirement of 7 years has been restored to 1 year. In 2013-14, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) handled 307 137 CSSA cases but the expected number of CSSA cases to be handled in 2015-16 is 299 000. Please state the reasons for the expected decrease in the number of cases to be handled. Please list the number of people applying for CSSA and the amount of CSSA expenditure in the past 10 years. Since the judgment handed down by CFA, how many people who have resided in HK for less than 7 years have applied for CSSA? How many of them have been granted CSSA and what is the CSSA expenditure involved? Will there be a higher estimated expenditure and additional manpower next year to cope with new applications from persons concerned and the increase in CSSA expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 48)Reply:

SWD estimates the number of CSSA cases to be handled in 2015-16 mainly by taking into account the trend of the number of CSSA cases in recent years. The average number of CSSA recipients and the expenditure involved from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average number of recipients per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	471 035	18,493
2011-12 (Actual)	450 209	19,548
2012-13 (Actual)	426 018	19,773
2013-14 (Actual)	402 372	19,496
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	387 000	20,831

The expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 has included payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate.

Following the judgment of CFA handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. From the date of the CFA judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD received about 8 600 applications which involved persons aged 18 or above and residing in HK for less than 7 years, and 7 383 of the applications were approved. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a discretionary basis had the “7-year residence requirement” still been effective, it is estimated that as at 31 December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, and the CSSA payment involved in 2014 was about \$175 million. Since the CFA judgment was handed down, SWD has created an additional 11 civil service posts for handling applications from persons aged 18 or above having resided in HK for less than 7 years. At present, SWD has no plan to provide additional manpower or resources for handling such cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0961****(Question Serial No. 3517)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The government's estimated expenditure on rehabilitation and medical social services for the subvented and private sectors will increase by 10.2% in 2015-16. On residential services for the mentally handicapped persons, the number of places in hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) will increase from 2 384 in 2014-15 to 2 405 in 2015-16; the number of places in hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) will increase from 3 561 to 3 652; while the number of places in integrated vocational training centres will remain at 170. What are the details of the increase in expenditure and the expenses and manpower involved after the provision of additional places for the above service items?

Asked by: Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 50)Reply:

Compared with 2014-15, the estimated number of places and expenditure for HMMHs and HSMHs in 2015-16 are as follows –

Type of service	Number of places		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	2015-16 (Estimate)
HMMH	2 384	2 405	235.7	254.1
HSMH	3 561	3 652	637.9	693.2

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating HMMHs and HSMHs have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3623)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the recommendations on the provision of long-term care services and health services for the elderly made by the Director of Audit in Chapters 1 and 2 of his Report No. 63 and regarding a related report by the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council, does the Bureau plan to take follow-up actions in 2015-16? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEONG Kah-kit, Alan (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

Under the concept of “ageing in place as the core, institutional care as back-up”, the Government has been taking a multi-pronged approach to enhance the provision of subsidised community care and support services and provide places in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) for the elderly persons in need.

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided a funding of \$2.151 billion for subsidised community care and support services which include centre-based day care (DC) services for the elderly, Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and Integrated Home Care Services which provide on-site services for the elderly persons. SWD launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in September 2013 and issued a total of 1 200 service vouchers. As at end-December 2014, a total of 28 200 places had been provided under the above services. Moreover, SWD currently provides support services for relatively healthy elderly persons through 210 subvented elderly centres which also offer outreaching services and support for carers.

In order to ensure that elderly persons in need of long term care services can, under the help of their carers, receive proper care and remain in the community with which they are familiar, the Commission on Poverty has endorsed the allocation of funds from the Community Care Fund to roll out the “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families” (Pilot Scheme), which aims at providing carers

of elderly persons from low income families with a living allowance to help supplement their living expenses. The 2-year Pilot Scheme will provide 2 000 places.

The Government will continue to strengthen the community care and support services for the elderly. It is expected that 78 additional DC places for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts in 2015-16. Regarding home care services, since March 2015, the Government has provided 1 666 additional EHCCS places and has enhanced the service content, including elder sitting and on-site carer training, to further enhance the support for frail elderly persons living at home. The Government has earmarked sites in 9 development projects for construction of day care centres/units for the elderly. It is expected that 390 additional DC places will be provided. Moreover, the Government is implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme). More than 40 non-governmental organisations submitted over 60 applications in total. Based on the rough estimates of the participating organisations, if the preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 2 000 DC places for the elderly would be provided.

For some of the elderly persons who are not suitable for ageing in place due to their physical conditions or other reasons, they may need subsidised residential care services. The Government will provide different forms of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, including contract homes, subvented homes and the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. As at end-January 2015, there were a total of about 26 900 subsidised residential care places for the elderly in Hong Kong. The funding for residential care services provided by SWD is about \$4.255 billion in 2015-16.

In response to the demand for subsidised residential care places for the elderly, the Government will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of such places. The Government will provide about 1 710 additional subsidised residential care places from 2014-15 to 2017-18. SWD has earmarked sites in 11 development projects for construction of new contract homes, providing about 1 200 additional residential care places. Under the Special Scheme, if the project could be implemented as proposed by the applicant organisations, about 7 000 residential care places for the elderly would be provided. The Government will continue to identify suitable site for new residential care homes, explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities for the elderly into redevelopment projects, and convert vacant buildings into RCHes.

In the meantime, the Chief Executive announced in the 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission (EC) would conduct a feasibility study on introducing a residential care services vouchers scheme for the elderly within 1 year. Subject to the recommendations of the report, the Government has earmarked \$800 million for issuing a total of 3 000 services vouchers in 3 years between 2015-16 and 2017-18, with a view to providing additional residential care places for the elderly.

We are conscious of the immense challenges posed by the rapidly ageing population on the long term care services for the elderly. As announced by the Chief Executive in the 2014 Policy Address, the EC has been commissioned to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan. It is expected that EC will submit a report to the Government in mid-2016.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3636)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For elderly persons residing in the community who are in the early stage of dementia, does the Government provide them with any service for timely identification and training in order to slow down the deterioration of their condition and improve their quality of life?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 110)

Reply:

The Government supports the frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community through 70 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 34 enhanced home and community care services teams, 60 integrated home care services teams and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. Support services for the elderly persons and their families are also provided by 210 elderly centres. The services include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. At present, elderly persons with dementia are served in an integrated manner in one care facility (i.e. in the same environment with which the elderly persons are familiar) in order to ensure that they can receive appropriate care services at different stages. The Social Welfare Department will continue its efforts in enhancing the support for these care units to enable them to provide appropriate services for elderly persons with dementia at different stages. Since 2014-15, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has also been provided to 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

To further enhance the support for demented elderly persons residing in the community, Dementia Supplement has been allocated to subsidised DEs/DCUs. With additional funding, DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to

enhance the training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as the support services for their carers as necessary.

The Elderly Health Service of the Department of Health also provides dementia-related education, identification and support services in the community as follows –

- (a) raising public awareness of dementia, its modifiable risk factors and early symptoms through various health education channels such as seminar, books, VCD/DVD, webpages and the mass media, and providing carer support and training via the Visiting Health Teams; and
- (b) conducting cognitive function assessment for members of Elderly Health Centres and where necessary, arranging follow up for members or referring them to specialist departments under the Hospital Authority for further management.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3637)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Government made any performance pledge on the maximum waiting time for frail elderly on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places so as to reduce the number of elderly persons having passed away while waiting?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 111)

Reply:

The waiting time for subsidised NH places is affected by a number of factors, such as whether the applicant specifies a particular residential care homes, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the residential care homes for the elderly, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. The Social Welfare Department expects to provide 288 additional NH places in 2015-16. However, due to the above factors and as we are unable to estimate precisely the number of additional applicants in 2015-16, it will be difficult to estimate the waiting time or make a performance pledge on the waiting time for subsidised NH places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3638)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Government considered drawing up a long-term service plan to increase the residential care places for the elderly year by year so as to shorten the waiting time for residential care services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 112)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government will provide a total of 397 additional residential care places for the elderly through 2 new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) and making better use of space in subvented homes.

The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, the Government will purchase places from self-financing RCHEs through NHPPS and make better use of space in subvented and contract homes for provision of more residential care places for the elderly. In the medium-term, the Government will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher nursing care level. In this regard, the Social Welfare Department has earmarked sites in 15 development projects for construction of new contract RCHEs. In the long run, the Government will identify suitable sites for new homes, explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities for the elderly into redevelopment projects, and convert vacant buildings into RCHEs.

The Government is also actively implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) whereby non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are encouraged to better utilise their land by providing a wide range of subvented and self-financing services, including those for the elderly, through site extension or redevelopment. Based on the rough estimates of the applicant NGOs, if all the preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 9 000

additional places for elderly services, including 7 000 residential care places for the elderly, would be provided.

In addition, the Government has tasked the Elderly Commission to study the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly and to formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3639)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As elderly service providers have encountered serious difficulties in recruiting nurses and paramedical professionals in recent years, the quality of elderly services is affected. How would the Government address this problem?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 113)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a 2-year Enrolled Nurse (EN) (General)/EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming years. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years after graduation. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% joined the social welfare sector after graduation.

Regarding paramedical professionals, with the support of the University Grants Committee, the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physiotherapy programmes have been increased by 44 places (i.e. from 46 to 90 places) and 40 places (i.e. from 70 to 110 places) per cohort respectively in the 2012-15 triennium. The first-year first-degree places in nursing have also been increased by 40.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has launched a 2-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a 2-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme since January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates from these 2 programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training

Sponsorship Scheme (the Scheme) to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled in these programmes. A total of 59 students of the first cohort have joined the Scheme and undertaken to serve the sponsoring NGOs for no less than 2 consecutive years immediately after graduation. 58 sponsored students completed the programmes in February 2014. The second cohort, with 57 students joining the Scheme, has started in January 2014.

In addition, since 2014-15, the Government has increased the annual recurrent funding for NGOs to enable them to recruit and retain paramedical staff or to hire paramedical services more effectively. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs. SWD will continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of the elderly service sector and formulate appropriate measures accordingly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3640)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Government allocated additional resources to provide extra wage subsidy for elderly service providers to employ nurses and paramedical professionals to alleviate the problem of manpower shortage?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 114)

Reply:

Since 2014-15, the Government has increased the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enable them to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) or to hire paramedical services more effectively. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3641)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Government allocate additional resources for the district elderly community centres (DECCs) to recruit social workers and train assessors with a view to easing the workload of the existing staff, and for assessment of long-term care needs of the elderly persons to be conducted as early as possible?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 115)

Reply:

The Government has since 2008-09 allocated an additional recurrent funding of \$18 million to 41 DECCs to enable them to recruit more social workers for strengthening their casework services, including counselling and referral services and the processing of applications for subsidised long-term care services for elderly persons. From 2014-15 onwards, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$135.5 million has been provided to about 210 subvented elderly centres in Hong Kong to employ more social workers, so as to strengthen the community support services for elderly persons living in the community, including enhancement in information dissemination, counselling services and the handling of care needs assessment and service applications, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0969****(Question Serial No. 3642)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Government's claim that additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly are coming on stream progressively, please state clearly –

the number of such places which are subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) home places from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the exact date on which these places are ready for occupation, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by district council district, and the number of additional places of this kind in each district concerned;

the number of such places which are subsidised nursing home (NH) places from NGOs, the exact date on which these places are ready for occupation, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by district council district, and the number of additional places of this kind in each district concerned;

the number of such places which are places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the enhanced bought place scheme, the exact date on which these places are ready for occupation, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by district council district, and the number of additional places of this kind in each district concerned.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 116)Reply:

The numbers of additional subsidised NH places and C&A places to be provided from 2015-16 to 2017-18 are as follows –

	<b>No. of additional subsidised places</b>		<b>Estimated time of service commencement</b>
	<b>NH</b>	<b>C&amp;A</b>	
(1) Make use of the space in existing contract RCHEs	20	3	2016-17
(2) Set up new contract RCHEs	424	48	2015-16 to 2017-18
(3) Purchase under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	126	N.A.	2015-16

	<b>No. of additional subsidised places</b>		<b>Estimated time of service commencement</b>
	<b>NH</b>	<b>C&amp;A</b>	
(4) Make use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs	N.A.	91	2015-16
<b>Total</b>	<b>712</b>		<b>-</b>

The above subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong. Among them, the new contract RCHEs are located at Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan districts respectively. For the subsidised places under NHPPS, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from self-financing RCHEs and NHs in Hong Kong for providing places. SWD does not have the location of such places at this stage. In 2015-16, the cost per place per month for C&A homes providing a continuum of care, NHs and contract RCHEs is \$14,374, \$21,034 and \$14,136 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3643)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently the Housing Department has the performance pledge that the elderly will be allocated a public housing unit in 3 years' time. As regards the subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) and nursing home (NH) places provided by non-governmental organisations, can the Social Welfare Department (SWD) also make a performance pledge for the elderly's admission to such places in 3 years' time?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 117)

Reply:

The waiting time for subsidised C&A and NH places is affected by a number of factors, such as whether the applicant specifies a particular residential care home, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the residential care homes for the elderly, whether the applicant accepts subsidised places provided under various purchase schemes, whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. SWD expects to provide 397 additional residential care places in 2015-16. However, due to the above factors and as we are unable to estimate precisely the number of additional applicants in 2015-16, it will be difficult to estimate the waiting time or make a performance pledge on the waiting time for subsidised residential care places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0971****(Question Serial No. 3644)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Government please provide the total number of elderly persons who had been put on the waiting list for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places (excluding those who had been on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) during the period from March 2013 to February 2015? How many of them were allocated with subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while being on the waiting list? What types of accommodation (private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), public housing or private housing) did the elderly persons who have been on the waiting list for subsidised C&A homes have? What was the average waiting time required in various districts (excluding the elderly persons who had chosen designated homes or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)?

	<b>March 2013 to February 2014</b>	<b>March 2014 to February 2015</b>
No. of elderly persons allocated with places		
No. of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications		
No. of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list		

<b>Type of accommodation</b>	<b>No. of applicants from March 2013 to February 2014</b>	<b>No. of applicants from March 2014 to February 2015</b>
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 118)



Reply:

Eligible elderly persons may choose to apply for more than 1 type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the choice may be changed by elderly persons any time during the waiting period. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has the total number of applicants on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places as a whole.

The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A homes in 2013-14 and 2014-15 was set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons</b>
2013-14	23 216 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	25 269 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>

[Note 1] Excluding 5 823 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases.

[Note 2] Excluding 6 553 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases.

The number of elderly persons leaving the waiting list for subsidised C&A places for various reasons in 2013 and 2014 was as follows –

<b>Reason for leaving the waiting list</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Allocated with places	4 166	4 311
Withdrawal of application	1 968	1 871
Passed away	3 290	3 657

The accommodation status of the 23 216 and 25 269 elderly persons on the waiting list for C&A places in 2013-14 and 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Type of accommodation</b>	<b>No. of elderly persons</b>	
	<b>2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)</b>	<b>2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)</b>
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	887	953
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	6 939	7 442
Public housing	8 818	9 645
Private housing	6 345	7 032
Others (e.g. hospital)	227	197
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 216</b>	<b>25 269</b>

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are put on the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis and applicants may choose to wait for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in different districts at the same time. SWD does not have the information on the number of applicants and the waiting time by district.

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised C&A places in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at end-January 2015) respectively was as follows –

<b>Type of C&amp;A places</b>	<b>Waiting time (in months)</b> <b>(Based on the average of the past 3 months)</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(As at end-January 2015)</b>
Overall	20	20
Subvented and contract homes	36	35
Homes participating in EBPS	7	7

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3645)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding services in respect of elder abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 119)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need, including victims of elder abuse. These services include community education, crisis intervention, hotline counselling, financial and accommodation assistance as well as referral of the victims to emergency residential care, refuge centres and respite services. Services for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse cases are provided through District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support Teams for the Elderly, Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, etc. SWD has earmarked an estimated expenditure of \$5 million in 2015-16 for organising publicity and public education programmes on "Strengthening Families and Combating Violence" (including prevention of elder abuse). There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3646)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding services for handling the problem of child abuse, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 120)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including child abuse, and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2015-16, the total estimated expenditure for these services is \$2,628.7 million. SWD does not keep the breakdown of funding specifically allocated for tackling child abuse.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3647)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding services for handling the problem of battering against women, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 121)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including battered women and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2015-16, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,628.7 million. SWD does not keep the breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling the problem of battering against women.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4264)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding services for handling the cases of battering against men, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 125)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Except for the Refuge Centres for Women which are exclusively for women, support services for victims and abusers of domestic violence are provided for all persons in need, irrespective of their gender. In 2015-16, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$2,628.7 million. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for handling the problem of battering against men.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4265)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding services for handling sexual violence cases, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 126)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary efforts in handling sexual violence cases. Under the service model, a designated social worker is assigned to provide a range of services including 24-hour outreaching and immediate support, counselling services, reporting to the Police, arrangement of medical treatment and forensic examination, as well as escorting and accompanying the victims to go through all necessary procedures. This service model enables victims to receive service and go through all relevant procedures in a convenient, safe, confidential and supportive environment and minimises the need for the victims to repeat their unpleasant experience. The resources required for SWD to provide the services are absorbed by the existing provision.

As an integral part of this service model, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (CEASE Crisis Centre) has been set up to provide crisis intervention and support services, including short-term accommodation, for victims of sexual violence and their family members. In 2015-16, the estimated funding allocation for CEASE Crisis Centre is about \$11.7 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4266)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the funding allocation for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the financial year 2015-16? How many DEs are providing such service? What is the waiting time for such service? As the enrolment rate of DEs has already exceeded 105%, will the Government provide more space and funding for these DEs in view of the enrolment rate, in order to meet the requirements of the Fire Services Ordinance, as well as activity space and care needs of the elderly?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 127)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure on day care services is \$266.8 million. There are currently 70 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). As at end-January 2015, the average waiting time for day care services was about 7 months (average from the past 3 months).

Since some elderly persons occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of day care places is therefore set at 105% in order to maximise the utilisation of day care places. The Social Welfare Department makes reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of DEs/DCUs in allocating funding and providing additional space for the premises, so far as circumstances permit, to meet the service needs of users. The design and fitting-out of all DE/DCU projects are in compliance with fire safety requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0978****(Question Serial No. 4267)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the funding allocation for care services for the demented elderly persons living in the community in the financial year 2015-16? How many centres are providing such services? What is the waiting time for such services by district?

	<b>Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council district)</b>	<b>Waiting time</b>
Central & Western		
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 128)Reply:

The Government supports frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community and their families through 70 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 34 enhanced home and community care services teams, 60 integrated home care services

teams and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. Support services for the elderly persons and their families are also provided by 210 elderly centres. The services include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. The estimated expenditure for the subsidised community care and support services for the elderly in 2015-16 is \$2,150.9 million.

Since 2011-12, the dementia supplement (DS) has been provided to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more appropriate services to elderly persons with dementia who are living in the community. In 2015-16, the allocation of DS to DEs/DCUs will be about \$17.6 million. DEs/DCUs may deploy DS to employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as support services for their carers as necessary. Since 2014-15, an additional full-year recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been provided to 41 district elderly community centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

The average waiting time for subsidised day care services was about 7 months and that for home-based care services was about 9 months (average from the past 3 months) as at end-January 2015. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information regarding demented elderly persons waiting for services by district.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4268)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the allocated funding for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) in the financial year 2014-15? Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, how many calls for assistance were received from each district from March 2014 to February 2015 and what kinds of assistance were requested? What are the hotline numbers and addresses of the service units providing 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS in each district?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is \$573 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the numbers of calls for assistance received from frail elderly persons from March to December 2014 with a breakdown by district are set out in the Annex.

The majority of calls for assistance were related to domestic accidents and acute health problems. The operators of the 60 IHCS teams provide an emergency contact number to their service users for the 24-hour support service.

**Numbers of Calls Received from Frail Elderly Persons  
under 24-hour Emergency Support Service by District  
(March to December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of calls</b>
Central & Western	-
Eastern	9
Wan Chai	-
Southern	3
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	21
Wong Tai Sin	7
Sai Kung	-
Kowloon City	-
Sham Shui Po	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-
Sha Tin	2
Tai Po	-
North	-
Yuen Long	-
Tsuen Wan	-
Kwai Tsing	1
Tuen Mun	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0980****(Question Serial No. 4269)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the funding allocation for services for hidden elderly in 2014-15. Please provide the number of social workers dedicated to serve hidden elderly in various districts as per the following table –

<b>Waiting time</b>	<b>Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council District)</b>	<b>Number of social workers serving hidden elderly</b>
Central & Western		
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
<b>Total</b>		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 130)Reply:

In 2007-08, additional recurrent funding allocation of about \$42 million was provided to all district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in the territory so that each of them could recruit one more social worker to enhance the

outreaching services for singleton and hidden elderly persons. As the strengthening of outreaching services would result in higher demand for DECC services, further recurrent funding of about \$18 million has been provided since June 2008 for each DECC to recruit one more social worker to strengthen their counselling and referral services. In 2014-15, the Government also allocated additional recurrent funding of about \$82.5 million to 51 social centres for the elderly to upgrade their services to NEC level, and to employ more social workers to assist in service delivery. These additional recurrent funding allocations have been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs. The Social Welfare Department does not have a breakdown of these expenditure items for 2014-15.

The numbers of active cases of hidden and vulnerable elderly persons in various districts as at end-December 2014 are set out at the Annex. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and meet service needs.

**The numbers of active cases of hidden and  
vulnerable elderly persons in various districts**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of active cases as at end-December 2014</b>
Central & Western	282
Eastern	525
Southern	405
Wan Chai	150
Kowloon City	358
Kwun Tong	795
Sham Shui Po	579
Wong Tai Sin	695
Yau Tsim Mong	384
Islands	160
Kwai Tsing	610
North	128
Sai Kung	319
Tai Po	205
Sha Tin	541
Tsuen Wan	315
Tuen Mun	240
Yuen Long	257
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 948</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0981****(Question Serial No. 4270)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

There are still over 30 000 elderly persons on the waiting list for residential care places for the elderly. Does the Administration have any long-term planning regarding the number of additional residential care places to be provided in each of the coming 5 years? In which districts will the additional residential care places be provided each year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 131)Reply:

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places from 2015-16 to 2017-18 is set out below –

<b>Type of residential care places</b>	<b>Year of service commencement</b>			
	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nursing home	288	228	54	<b>570</b>
Care-and-attention home	109	27	6	<b>142</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>712</b>

The said additional residential care places will be provided in various districts of Hong Kong. Some of these places will be provided in new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) located in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan districts.

In addition to the above additional places, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked sites in 11 other development projects for the construction of new contract RCHEs, among which 4 new RCHEs are expected to be completed by 2019-20 to provide a total of some 400 additional places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places). The number of places expected to be provided is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change as SWD continue to work out the details of the proposed facility projects, having regard to the service demand and other factors.



The Government has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, the Government will purchase places from self-financing homes through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme and make better use of space in subvented and contract homes for the provision of more residential care places. In the medium-term, the Government will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places providing a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, the Government will identify suitable sites for new homes, and will explore the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities into redevelopment projects, and convert vacant buildings into RCHEs.

Apart from the said measures, the Government is proactively implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Scheme), under which a total of over 60 applications have been submitted by over 40 non-governmental organisations. Based on the rough estimation of the participating organisations, if all the preliminary proposals received under the Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 9 000 additional service places for the elderly (and about 7 000 places for rehabilitation services) could be provided. The 9 000 elderly service places, which will include day care and residential care places for the elderly, will effectively relieve the pressure on service demand and shorten the waiting time.

The Elderly Commission (EC) is conducting a feasibility study on introducing residential care services (RCS) vouchers. It is expected that EC will submit its report by mid-2015. In this connection, a total of about \$800 million has been earmarked to meet the expenses incurred in issuing a total of 3 000 RCS vouchers in phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0982****(Question Serial No. 4272)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many elderly persons have passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 133)Reply:

The number of elderly persons who had passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A homes over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
2 848	3 049	3 184	3 290	3 657

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4273)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many elderly persons have passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised nursing homes (NHs) over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 134)

Reply:

The number of elderly persons who had passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised NH places over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
1 794	1 925	1 973	1 729	1 911

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4275)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding an extra 2-month allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients by the Government, when will the payments be made and by what means?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 136)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in his 2015-16 Budget Speech the provision of an extra allowance to CSSA recipients, equal to 2 months of the CSSA standard rate, and an extra allowance to the recipients of OAA (including the "Guangdong Scheme"), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and DA, equal to 2 months of the respective allowances. Upon the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015, the Government will submit funding proposal to the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council in accordance with the procedures to seek FC's approval. Subject to FC's approval, the Social Welfare Department will adjust its computer system to make the extra payments as soon as possible to persons who were eligible for the relevant assistance or allowances as at the FC's approval date. The Government expects that the extra allowance can be paid as early as about 4 weeks after FC's funding approval.

The extra allowance will be paid to recipients through existing payment methods (i.e. normally through autopay to the designated bank accounts).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4497)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of elder abuse cases seeking assistance in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 141)

Reply:

Based on the information collected by the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases of the Social Welfare Department, the number of elder abuse cases seeking assistance over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
No. of cases	319	368	408	589	569

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0986****(Question Serial No. 4500)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the provision of more foster care service and residential care service for children, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) a breakdown by region, namely Hong Kong (HK) Island, Kowloon and the New Territories (NT), the present numbers of places and users of different types of foster care service and small group homes (SGHs);
- (2) the expenditure on different types of foster care service and SGHs in the past year, and the estimated expenditure for the coming year; and
- (3) regarding the provision of more foster care service and residential care service for children, what measures will be taken to enhance relevant services in the coming year, e.g. providing more incentives to attract more foster parents and allowing greater flexibility in service hours?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 144)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Foster care service is a non-institutional service delivered at foster parents' homes throughout the territory. There were 1 070 foster care places in 2014-15. As at 31 December 2014, the number of foster care service users was 48 on HK Island, 207 in Kowloon and 677 in the NT.

Regarding SGH service, the numbers of SGH places and children admitted by region (as at 31 December 2014) are set out as follows –

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Number of children admitted</b>
HK Island	152	133
Kowloon	296	265
NT	416	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>792</b>

- (2) The expenditure for foster care service and SGHs in 2014-15 is estimated to be \$147.3 million and \$196.2 million respectively. In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure is \$152.5 million for foster care service and \$203.4 million for SGHs.
- (3) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) raised the foster care allowance by about 30% in 2012-13. SWD will continue to publicise the service through various mass media and other channels.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4501)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards further enhancing the service provision of the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in 2015 mentioned in the Brief Description of this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) the number of social workers and professionals who received the above training in the past year, their ranks and the expenditure involved;
- (2) the estimated number of training places and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16; and
- (3) the funding details.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 145)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not provide specialised training on the service provision of VSP. However, SWD provides training for social workers and other professionals on a range of topics on child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence. The number of attendance of such training was around 7 100 in 2014-15 and the total expenditure was about \$1.86 million. SWD does not have information on the breakdown of the participants by rank.
- (2) In 2015-16, SWD will provide about 6 500 training places for social workers and other professionals at an estimated expenditure of \$1.8 million.
- (3) SWD does not keep information on the breakdown of funding for the above training.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5076)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the expenditure incurred by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) for organising groups and programmes in the past year and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 146)

Reply:

The expenditure for IFSCs in 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) and 2015-16 (Estimate) is \$892.3 million and \$932 million respectively. IFSCs provide a spectrum of services, including casework, counselling as well as groups and programmes, to address the multifarious needs of individuals and families. There is no breakdown of the funding allocation for individual services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5077)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For the 3 new Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) set up, 2 run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and 1 by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please provide the locations and the dates of service commencement of these IFSCs.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 147)

Reply:

The 2 new IFSCs run by NGOs in Kwun Tong and Yuen Long commenced service in January 2013 whereas the one run by the SWD in Kowloon City commenced operation in February 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5078)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It can be seen from the Target under this Programme that the provision of occasional child care service (OCCS) will not be increased in the coming year. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 148)

Reply:

To better utilise the resources in OCCS, after reviewing the service and consulting with the operators, Social Welfare Department (SWD) has re-distributed the places for OCCS in different service units since September 2014 with reference to the utilisation of service in each district. The total number of places is 434. The average monthly utilisation rate of OCCS was 70% in 2014-15 (as at December 2014). SWD does not have any plans to increase the number of places for the service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5079)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of places, enrolment and utilisation rate of day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) over the past year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 149)

Reply:

The total number of CCC places in the 2014/15 school year was 29 847, including 2 835 for standalone CCCs and 27 012 for CCCs attached to kindergarten-cum-CCCs. The number of children using day CCCs was 23 547 in September 2014 and the utilisation rate was 79%. There were 434 places of OCCS and the average monthly utilisation rate from April to December 2014 was 70%.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5080)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the expenditure for day child care centres (CCCs) and occasional child care service (OCCS) in the past year? What are the estimates for day CCCs, OCCS and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 150)

Reply:

The Revised Estimate for aided standalone CCCs and OCCS was \$6 million and \$25.2 million respectively in 2014-15. The Draft Estimate for these 2 services for 2015-16 is \$7.2 million and \$26.5 million respectively, while the estimated expenditure for the subsidy scheme for MHCCCs is \$2 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5081)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under this Programme, it is stated that the Government will provide a wide range of training for social security staff to strengthen their knowledge and skills in providing social security services. In this connection, would the Government please provide the following information –

- (1) the number and rank of social security staff (please state whether they are on civil service or non-civil service terms) who have received the training, and the expenditure involved in the previous year;
- (2) the number of complaint cases against social security sections and the number of substantiated complaints in the previous year; and
- (3) the number of training places for social security staff and the estimated expenditure in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 151)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (1) In 2014-15, there were about 3 550 counts of social security staff participation in various training programmes organised by the Social Welfare Department, including about 780 from the Social Security Officer Grade and about 2 770 from the Social Security Assistant Grade. The staff members concerned were all employed on civil service permanent term. The expenditure of the training programmes was about \$0.7 million.
- (2) In 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014), there were 59 complaints on social security services, of which 4 were substantiated or partially substantiated.
- (3) In 2015-16, about 3 000 training places will be provided for social security staff and the estimated expenditure of the training programmes is about \$1 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5082)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential services for persons with disabilities, there has always been a difference in the average cost per place per month for places provided by the government sector and the subvented sector, such that in terms of the average cost per place per month, the subvented sector is lagging behind the government sector. Please advise –

- (1) the reasons for the said difference between the two sectors;
- (2) the reasons for the difference getting larger in the estimate for 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 152)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department hived off the remaining 2 residential care homes for persons with disabilities to non-governmental organisations for operation in 2012-13.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5083)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards helping families in trouble, what specific work has been done and what is the expenditure involved? Are additional resources being allocated for evaluating the effectiveness of such services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 153)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services and programmes, including integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service (including the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project) and adoption service, etc. to help families in trouble.

The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2015-16 Estimate is \$2,628.7 million.

SWD monitors the service performance of service units operated by SWD and subvented organisations through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the service performance of service units through their regular reports. Scheduled assessments and surprise visits to the service units are also conducted on a random basis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5084)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

One of the objectives of the services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under this Programme is to implement the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP). Please list the specific details of VSP, the expenditure involved and the number of additional residential places to be provided in such centres?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 154)

Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with an annual funding allocation of about \$5 million. Under VSP, emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, publicity work is conducted and volunteers are recruited to assist the service users. VSP has since July 2013 been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside Refuge Centres and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for training sessions and services related to judicial proceedings. There is no provision of residential places under VSP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5085)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

I often receive complaints from the public about the poor attitude of social security staff. Would the Government advise –

- (1) the contents and progress of the training for social security staff as well as the expenditure and the manpower involved; and
- (2) the follow-up measures for improving the work attitude of the staff?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 155)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2015-16, about 3 000 training places will be provided for social security staff, who will receive training on customer service and communication skills for enhancing their understanding on the needs of social security applicants and strengthening their awareness in working with these applicants. The above training programmes will mainly be coordinated by three Social Security Officer Grade staff, with support from two Executive Officers and two clerical grade staff. The estimated expenditure of the training programmes is about \$1 million.
- (2) Apart from reviewing and updating the training programmes to meet the latest service needs, the Social Welfare Department will continue to provide supervision, guidance and on-the-job training to frontline staff to enhance their work attitude.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5086)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As stated in the Indicators under this Programme, for care-and-attention (C&A) homes, the cost per place per month in the 2015-16 Estimates is lower than that in 2014-15. Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the reasons for the relatively mild increase in the 2015-16 Estimates;
- (2) whether it has assessed the cost implications of inflation; and
- (3) the impact of an underestimated inflation on service users?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No.156)

Reply:

There will be an increase in the cost per place per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care from \$14,288 in the 2014-15 Revised Estimate to \$14,374 in the 2015-16 Estimate. The subvention for emoluments in the 2015-16 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2014 while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC forms a relatively small part of the unit cost for C&A places providing a continuum of care, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care is not significant. Moreover, if civil service pay were to be adjusted in 2015-16, the adjustment in the unit cost for the places will be reflected in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate.

From 2014-15 onwards, the Government has allocated additional full-year recurrent funding to the service providers of C&A homes for the purpose of strengthening their central administrative and supervisory support, increasing the provision for OC and enabling them to recruit and retain paramedical staff more effectively or hire paramedical services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)0999****(Question Serial No. 5087)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) under the Indicators of this Programme, would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) What are the numbers of service users of IHCS for both frail and ordinary cases in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively and the average waiting time for service in various districts?
- (2) Why has the Government estimated that the cost per case served per month will only increase by \$80 despite continuous inflation in the coming year?
- (3) Whether the Government intends to let the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating IHCS bear the cost of inflation? If yes, how could the Government ensure that service quality would not be lowered?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 157)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of users served in 2013-14 and 2014-15 was as follows –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <b>(As at end-December 2014)</b>
IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC)	1 455	1 353
IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC)	25 738	24 109

Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may waitlist for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). As at end-January 2015, the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS was about 9 months (average from the past 3 months). The Social Welfare

Department does not capture the average waiting time for IHCS(OC), nor the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS by districts.

- (2) The subvention for emoluments in the 2015-16 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2014 while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC forms a relatively small part of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for IHCS place is not significant. If civil service pay were to be adjusted in 2015-16, the adjustment in the unit cost will be reflected in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate.
- (3) Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in meeting operating expenses, with the premise that they can ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5088)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the total number of residential places in refuge centres for women at present? Has any survey been conducted on the total number of residential places required in Hong Kong to meet the demand?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 158)

Reply:

At present, there are 5 refuge centres for women (Refuge Centres) providing a total of 260 places. In view of the fluctuating service demand, the Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission with a view to meeting the service demand. There is a mutual referral mechanism among the refuge centres to meet the service demand. The Social Welfare Department will continue to keep in view the utilisation of the above residential service and consider evaluating the need to increase the places in a timely manner.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5089)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the total number of residential places in refuge centres for the elderly at present? Has any survey been conducted on the total number of residential places required in Hong Kong to meet the demand?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

The Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre provide a total of 120 places of short-term accommodation for individuals and families facing domestic violence or in crisis, including the elderly persons. Some subvented residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes provide 65 places of emergency residential placement to offer temporary or short-term residential care service for elderly persons having urgent care needs, including those in elder abuse cases. The above centres would exercise flexibility in providing services for needy elderly persons with a view to meeting the service demand.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5090)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), are there any statistics that can be released? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 160)

Reply:

The numbers of BIP participants are set out as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
2012-13	71
2013-14	57
2014-15 (as at December 2014)	61

BIP is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). SWD does not keep the breakdown of the funding specifically allocated to BIP.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5091)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Do the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have any plan to review the weighting system of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme? If yes, what is the expected timetable for the review? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 161)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard rate CSSA payments (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In addition, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. The latest update was made using 2009-10 as the new basis period, and the survey for 2014-15 is underway.

Based on the abovementioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.7% with effect from 1 February 2015, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1004****(Question Serial No. 5092)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list, by nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the median durations of stay on CSSA in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Case Nature	2012	2013	2014
Old age			
Permanent disability			
Ill health			
Single parent			
Low-earnings			
Unemployment			
Others			
Overall			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 162)Reply:

The median durations of stay on CSSA by case nature from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

Case Nature	Median durations of stay on CSSA (Years)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Old age	9.4	9.8	10.1
Permanent disability	9.7	10.0	10.4
Ill health	6.4	6.6	6.6
Single parent	6.5	6.2	5.9
Low-earnings	8.3	8.7	8.9
Unemployment	5.2	5.5	5.9
Others	3.1	3.6	3.8
Median duration of stay on CSSA for all CSSA cases	8.2	8.6	8.8

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1005****(Question Serial No. 5093)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the years of residence in Hong Kong (HK) of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please provide information about the number of recipients who had resided in HK for 7 years or less, and the expenditure on CSSA involved in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 163)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years with a breakdown by year of residence in HK in 2012-13 and 2013-14 were as follows –

<b>Year of residence in HK</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Less than 1 year	629	572
1 year – less than 2 years	1 421	1 490
2 years – less than 3 years	1 881	2 336
3 years – less than 4 years	2 738	2 590
4 years – less than 5 years	2 475	3 482
5 years – less than 6 years	2 599	2 955
6 years – less than 7 years	2 836	2 921
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 579</b>	<b>16 346</b>

The estimated CSSA expenditure on CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA cases were on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation including 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates) in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2012-13	625
2013-14	582

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5094)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

A number of suicide or homicide cases involving mental patients happened between 2010 and 2015. In this connection, please advise –

- (a) What are the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) between 2010 and 2015?
- (b) Do the patients need to wait for the services between 2010 and 2015? If yes, how long do they have to wait?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 164)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs during the period from 2010-11 to 2013-14 were as follows –

Year <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	Average enrolment rate <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Average waiting time <sup>[Note 1]</sup> (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2010-11	95%	8.2	38.2
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6
2012-13	98%	8.2	16.7
2013-14	95%	7.2	32.5

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The figures for 2014-15 are not yet available as the enrolment rate and the average waiting time are compiled on a financial year basis covering the first day of April of a year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises, e.g. lead time between confirmation of acceptance of offer of an HWH or LSCH place and formal admission to HWH or LSCH, etc. Hence, the enrolment rate would not be 100% at any one time.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5095)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the details of the publicity programmes on combating domestic violence and the financial resources involved over the past 5 years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 166)

Reply:

From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the annual funding allocation for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year while in 2013-14, there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a series of docudrama. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families in the past 5 years, including production of docudrama, animations, television and radio announcements in public interest for broadcasting at different public media, organisation of competitions through the Internet, posting of thematic posters at various locations of the community, and distribution of printed materials to publicise relevant messages. Public education programmes on combating domestic violence and strengthening families were also organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

In 2015-16, \$5 million is earmarked for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence to convey the message of combating domestic violence to the public.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5096)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Could this Committee be informed of the details about the setting up of a standing mechanism on child fatality review and the funding required?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 167)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the standing child fatality review mechanism since 1 June 2011 with an objective of identifying effective ways to prevent avoidable child deaths. The Child Fatality Review Panel (the Review Panel), comprising members from different professions/disciplines and a parent representative, reviews child death cases which occurred in 2008 and beyond. Members of the Review Panel are appointed by the Director of Social Welfare and they receive no honorarium for their service. Secretariat support is provided by SWD. SWD does not keep the breakdown of the expenditure for this service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5097)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in 2010-15.

- (1) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have joined the scheme;
- (2) the distribution of their age and gender;
- (3) the number of recipients who have secured full-time and part-time employment respectively, the nature of the jobs secured by them and their median employment income;
- (4) the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net; and
- (5) the average amount of disregarded earnings (DE) per month.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 168)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1)-(4) To encourage and assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and become self-reliant, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) implemented various employment assistance programmes under the SFS Scheme (including the New Dawn Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme), which were integrated into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in January 2013.

The numbers of participants, participants who had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling, and participants who had secured part-time employment in various employment assistance programmes in 2010-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number of participants having secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling</b>	<b>Number of participants having secured part-time employment</b>	<b>Number of participants having left the CSSA net</b>
2010-11	30 291	7 045	431	1 448
2011-12	23 090	5 577	450	1 379
2012-13	15 483 (as at end-December 2012)	3 944 (as at end-December 2012)	278	1 030

SWD does not keep statistical information on the age, gender, types of occupation and median earnings of the participants of the SFS Scheme in each of the above years.

From January 2013 to end-December 2014, there were a total of 30 997 participants of IEAPS, among whom 9 930 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS. Among these 9 930 participants, 9 016 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling, 914 had secured part-time employment and 1 870 had successfully left the CSSA net.

The types of occupation secured by IEAPS participants were mainly labourer, waiter/waitress, salesperson, cleaner, watchman/guard, etc. The median monthly earnings were \$6,400.

The distribution of CSSA recipients joining IEAPS by age and gender was as follows –

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Gender</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	
15-19	1 346	1 010	<b>2 356</b>
20-29	2 203	2 050	<b>4 253</b>
30-39	2 598	2 271	<b>4 869</b>
40-49	3 708	5 833	<b>9 541</b>
50-59	5 867	4 111	<b>9 978</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 722</b>	<b>15 275</b>	<b>30 997</b>

SWD does not have a breakdown by financial year of the numbers of IEAPS participants, participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling, participants having left the CSSA net, nor their age, gender, types of occupation or median earnings.

- (5) The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Average monthly DE per CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)</b>
2010-11	1,775
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14	1,736
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	1,718

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5098)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What sorts of direct support will be strengthened for victims of domestic violence and families in need? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 169)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Integrated Services Centres (ISCs), Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC), Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc.

To enhance support for victims of domestic violence, SWD launched the VSP in June 2010. Emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and MCISC, and to accept direct applications from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process. In 2015-16, the Government will increase the number of professional social workers in IFSCs and ISCs to provide early identification and intervention to families which are at risk of domestic violence and have other welfare needs, with a view to enhancing support for vulnerable families. Meanwhile, the Government will allocate additional resources to strengthen child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-family balance.

The estimated total funding for all the above services is \$2,628.7 million for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5099)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What services and how much public funds are involved in helping families with difficulties?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 170)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking service, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service (including the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project) and adoption service, etc. to help families with difficulties.

A total of \$2,628.7 million is allocated in the 2015-16 Estimates for family and child welfare services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5100)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How will the Government help the able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 171)

Reply:

In January 2013, Social Welfare Department (SWD) integrated the various employment assistance projects into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), to encourage employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. The Financial Secretary announced in his 2015-16 Budget Speech that the Government would earmark about \$220 million to extend the IEAPS for 2 years. SWD will continue to commission non-governmental organisations to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with employment assistance services.

There is also the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the CSSA Scheme to encourage CSSA recipients, including able-bodied CSSA recipients, to seek and secure employment by disregarding their monthly earnings from employment up to a maximum of \$2,500 per month when assessing the amount of assistance payable to the recipients. The total amount of DE was \$427.2 million in 2014-15 (up to end-December 2014).

To further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment, SWD has implemented a 3-year pilot incentive scheme since April 2014 with funding of \$226.6 million from the Community Care Fund.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5101)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the plans, goals and targets for launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing and tackling domestic violence? Will channels other than television advertisements and posters be considered? Are there any specific means of publicity?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 172)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages on prevention of domestic violence to the general public. In 2014-15, SWD produced and launched a series of Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) on television and radio as well as posters with the theme "Don't let you and your children become victims of domestic violence". They conveyed the messages that resorting to violence against partners and children should be avoided, ensure the healthy development of their children and seek assistance early when necessary. The APIs were broadcasted on television, public transportation systems, Internet and the radio, while the posters were posted on public transportation systems, in different departments and organisations and other public venues. In addition, SWD produced a series of animations to promote the message of inter-generational harmony in family life. The animations were broadcasted on public transportation systems and uploaded to Internet. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence had also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. The Government will continue to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public through different means of promotion.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5105)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What specific measures does the Government have to enhance its direct support for victims of domestic violence and families in need? Please provide details of such measures. Which of them are new measures? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? What is the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 176)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Integrated Services Centres (ISCs), Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC), Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), residential care placements for children, child care centres, etc.

To enhance support for victims of domestic violence, SWD launched the VSP in June 2010. Emotional support and relevant information on the judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres and MCISC, and to accept direct applications from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process. In 2015-16, the Government will increase the number of professional social workers in IFSCs and ISCs to provide early identification and intervention to families which are at risk of domestic violence and have other welfare needs, with a view to enhancing support for vulnerable families. Meanwhile, the Government will allocate additional resources to strengthen child care services, thus providing support for women to achieve a work-family balance.

The estimated total funding for all the above services is \$2,628.7 million for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)1015**

**(Question Serial No. 5106)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please advise –

- (1) What specific plans does the Government have to address the problem of long-term shortage of nurses in the welfare sector?
- (2) How many were enrolled in each class of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in the past and the number of those having become nurses after graduation?
- (3) Whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of places of the EN Training Programme? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No.177)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation.

Separately, from 2014-15 onwards, the Government has increased the annual recurrent funding for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enable them to recruit and retain paramedical staff (including nurses) or to hire paramedical services more effectively. This will facilitate NGOs' long-term planning to meet their service and development needs.

- (2) The number of applicants and graduates in each class of the training programme is set out at Annex. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% have joined to work in the social welfare sector upon graduation. It shows that the programme can help to alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector.

- (3) In the few years starting from 2015-16, SWD will provide about 920 additional training places. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out.

Training programme	No. of applicants	No. of graduates
1 <sup>st</sup> class	2 389	96
2 <sup>nd</sup> class	1 897	107
3 <sup>rd</sup> class	2 542	97
4 <sup>th</sup> class	2 328	146
5 <sup>th</sup> class	5 438 [Note]	99
6 <sup>th</sup> class		95
7 <sup>th</sup> class	4 578 [Note]	104
8 <sup>th</sup> class		102
9 <sup>th</sup> class	4 866 [Note]	130
10 <sup>th</sup> class		57
11 <sup>th</sup> class	5 535 [Note]	220
12 <sup>th</sup> class		Not applicable as the trainees are still receiving training
13 <sup>th</sup> class	5 017 [Note]	
14 <sup>th</sup> class		

[Note] Applications for the two classes were conducted together.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5107)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding monitoring and enhancing the service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What is the existing manpower provision for conducting surprise inspections? What is the average number of inspections conducted each year?
- (2) How many non-compliant private RCHEs have been prosecuted by the Government in the past 5 years?
- (3) Does the Government plan to recruit additional staff for strengthening the inspection of RCHEs? If yes, please set out the details, the estimated expenditure involved and the subhead under which the expenditure will be met. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 178)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A multi-disciplinary team of 37 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under the Social Welfare Department conducts surprise inspections on licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance of statutory requirements. The average number of inspections conducted each year is about 5 000.
- (2) In the past 5 years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15), a total of 34 private RCHEs were prosecuted.
- (3) In 2015-16, the Government will create 2 additional inspector posts in the Registered Nurse grade to enhance the monitoring and inspection of RCHEs. The annual recurrent expenditure will be \$570,000, which is to be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1017****(Question Serial No. 5108)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of fraud cases on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for the period from 2012-13 to 2014-15 with a breakdown as follows –

Type of fraud/Financial year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Concealing or false claim of income (number of cases)			
Concealing or false claim of total assets (number of cases)			
Fraudulent claim for rent (number of cases)			
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or number of family members)			
Total			
Percentage of established fraud cases			
Amount involved			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 179)Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases for the period from 2012-13 to 2014-15 with a breakdown by categories is as follows –

	2012-13 (number of cases)	2013-14 (number of cases)	2014-15 (number of cases) (as at end-December 2014)
Concealing or false claim of income	369	283	196
Concealing or false claim of total assets	426	313	186
Fraudulent claim for rent	78	62	28
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence from Hong Kong or number of family members)	244	189	122
Total number of established fraud cases	1 117	847	532
Established fraud cases as a percentage of the total number of CSSA cases	0.42	0.33	0.21
Additional amount involved (\$ million)	68.4	62.6	39.4

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1018****(Question Serial No. 5109)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number of all public rental housing households currently on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), the number as a percentage of the total number of households in the public housing estates, and the number of households on CSSA in each public housing estate by case nature of CSSA (categories must include old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and their total).

Public Housing Estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 180)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA households in each public housing estate by case nature as at end-December 2014 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to total household in public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	510	12%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	54	20%
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	22	5%
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	1 205	23%
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	405	25%
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	493	27%
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	545	11%
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	356	30%
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	520	12%
Cheung Hong	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	1 311	16%
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52	11%
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	466	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	282	20%
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	148	9%
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	662	37%
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	772	18%
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	1 857	26%
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	218	9%
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	166	13%
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	698	20%
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	213	38%
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	1 308	18%
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	526	19%
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	1 008	18%
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	685	12%
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	363	12%
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	864	22%
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	1 210	24%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	532	41%
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	1 387	23%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	122	13%
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	386	18%
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	503	19%
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	74	14%
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	47	9%
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	728	35%
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	1 791	30%
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	637	38%
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	269	17%
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	691	30%
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	787	16%
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	157	9%
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	509	16%
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	623	50%
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	125	33%
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	255	16%
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	704	17%
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	599	14%
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	131	11%
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351	41%
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50	7%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to total household in public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337	49%
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190	24%
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257	13%
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159	37%
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279	13%
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412	18%
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728	21%
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983	21%
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750	27%
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766	16%
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217	47%
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704	26%
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449	13%
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330	17%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289	18%
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835	16%
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492	22%
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007	24%
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48	19%
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239	18%
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167	30%
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629	40%
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215	12%
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274	23%
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790	21%
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036	17%
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140	42%
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239	20%
Kwai Shing (West)	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706	14%
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	904	15%
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	319	14%
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	540	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	225	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	664	14%
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	648	16%
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	748	26%
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	262	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	215	8%
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	404	15%
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	24	10%
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	647	21%
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	582	16%
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	572	47%
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	1 640	42%
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	676	30%
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	717	23%
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	538	17%
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	881	34%
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	677	19%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	451	13%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to total household in public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	288	10%
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	1 790	26%
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	82	28%
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	1 004	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	655	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	849	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	826	13%
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	471	11%
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	96	25%
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	150	16%
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	87	10%
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	384	19%
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	678	17%
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	1 312	20%
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	441	19%
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	249	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	221	10%
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	97	15%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	120	13%
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	264	38%
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	596	22%
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	50	12%
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	57	13%
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	772	12%
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	1 091	28%
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	96	13%
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	997	20%
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	751	14%
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	1 883	25%
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	572	13%
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	1 271	23%
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	515	30%
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	1 675	23%
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	2 220	37%
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	426	37%
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	96	15%
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	54	9%
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	237	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	831	21%
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	2 752	23%
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	1 296	21%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	60	9%
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	1 346	23%
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	223	18%
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	2 161	24%
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	967	20%
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	1 797	22%
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	350	18%
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	802	16%
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	923	15%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	485	21%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to total household in public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	<b>569</b>	22%
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	<b>156</b>	45%
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	<b>946</b>	17%
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	<b>379</b>	19%
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	<b>647</b>	27%
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	<b>692</b>	16%
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	<b>600</b>	20%
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	<b>1 238</b>	18%
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	<b>673</b>	11%
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	<b>957</b>	14%
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	<b>435</b>	13%
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	<b>593</b>	30%
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	<b>1 792</b>	21%
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	<b>82</b>	29%
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	<b>747</b>	40%
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	<b>1 264</b>	17%
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	<b>713</b>	15%
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	<b>1 118</b>	15%
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	<b>943</b>	46%
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	<b>904</b>	23%
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	<b>1 564</b>	25%
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	<b>897</b>	16%
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	<b>199</b>	22%
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	<b>351</b>	32%
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	<b>1 044</b>	13%
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	<b>745</b>	23%
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	<b>830</b>	23%
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	<b>631</b>	20%
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	<b>1 687</b>	30%
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	<b>504</b>	15%
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	<b>1 190</b>	14%
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	<b>977</b>	24%
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	<b>274</b>	40%
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	<b>302</b>	19%
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	<b>131</b>	41%
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	<b>615</b>	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	<b>1 476</b>	45%
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	<b>199</b>	35%
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	<b>1 883</b>	24%
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	<b>307</b>	15%
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	<b>1 200</b>	20%
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	<b>360</b>	18%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	<b>26</b>	11%
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	<b>938</b>	42%
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	<b>412</b>	31%
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	<b>1 759</b>	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	<b>1 812</b>	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	<b>1 171</b>	24%
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	<b>190</b>	20%
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	<b>1 035</b>	11%
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	<b>390</b>	38%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to total household in public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217	15%
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596	38%
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293	20%
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469	48%
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276	45%
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562	16%
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737	13%
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300	21%
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849	14%
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371	19%
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455	11%
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455	18%
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853	16%
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754	21%
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336	15%
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842	24%
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218	12%
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345	33%
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756	15%
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69	8%
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379	17%
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>	

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

**LWB(WW)1019**

**(Question Serial No. 5110)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):   ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the current number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in each District Council district by category of CSSA.

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Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 181)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases by category and by district as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

District	Category of CSSA cases (Number of cases)							Total
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 080	235	316	208	70	191	43	3 143
Eastern	7 949	1 200	879	1 188	359	649	225	12 449
Islands	1 687	191	395	643	282	421	143	3 762
Kowloon City	8 381	1 062	1 284	1 722	340	1 003	156	13 948
Kwai Tsing	14 793	2 246	2 181	2 614	907	1 620	380	24 741

District	Category of CSSA cases (Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwun Tong	21 306	1 493	3 003	4 197	1 165	2 167	472	<b>33 803</b>
North	7 504	1 005	1 225	1 769	320	879	329	<b>13 031</b>
Sai Kung	4 301	770	921	917	334	516	295	<b>8 054</b>
Sha Tin	8 864	1 414	1 908	2 159	438	866	409	<b>16 058</b>
Sham Shui Po	13 677	1 142	2 678	2 726	633	2 468	356	<b>23 680</b>
Southern	4 741	1 132	722	596	222	261	209	<b>7 883</b>
Tai Po	5 406	516	931	919	160	402	225	<b>8 559</b>
Tsuen Wan	4 644	492	541	843	221	403	117	<b>7 261</b>
Tuen Mun	11 283	2 124	2 183	1 979	461	1 246	357	<b>19 633</b>
Wan Chai	1 017	71	124	98	16	197	83	<b>1 606</b>
Wong Tai Sin	12 179	1 095	1 792	2 181	634	1 245	322	<b>19 448</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	5 197	414	1 075	1 103	202	1 758	222	<b>9 971</b>
Yuen Long	12 267	1 620	2 758	3 657	819	2 347	542	<b>24 010</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 276</b>	<b>18 222</b>	<b>24 916</b>	<b>29 519</b>	<b>7 583</b>	<b>18 639</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>251 040</b>

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1020****(Question Serial No. 5111)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide information on the number of recipients under the unemployment and low-earnings case nature of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme with a breakdown by their gender, age group, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, earnings from employment as well as residential district in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 182)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA unemployed recipients in 2013-14 and 2014-15 with a breakdown by their gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment and district were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Male	11 622	9 960
Female	9 384	8 467
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
15-19	794	732
20-29	1 306	1 293
30-39	2 233	1 872
40-49	6 019	5 371
50-59	10 654	9 159
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA (Year)</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1 or less	2 585	2 518
More than 1 - 2	1 568	1 388
More than 2 - 3	1 399	1 144
More than 3 - 4	1 439	1 132
More than 4 - 5	1 531	1 106
More than 5	12 484	11 139
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Unemployed recipients could have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood). Not all recipients have all along been receiving CSSA as a result of unemployment.

Table 4: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by past occupation

<b>Past occupation</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Cleaner	285	250
Clerk	27	19
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	47	32
Delivery worker	188	197
Domestic helper/baby sitter	176	137
Driver	38	45
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	602	554
Salesperson	116	107
Waiter/waitress	111	113
Watchman/guard	32	14
Others	551	521
Jobless	18 833	16 438
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 5: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by earnings from employment

<b>Monthly earnings from employment</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
\$0	18 833	16 438
\$1-less than \$1,000	728	699
\$1,000-less than \$2,000	1 445	1 290
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

Table 6: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by district

<b>District</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	178	156
Eastern	846	760
Islands	517	465
Kowloon City	967	858
Kwai Tsing	1 764	1 512
Kwun Tong	2 892	2 507
North	1 032	863
Sai Kung	677	654
Sha Tin	1 209	960
Sham Shui Po	2 430	2 176
Southern	382	353
Tai Po	491	439
Tsuen Wan	439	406
Tuen Mun	1 312	1 144
Wan Chai	140	128
Wong Tai Sin	1 592	1 374
Yau Tsim Mong	1 342	1 249
Yuen Long	2 796	2 423
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 006</b>	<b>18 427</b>

The numbers of CSSA low-earnings recipients in 2013-14 and 2014-15 with a breakdown by their gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, occupation, earnings from employment and district were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Male	6 270	5 972
Female	6 175	5 548
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by age

<b>Age group</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
15-19	477	455
20-29	1 719	1 571
30-39	2 031	1 919
40-49	4 938	4 449
50-59	3 280	3 126
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

<b>Duration of receiving CSSA (Year)</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1 or less	664	776
More than 1 - 2	772	667
More than 2 - 3	727	689
More than 3 - 4	760	668
More than 4 - 5	926	711
More than 5	8 596	8 009
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Low-earnings recipients could have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood). Not all recipients have all along been receiving CSSA as a result of low-earnings.

Table 4: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by occupation

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Cleaner	1 421	1 271
Clerk	464	438
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	405	388
Delivery worker	695	634
Domestic helper/baby sitter	331	319
Driver	609	554
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	2 945	2 754
Salesperson	904	801
Waiter/waitress	839	815
Watchman/guard	773	662
Others	3 059	2 884
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

Table 5: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by earnings from employment

<b>Monthly earnings from employment</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Less than \$4,000	3 660	3 399
\$4,000-less than \$6,000	3 842	3 688
\$6,000-less than \$8,000	2 585	2 174
\$8,000 or above	2 358	2 259
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

CSSA low-earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed, with earnings from employment equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,920 as at end-December 2014) and with working hours no less than 120 per month.

Table 6: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by district

<b>District</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end December 2014)</b>
Central & Western	100	93
Eastern	507	453
Islands	374	355
Kowloon City	536	533
Kwai Tsing	1 542	1 451
Kwun Tong	1 927	1 760
North	589	546
Sai Kung	497	442
Sha Tin	790	716
Sham Shui Po	1 036	996
Southern	271	246
Tai Po	332	273
Tsuen Wan	339	325
Tuen Mun	783	699
Wan Chai	28	30
Wong Tai Sin	985	873
Yau Tsim Mong	302	300
Yuen Long	1 507	1 429
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 445</b>	<b>11 520</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1021****(Question Serial No. 5112)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What were the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients of unemployment and low-earnings case nature under the DE arrangement in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 183)Reply:

The average monthly DE for CSSA recipients of “unemployment” and “low-earnings” case nature in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE for CSSA recipients	
	“Unemployment” case (\$)	“Low-earnings” case (\$)
2013-14	1,628	2,341
2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	1,671	2,345

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1022****(Question Serial No. 5113)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of cases for which Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments have been suspended in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively by case nature and by reason. Please also provide the number of CSSA re-application cases by month and by case nature in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 184)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number of CSSA closed cases from 2012-13 to 2014-15 by case nature and by reason for closure was as follows –

Case nature	2012-13						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	<b>14 455</b>
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	<b>1 262</b>
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	<b>2 423</b>
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	<b>4 095</b>
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	<b>2 627</b>
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	<b>5 244</b>
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	<b>1 508</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>11 794</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>15 202</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>31 614</b>

Case nature	2013-14						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	23	10 823	205	178	3 639	181	<b>15 049</b>
Permanent disability	4	235	94	61	722	83	<b>1 199</b>
Ill health	8	429	65	255	1 496	144	<b>2 397</b>
Single parent	3	9	94	314	3 330	56	<b>3 806</b>
Low-earnings	-	5	59	112	2 082	38	<b>2 296</b>
Unemployment	3	121	183	1 014	3 111	237	<b>4 669</b>
Others	-	11	28	360	979	112	<b>1 490</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11 633</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>2 294</b>	<b>15 359</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>30 906</b>

Case nature	2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)						
	Reason for closure						
	Excessive absences	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	45	8 591	152	139	2 536	147	<b>11 610</b>
Permanent disability	1	156	51	47	616	42	<b>913</b>
Ill health	7	335	63	177	1 142	102	<b>1 826</b>
Single parent	4	10	72	219	2 460	48	<b>2 813</b>
Low-earnings	1	5	51	87	1 470	23	<b>1 637</b>
Unemployment	4	88	111	797	2 165	167	<b>3 332</b>
Others	1	15	19	278	591	95	<b>999</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9 200</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1 744</b>	<b>10 980</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>23 130</b>

The number of CSSA re-applications from 2012-13 to 2014-15 by case nature was as follows –

Year	Case nature							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2012-13	4 875	1 058	2 364	1 722	1 270	4 355	1 008	<b>16 652</b>
2013-14	4 961	1 065	2 432	1 780	1 159	3 882	1 088	<b>16 367</b>
2014-15 (up to end-December 2014)	3 785	812	1 773	1 458	820	2 864	781	<b>12 293</b>

Cases which have been on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5114)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

A number of cases involving mental patients committing suicide or homicide were reported in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. In this regard, would the Government please advise the following –

- (1) in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many adult probationers were in need of residential service;
- (2) in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, what types of residential homes/hostels the adult probationers were admitted to and the reasons for such arrangements;
- (3) in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, whether the adult probationers had to wait for admission to residential homes/hostels? If yes, how long did they have to wait and what were the arrangements during their waiting period?
- (4) whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission? If yes, how many such missing cases were there? and
- (5) the nature of these missing cases and the proportion of male to female among them; what follow-up actions had been taken?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 185)

Reply:

Probation service is a community-based rehabilitation programme. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5115)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Despite there being quite a number of youth problems such as drug abuse, suicide and juvenile crime in recent years, there is no increase in the estimated numbers of cases served and clients served in the Indicators of school social work service under this Programme. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 186)

Reply:

The number of cases served by school social workers is estimated to decrease from 24 504 in 2014-15 to 24 444 in 2015-16 as a result of closure of secondary school(s) in 2014.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5116)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What plans and measures will be in place to address youth problems and how much will be spent in the coming year? Under which subhead will the expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 187)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with non-governmental organisations, provides a wide spectrum of preventive, developmental and remedial services to assist and nurture young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of society. In 2015-16, SWD will pay special attention to the following matters: monitor the implementation of the Enhanced After School Care Programme; oversee the planning and implementation of more cross-sectoral initiatives in after-school learning and support through matching grants under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged; continue to monitor the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects; and continue to assist in the implementation of Child Development Fund projects both in the community and in schools. The estimated financial provision in respect of services for young people for 2015-16 is \$1,852.5 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses and Subhead 700 General non-recurrent.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1026****(Question Serial No. 5125)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong (the Chinese YMCA), what are the total amount of its subvention allocation and the remunerations of the General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary and senior executives for 2015-16 and under which subhead will the expenditure be met? In addition, please advise the total amount of funding allocations for the Chinese YMCA and the remunerations of the General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary and the senior executives in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 196)Reply:

The provisional subvention allocation for the Chinese YMCA for 2015-16 is \$159 million, and the expenditure will be met under subhead 000 Operational Expenses. The total subvention allocation for the Chinese YMCA in the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount of subvention allocation (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	133.6
2011-12	141.7
2012-13	150.9
2013-14	154.9
2014-15 <sup>[Note]</sup>	155.8 <sup>[Note]</sup>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Position as at end-February 2015.

The Social Welfare Department has no information on the remunerations of the Chinese YMCA's General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary and senior executives.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5131)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhancement of support services for youths at risk by setting up additional youth outreaching teams (YOTs), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 202)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating YOTs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, subject to their being able to ensure service quality, meet service needs, and comply with the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of the service units through their regular submission of reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the service units on a random basis. The estimate for YOTs in 2015-16 is \$136.1 million. The demand for YOTs will be kept under review.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5132)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding monitoring the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOPs), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and the funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 203)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned 3 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to each launch a 3-year PCYOP starting from August 2011. Each PCYOP has been allocated a grant of \$5.2 million from the Lotteries Fund (LF). SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention (CSRP) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluative study on the effectiveness of the 3 PCYOPs. The evaluative study was to be completed by end-2014. To enable CSRP to collect more data for more detailed analysis and suggestions on PCYOPs, LF provided an additional funding of \$1.769 million in May 2014 for each PCYOP, thereby extending PCYOPs for 1 year until July 2015 and the evaluative study for 6 months until May 2015. The PCYOPs adopt a multi-level intervention strategy and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. The NGOs are given the flexibility to deploy the funding to meet the project objectives and deliverables. Upon completion of the evaluative study in mid-2015, SWD will review the effectiveness and the way forward for PCYOPs.

The estimated funding for PCYOPs in 2015-16 is \$2.2 million. Funding provided by LF will be met under Subhead 078 the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, 120 Caritas – Hong Kong, 221 the University of Hong Kong and 400 the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5133)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding monitoring the performance of the enhanced school social work (SSW) services, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 204)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating SSW have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, subject to their being able to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of the service units through their regular submission of reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the service units on a random basis. The funding allocation for SSW in the 2015-16 Estimate is \$343.5 million, which will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. The demand for SSW will be kept under review.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1030****(Question Serial No. 5135)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will continue to provide training for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elderly persons. Please elaborate the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 206)Reply:

The training programmes to be conducted in 2015-16 for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elderly persons will focus on helping them understand the medical, psychological and care needs of demented elderly persons, manage the general assessment tools and therapeutic approaches, and know more about the legal concerns relating to the care of demented elderly persons and the support services provided to the carers. Coordinated by 2 Social Work Officer Grade staff with the support of 2 Executive Officers and 2 clerical staff, funding required for the training programmes will be met under Subhead 000 Operational Expenses. The effectiveness of the training programmes will be evaluated through the feedback of the course participants and trainers.

In the past 3 years, the number of non-professional staff and professional staff who attended the training programmes and the respective expenditure were as follows-

	<b>Number of non-professional staff</b>	<b>Number of professional staff</b>	<b>Actual expenditure (\$'000)</b>
2012-13	281	175	27
2013-14	276	163	28
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	272	177	30

In 2015-16, 480 training places (including 300 for non-professional staff and 180 for professional staff) will be provided. The estimated expenditure is \$0.3 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5136)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to organise training workshops for the staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to enhance their skills. Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to enhance the work in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 207)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and the Hospital Authority (HA), will continue to organise training for staff of RCHEs to enhance their knowledge and skills in elderly care. 4 training workshops on healthcare and managerial issues will be organised in 2015-16. The training will be conducted by a total of 11 staff of SWD, DH and HA with the cost absorbed within the existing provision. The effectiveness of the training programmes will be evaluated through various channels such as collection of feedback from participants, trainers and discussion with stakeholders. SWD will keep in view the training needs of the RCHE staff and provide additional training workshops if needed. In the past 3 years (2012 to 2014), similar training was organised for about 5 500 RCHE staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1032****(Question Serial No. 5137)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will continue to organise the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme). Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 208)Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a 2-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming few years starting from 2015-16, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. The funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

The number of graduates and expenditure of the training programmes from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of training places</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2011-12	220	14.2
2012-13	320	24.6
2013-14	320	27.6

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5138)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 209)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 with a view to enhancing the drug management capabilities of RCHEs and their staff. A sum of \$5 million has been earmarked for implementing the Pilot Scheme for the first 3 years (i.e. from June 2010 to June 2013). To review the Pilot Scheme comprehensively, the Government has earmarked an additional \$2.8 million for extending the Pilot Scheme for 2 years to September 2015. About 8 830 elderly residents of RCHEs participating in the Pilot Scheme have been served since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. The Government is reviewing the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, and will, in the light of the review findings, consider the way forward.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5139)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to convert subsidised residential care places in self-care (S/C) hostels and homes for the aged (H/A) into subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes to provide a continuum of care (COC). Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 210)

Reply:

Under the Conversion Programme, a total of about 10 700 S/C hostel/ H/A places and C&A places without COC will be converted into about 6 200 places providing COC. As at end-January 2015, a total of 74 subvented residential care homes for the elderly had participated in the Conversion Programme to convert 10 593 places into 6 148 places providing COC. The estimated recurrent expenditure for C&A places providing COC for 2015-16 is \$245.68 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. The manpower required to administer the Conversion Programme has been absorbed within the Social Welfare Department's existing provision. Moreover, under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the above services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, physiotherapist/ occupational therapists and other supporting staff, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met. The Government will continue with the Conversion Programme in 2015-16 to provide additional subsidised C&A places providing COC.

The number of C&A places providing COC under the Conversion Programme from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Number of C&A places providing COC converted from S/C hostel, H/A and C&A places without COC	5 496	5 863	6 148

The Conversion Programme will be implemented in phases. The expenditure for S/C hostels, H/A, C&A homes and residential care homes providing C&A places with COC from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>2012-13 (Actual)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2013-14 (Actual)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Revised Estimate)</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>
1,929.1	2,109.2	2,342.0

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1035****(Question Serial No. 5140)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will continue to increase the proportion of subvented nursing home (NH) places in existing contract homes and provide more subvented NH places through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding required under this programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 211)Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government will provide 126 additional NH places through the NHPPS, with an estimated annual expenditure of about \$24 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. The Operators have to comply with the services and staffing requirements committed in the service agreements signed with the Social Welfare Department by providing the required services and employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services.

From 2012-13 to 2014-15, the numbers of additional NH places in existing contract homes and those provided under NHPPS are as follows –

	Number of additional places		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
(a) Subsidised NH places in existing contract homes	203	97	61
(b) Subsidised NH places provided under NHPPS	10	-	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>115</b>

The expenditure of contract homes and NHPPS from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows –

	2012-13 (Actual) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
(a) Contract homes	199.0	240.9	283.4
(b) NHPPS	24.3	25.9	34.1

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1036****(Question Serial No. 5141)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (the Pilot Scheme). Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2014-15. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of service users and the funding required under the Scheme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 212)Reply:

The Pilot Scheme funded by the Lotteries Fund was completed on 28 February 2015. All elderly service users of the Pilot Scheme have changed to be served by the service teams of the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services since 1 March 2015.

The number of cases served and the expenditure under the Pilot Scheme each year from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases served</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2012-13	431	17.64
2013-14	434	17.70
2014-15	411 (As at end-February 2015)	13.27 (As at end-February 2015)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5142)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has provided additional subsidised long-term care places with a continuum of care (COC) through making full use of the space in existing subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the conversion programme. Please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 213)

Reply:

An additional 91 care-and-attention places with a continuum of care will be provided in 2015-16 through making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs under the conversion programme, involving an annual estimated recurrent expenditure of \$9.97 million to be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating relevant services have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses and/or other allied health professionals, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met. The Government will continue to fully utilise the space in existing subvented RCHEs under the conversion programme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5143)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding upgrading the quality of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and increasing their supply through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 214)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government plans to purchase about 7 958 subsidised residential care places under EBPS, involving an estimated expenditure of about \$903 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. The Government will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5144)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes, please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 215)

Reply:

Two new contract homes in Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po districts will commence service in 2015-16, providing a total of 180 and 120 subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places respectively. An additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about \$37 million is earmarked for the 2 contract homes under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. The operators have to comply with the staffing requirements under the contracts signed with the Social Welfare Department by employing sufficient staff including nurses, care workers, other professional and non-professional staff for the delivery of services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5145)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding strengthening the care for the infirm and demented elderly in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 216)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides Dementia Supplement (DS) and Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) for eligible RCHEs to take care of their residents with dementia and their frail elderly residents respectively.

DS has been provided as additional support for elderly persons with dementia in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). The eligibility of elderly residents in subvented RCHEs for DS will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority (HA). Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS. With the DS allocation, the RCHEs concerned may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. In 2015-16, \$219.8 million in DS will be provided for 261 eligible RCHEs in respect of about 5 600 beneficiaries. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

ICS is an additional resource to support frail elderly persons living in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS who have been medically assessed to be in need of infirmary care. The eligibility of elderly persons for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of HA. ICS is to be used as an allowance for existing staff (including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers, care workers and workmen) or for the employment of qualified staff, including the purchase of professional services. In 2015-16, \$104.6 million in ICS will be provided for 131 eligible RCHEs in respect of about 1 670 beneficiaries. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5146)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding strengthening the care for elderly persons with dementia in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 217)

Reply:

To enhance support for elderly persons with dementia in DEs/DCUs, a funding allocation of \$17.6 million will be provided to subsidised DEs/DCUs by way of Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2015-16. The funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. It is expected that about 71 DEs/DCUs will receive DS.

Based on the number of eligible cases for DS in subvented residential care homes for the elderly as confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams of the Hospital Authority, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in subsidised DEs/DCUs. Funding allocation for DS will be disbursed to subsidised DEs/DCUs according to the estimated number of elderly persons with dementia.

With the funding allocation of DS, DEs/DCUs may employ additional professional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services. DEs/DCUs may also use DS to provide training programmes and services for demented elderly persons as well as supportive services for their carers as necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5147)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the upgrading of the physical setting and facilities of elderly centres, would the Government please elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16? Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area so as to benefit all or different types of elderly centres?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 218)

Reply:

In 2012-13, \$900 million had been earmarked under the Lotteries Fund (funding to be met under Subhead 948 Improvement Programme of Elderly Centres (IPEC)) to launch IPEC in order to improve the physical setting and facilities of district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres and social centres for the elderly. Currently, a total of 237 elderly centres have joined the IPEC which will be implemented in phases over a period of 6 years. Works have commenced in succession, with 46 elderly centres having completed and re-opened for services with a new visage.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5148)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the setting up of a new neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC), please elaborate on the details, location, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 219)

Reply:

One social centre for the elderly in Sha Tin district will be upgraded to an NEC in 2015-16. In order to enhance support for the elderly persons living in the community, additional funding has been earmarked for the NEC to employ additional social workers. In 2015-16, each NEC will be provided with an annual recurrent allocation of about \$2.9 million that will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure service quality, meet service needs and achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5149)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional day care (DC) places for the elderly, please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 220)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for DC services is \$266.8 million in 2015-16. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. Such services include the 78 additional DC places for the elderly. The additional places will serve the applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5150)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the planning for the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please elaborate on the work, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 221)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years, with the first phase launched in September 2013. All the 1 200 vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014. As at end-January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. Among the voucher holders, 968 of them were using the services provided by the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs). The remaining voucher holders were choosing the service provider and/or the service package.

An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for launching the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected with a view to facilitating the Government's deliberation of the possible areas for refinement in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5151)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please explain the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16, and whether the Government will allocate additional funding to enhance the work in this respect.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 222)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to process OALA applications and conduct regular case reviews for OALA recipients to verify their eligibility for continuing to receive the allowance. Apart from creating some 140 additional posts in total in 2013-14 and 2014-15 for launching the OALA and conducting a postal review for OALA recipients who were granted the allowance under the Phase 1 – “Auto-conversion” arrangement, SWD will not require additional manpower for handling OALA cases in 2015-16.

The estimated expenditure for the OALA in 2015-16 will be \$14.878 billion, including (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of the allowance by 4.7% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) the 2 additional months of allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council). The recurrent expenditure for the OALA will be met under Subhead 180 Social security allowance scheme, while the 2 additional months of allowance will be met under Subhead 700 General non-recurrent.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5152)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continuous launching of publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, please elaborate on the work to be done, schedules, details, titles and quantity of publications to be produced, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the programmes in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 223)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked a budget of \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence (the provision was deducted from Subhead 000 Operational expenses). SWD will continue to make use of various channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence. District-based public education programmes and activities will be organised from time to time by the District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) of SWD.

From 2012-13 to 2014-15, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year. In 2013-14 there was an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of a new series of docudramas. The participation rates of various programmes were encouraging. The click rate of the online short-film cum storyboard creation competition on prevention of child sexual abuse launched in 2012-13 was more than 220 000. The audience size of the new series of docudramas on various family issues, which were jointly produced by SWD and the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcasted in 2013, was about 900 000 for each episode. The online viewing rate of the animations on effective parenting and harmonious inter-generational family life launched from 2013-14 to 2014-15 was more than 16 000. The public education programmes organised by DSWOs of SWD from April 2012 to December 2014 attracted more than 334 000 counts of attendance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1048****(Question Serial No. 5153)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the continuous provision and enhancement of short-term food assistance services, please elaborate on the work ahead, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required (under which subhead will the funding be allocated?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the numbers of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the services in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 224)Reply:

The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is about \$89.2 million. The allocation is under Subhead 700 General non-recurrent. It is stated in the 2015 Policy Address that \$200 million will be further earmarked to continue the short-term food assistance service for 2 more years up to end 2017. As regards manpower, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing on the premise that they can ensure service quality and meet service demands, while meeting the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Service Specifications.

The expenditure and number of service users served by the short-term food assistance service projects in the past 3 years are set out as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>No. of service users served</b>
2012-13 (Actual)	62.1	33 560
2013-14 (Actual)	71.0	31 978
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	74.4	26 907 (Up to end-January 2015)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1049****(Question Serial No. 5154)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the continuous implementation of the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), please elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for the programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 225)Reply:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide BIP which is a psycho-educational group aiming to change batterers' attitude and stop their abusive behaviours. The activities included in BIP are video shows, mini-lectures, structured games, group discussion and sharing. After completing the BIP, participants remarked that the programme could help them effectively address the problem of partner violence. There is no breakdown of the funding and manpower specifically allocated for implementing BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.

The number of participants of BIP from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
2012-13	71
2013-14	57
2014-15 (as at December 2014)	61

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1050****(Question Serial No. 5155)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the continuous implementation of the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), please further elaborate on the work to be done, manpower, effectiveness and funding allocation required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of beneficiaries and the funding allocation required for VSP in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 226)Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with an allocation of about \$5 million per annum (deducted from Subhead 000 Operational expenses). VSP aims to serve victims of spouse/cohabitant battering cases or child abuse cases with the objectives of strengthening the protection of victims of domestic violence, allaying their fears of facing judicial proceedings and helping them rebuild normal lives. Publicity and recruitment of volunteers to assist the service users will also be conducted. Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced to provide strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, to extend its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres as well as Multi-Purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and to accept direct applications from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process.

As VSP is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the operating non-governmental organisation has the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that they can ensure the services will meet the required performance standards. Currently the Government has no plan to increase the funding allocation for VSP.

Between 2012-13 and 2014-15, the number of service users served was as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of service users</b>
2012-13	661
2013-14	704
2014-15 (April to December 2014)	478

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5156)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the respective numbers of medical social workers (MSWs) (including Social Work Assistants, Senior Social Work Assistants, Social Work Officers (SWOs)/Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs) and officers at Senior Social Work Officer rank or above) working in non-psychiatric services in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the average caseload per worker and the funding allocation (under which subhead will the funding be met?).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 227)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of non-psychiatric MSWs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		Average caseload per non-psychiatric MSW <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Expenditure <sup>[Note 3]</sup> (\$ million)
	SWO	ASWO		
2013-14 (Actual)	24	168	64	356.4
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	24	171	58	375.1
2015-16 (Estimate)	24	171	58	388.6

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The medical social services (MSS) units of the Social Welfare Department are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> There are no separate average caseload statistics for SWOs and ASWOs respectively in MSS units. SWOs may also undertake administrative duties in addition to the delivery of casework services.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The figures refer to the total expenditure for MSS. Funding is met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses and Subhead 157 Assistance for patients and their families. There is no breakdown of funding by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS, or by rank of staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1052****(Question Serial No. 5157)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the respective numbers of medical social workers (MSWs) (including Social Work Assistants, Senior Social Work Assistants, Social Work Officers (SWOs) /Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs) and officers at Senior Social Work Officer rank or above) working in psychiatric services in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the average caseload per worker and the funding allocation (under which subhead will the funding be met?).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 228)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of psychiatric MSWs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>		Average caseload per psychiatric MSW <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	Expenditure <sup>[Note 3]</sup> (\$ million)
	SWO	ASWO		
2013-14 (Actual)	51	192	63	356.4
2014-15 (Revised Estimate)	51	192	68	375.1
2015-16 (Estimate)	51	192	68	388.6

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The medical social services (MSS) units of the Social Welfare Department are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> There are no separate average caseload statistics for SWOs and ASWOs respectively in MSS units. SWOs may also undertake administrative duties in addition to the delivery of casework services.

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> The figures refer to the total expenditure for MSS. The funding is met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses and Subhead 157 Assistance for patients and their families. There is no breakdown of funding by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS, or by rank of staff.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)1053**

**(Question Serial No. 5161)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single-parent families in the past 5 years, please provide the following information -

- (1) reasons for becoming single-parent families and the number of cases involving domestic violence;
- (2) the number of low income households;
- (3) the number of families on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA);
- (4) the ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (5) the income ratio of single mothers and single fathers;
- (6) the number of children and their age distribution (aged 0-5, 5-10, 10-12, 12-14, and 15-16); and
- (7) how the children aged under 16 (aged 0-5, 5-10, 10-12, 12-14, and 15-16) are taken care of when the parents work outside the home?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 232)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) According to the results of the 2011 Population Census, the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families in descending order are Islands, Sai Kung, Yuen Long, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing, Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Southern and North. There are various factors leading to single parenthood, including the death of one of the parents, divorce or separation of the parents, etc. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no available statistics on the number of single-parent families caused by domestic violence.
- (2), (5) & (6) SWD does not have the statistics on the information sought.

- (3) The numbers of single parent families receiving CSSA as at end-December 2014 in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families are set out in Annex 1.
- (4) The ratios of single mothers to single fathers in the 10 districts with the highest growth rate of single parent families in accordance with the findings of the 2011 Population Census are set out in Annex 2.
- (7) To meet the needs of parents who cannot take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, SWD has been providing a variety of child care services through non-governmental organisations, including child care centre service, occasional child care service, extended hours child care service, Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, the fee waiving subsidy scheme under the After School Care Programme, etc.

## Single parent families receiving CSSA

District	Number of single parent families receiving CSSA
Islands	643
Sai Kung	917
Yuen Long	3 657
Kwun Tong	4 197
Kwai Tsing	2 614
Tsuen Wan	843
Sham Shui Po	2 726
Wong Tai Sin	2 181
Southern	596
North	1 769
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 143</b>

## The ratio of single mothers to single fathers

District \ Sex	Male (single fathers)		Female (single mothers)		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Islands	495	24.3%	1 539	75.7%	<b>2 034</b>
Sai Kung	932	22.2%	3 274	77.8%	<b>4 206</b>
Yuen Long	1 901	19.8%	7 694	80.2%	<b>9 595</b>
Kwun Tong	2 011	22.3%	6 994	77.7%	<b>9 005</b>
Kwai Tsing	1 407	20.4%	5 478	79.6%	<b>6 885</b>
Tsuen Wan	606	19.6%	2 492	80.4%	<b>3 098</b>
Sham Shui Po	931	17.8%	4 314	82.2%	<b>5 245</b>
Wong Tai Sin	1 109	21.5%	4 041	78.5%	<b>5 150</b>
Southern	630	21.9%	2 244	78.1%	<b>2 874</b>
North	719	18.6%	3 152	81.4%	<b>3 871</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1054****(Question Serial No. 5162)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of cases applying for Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) which involved domestic violence over the past 5 years, with a breakdown of the number of victims by gender and age group (aged 0-15, aged 16-30, aged 31-45, aged 46-60 and aged over 60).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 233)Reply:

Among the 1 382 CLEIC applications from 2010-11 to 2014-15, 43 cases had involved domestic violence. The number of victims broken down by gender and age group are as follows –

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	Age group										
		Aged 0-15		Aged 16-30		Aged 31-45		Aged 46-60		Aged 60 or above	
Gender	Male (M)	Female (F)	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Total
Year											
2010-11	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	2	2	10
2011-12	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	2	-	5	13
2012-13	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	6
2013-14	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	11
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
Total	1	1	1	7	3	12	1	6	3	8	43

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5163)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many resources will be deployed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in commencing a new round of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2015-16? What is the target number of trainees? When will the programme be open for application and when will it commence?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 234)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. Moreover, in the few years starting from 2015-16, about 920 training places will be provided, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5164)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the expenditure involved in implementing the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) from 2013-14 to 2014-15? How many trainees have received training and how many have joined the welfare sector after completion of the Training Programme? How will the Government evaluate the Training Programme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 235)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a 2-year EN Training Programme (Training Programme). A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. From 2013-14 to 2014-15, SWD launched a total of 2 classes of the Training Programme, providing a total of 320 training places at an estimated expenditure of \$27.6 million. As over 90% of the graduates of the first 9 classes had joined the social welfare sector after graduation, the Training Programme has helped to alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5165)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides training for social workers and professionals on a wide range of topics on handling child abuse, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence with special focus on risk assessment, prevention, as well as post-trauma care in violence cases. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) How many of the spouse battering and child abuse cases handled in 2013-14 and 2014-15 have been arranged for risk assessment?
- (2) How many cases required consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist after risk assessment? Do they need to waitlist for the service? If yes, how long is the waitlisting time?
- (3) What is the male-to-female ratio of the individuals under risk assessment?
- (4) If consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist is necessary, how long does it take to follow up? What is the expenditure involved?
- (5) Besides consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist, what other services are needed? Please give specific details and list the expenditure items.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 236)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Risk assessment was conducted for all new child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. In 2013-14 and 2014-15 (April to December 2014), risk assessment was conducted for 2 861 and 2 086 cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD respectively. Ongoing risk assessment is conducted by case social workers in the process of case handling.
- (2) Amongst the 2 861 and 2 086 cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering mentioned in (1) above, 417 cases and 276 cases were referred to the Clinical

Psychology Unit (CPU) of SWD for psychological assessment/treatment respectively. The waiting time for clinical psychology services is about 4 to 6 weeks. For high risk cases, urgent appointments can be arranged within a week. SWD does not have the statistics on the number of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases requiring psychiatric services.

- (3) In 2014, as recorded in the Child Protection Registry, female and male victims receiving risk assessment account for some 56% and 44% respectively. For those spouse/cohabitant battering cases recorded in 2014 in the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, female and male victims receiving risk assessment account for some 83% and 17% respectively.
- (4) The follow-up time by CPU of SWD for child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases depends on the complexity of individual cases, ranging from 6 months to over 3 years. CPU provides services for service users with different needs. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. Neither does SWD have information on the services provided by psychiatrists.
- (5) Welfare services, including counselling, refuge and child care services, financial and housing assistance, are provided for victims of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1058****(Question Serial No. 5166)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the respective distribution and proportion of the funding allocation for Social Security in 2015-16 and under which subhead will the funding allocation be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 237)Reply:

The breakdown of funding allocation for Social Security in the 2015-16 Estimate is as follows –

	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	20,868 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	50.7	179
Social Security Allowance Scheme	19,123 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	46.5	180
Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme	37	0.1	184
Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Scheme	6	-	176
Operational expenses	1,082	2.6	000
Emergency relief	1	-	177
Agents' commission and expenses	5	-	187
General non-recurrent	9	-	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,131</b>	<b>100</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	<b>-</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> Refers to the recurrent expenditure in 2015-16.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5167)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the funding and estimated expenditure for the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively, and under which subhead will the funding be met? How does the Government evaluate the effectiveness of these IFSCs?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 238)

Reply:

The expenditure for IFSCs in 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) and 2015-16 (Estimate) is \$838.8 million, \$892.3 million and \$932 million respectively. The funding involved is met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the service performance of IFSCs operated by SWD or subvented organisations through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance standards of the IFSCs through their regular reports. SWD also conducts scheduled assessments or surprise visits to the IFSCs on random selection basis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5168)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average costs per place/resident for probation home, hostels for ex-offenders, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge are relatively high. Has the Government adopted any measures in 2014-15 to save and make better use of resources? Will any measures be introduced in 2015-16 to reduce the expenditure incurred by the above services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 239)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has co-located approved institutions, reformatory school and remand homes/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The hostels for ex-offenders, on the other hand, are operated by a non-governmental organisation, with subvention from SWD, at various locations. The operating cost per resident for both TMCJH and hostels for ex-offenders hinges on the enrolment rate which is subject to various factors like crime rate, rehabilitation needs of the children/young persons/ex-offenders, court disposals, family support, length of stay, etc.

SWD will closely monitor the operation of TMCJH and hostels for ex-offenders and continue to explore ways to optimise the use of resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1061****(Question Serial No. 5169)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Services for OffendersControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding probation home, hostels for ex-offenders, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge, what are the actual enrolment rates for 2014-15? What are the estimated enrolment rates for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 240)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has co-located approved institutions, reformatory school and remand homes/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. TMCJH aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The hostels for ex-offenders, on the other hand, are operated by a non-governmental organisation, with subvention from SWD, at various locations.

The enrolment rates of TMCJH and the hostels for ex-offenders are as follows –

<b>Services</b>		<b>Enrolment rate (%)</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>	
		<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
TMCJH		40	40
Hostels for ex-offenders	Male	97	97
	Female	96	96

<sup>[Note]</sup> The enrolment rates for 2015-16 are estimated on the basis of available figures of 2014-15 and are subject to various factors like crime rate, rehabilitation needs of the children/young persons/ex-offenders, court disposals, family support, length of stay, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5170)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding probation service, hostels for ex-offenders, probation home and reformatory school, what are the respective funding allocations for these facilities/services in 2015-16 (Under which subhead will the funding be met)? What are the recidivism rates of offenders who have received the above services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 241)

Reply:

The funding allocations for probation service <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH) <sup>[Note 2]</sup> and hostels for ex-offenders in 2015-16 are \$164 million, \$103 million and \$8.21 million respectively. The allocations will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

The recidivism rates of offenders who received probation and community service order (CSO) services in 2013-14 were 12% and 2% respectively. For those who received approved institution and reformatory school services in TMCJH, their recidivism rates in 2013-14 were 1% and 12% respectively. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the recidivism rates for those who have stayed in hostels for ex-offenders.

[Note 1] Probation service covers all statutory supervision to offenders placed under probation and CSO supervision as well as group work service for the offenders and their families.

[Note 2] SWD has co-located approved institution, reformatory school and remand home/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely TMCJH, since July 2007.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5171)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For prevention of child abuse, how much funding allocation will be required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 242)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked \$5 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including prevention of child abuse (funding to be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses). SWD plans to launch a series of publicity campaigns with the themes of “effective parenting methods”, “don’t let you and your children become victims of domestic violence” and “harmonious family relationships”, to publicise the messages on combating domestic violence to the public. The publicity programmes will include broadcasting of short-film, production of posters and banners, organisation of thematic competitions and district activities, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5172)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For prevention of elder abuse, how much funding allocation will be required (under which subhead will the funding be met?) in 2015-16? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 243)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need, including victims of elder abuse. These services include community education, crisis intervention, hotline counselling, financial and accommodation assistance, as well as referral of victims to emergency residential care, refuge centres and respite services. Services for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse cases are provided through District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support Teams for the Elderly, Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, etc. In 2015-16, SWD has earmarked \$5 million to be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses for organising publicity and public education programmes on "Strengthening Families and Combating Violence" (including prevention of elder abuse). There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5173)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government consider enhancing the service quality of district elderly community centres (DECCs) by providing additional community nurse and allied health professional services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 244)

Reply:

To achieve the policy objectives of promoting “Active Ageing” and “Ageing in Place”, DECCs provide elderly persons and their carers with diversified services and activities to take care of their psychological, social and learning needs. The services provided include counselling and referral services, community education, social and recreational activities, promotion of volunteerism, etc. On a need basis, DECCs will collaborate with nursing and allied health professionals in delivering health education programmes to elderly persons.

Nursing and allied health professional services are provided for frail elderly persons who use residential care services or centre-based and home-based community care services. The majority of DECC users are not frail elderly persons.

Since 2014-15, an additional recurrent funding of some \$160 million has been allocated for 210 subvented elderly centres, including DECCs and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, to enhance the community support and services for the elderly persons and their carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5174)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhancing the work of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly in 2014, would the Government please advise –

- (1) the effectiveness of inspecting and monitoring residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2014-15;
- (2) the expenditure involved; and
- (3) will the efforts be continued in 2015-16, and what are the estimated manpower arrangement and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 245)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) SWD monitors the services of RCHEs and EHCCS through surprise inspections for the former and scheduled and surprise inspections for the latter, investigations into complaints, issuance of advisory/warning letters, etc.

In 2014-15 (up to end-January 2015), SWD conducted about 4 509 surprise inspections, investigated 190 complaints and issued 2 511 advisory letters and 267 warning letters in respect of RCHEs.

For the same period, SWD conducted 18 service monitoring visits to the 24 EHCCS teams.

- (2) In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure for the monitoring of RCHEs and EHCCS was \$55.8 million.
- (3) SWD will continue to monitor the service quality of RCHEs and EHCCS through 50 staff. The estimated expenditure involved is \$61.7 million for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5175)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of outreaching and support services to hidden and vulnerable elderly by district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) How effective have been the services in 2014-15?
- (2) Will the services be continued in 2015-16? What are the details of the estimated manpower arrangement and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 246)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) & (2) In 2007-08, additional recurrent funding allocation of about \$42 million was provided to all DECCs and NECs in the territory so that each of them could recruit one more social worker to enhance the outreaching services for singleton and hidden elderly persons. As the strengthening of outreaching services would result in higher demand for DECC services, further recurrent funding of about \$18 million has been provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since June 2008 for each DECC to recruit one more social worker to strengthen their counselling and referral services. In 2014-15, SWD also allocated additional recurrent funding of about \$82.5 million to 51 social centres for the elderly to upgrade their services to NEC level, and to employ more social workers to assist in service delivery. These additional recurrent funding allocations have been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs. SWD does not have a breakdown of these expenditure items for 2015-16.

Since the implementation of the service in 2007-08 up to 2013-14, over 22 500 hidden and vulnerable elderly persons had been identified and provided with follow-up service as appropriate. From April to December 2014, around 1 900 hidden and vulnerable elderly persons were identified. This outreaching service will continue in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5576)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the financial year 2015-16, what will be the manpower of and the expenditure incurred by the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs)? What will be the expenditure incurred by the training provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for social security staff, and what will the training programmes cover? Under which subhead will the estimated expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 247)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the total number of posts in various grades in SSFUs will be about 1 500. The estimated expenditure involved will be \$554.3 million. Training programmes on professional knowledge and skills, such as investigation and verification techniques, customer service and communication skills, legal knowledge and management skills, etc., will be provided for social security staff in 2015-16 at an estimated expenditure of \$1 million, which will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5577)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres), what are the details of support services, the number of residential places and the expenditure incurred for 2015?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 248)

Reply:

Refuge Centres provide temporary accommodation and support services for women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis. There are currently 5 Refuge Centres with a total of 260 places. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$30 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5578)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work on preserving and strengthening the families, please inform this Committee of the details, expenditure, manpower and effectiveness of relevant work?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 249)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services and programmes, including integrated family service, family and child protective service (including services provided for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), day child care service (including Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project) and adoption service, etc. to preserve and strengthen the families.

The total funding for family and child welfare services in the 2015-16 Estimate is \$2,628.7 million.

SWD monitors the service performance of service units operated by SWD and subvented organisations through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the service performance of service units through their regular reports. Scheduled assessments or surprise visits to the service units are also conducted on a random basis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5579)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding sexual violence support services, will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) consider subsidising Rain Lily in 2015-16? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 250)

Reply:

SWD adopts a comprehensive and one-stop service model involving cross-sectoral collaboration in handling sexual violence cases. Under this service model, SWD has commissioned a non-governmental organisation to operate the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre to provide crisis intervention and support services, including the provision of temporary accommodation, to victims of sexual violence and their family members. In view of the smooth service operation, SWD has no plan to commission another organisation to handle sexual violence cases in 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5580)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the specific plans for support services for carers of elderly persons in 2015-16? How much funding allocation is involved? Under which subhead will the expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 251)

Reply:

Support services for carers of elderly persons are provided by various types of subsidised residential care service units as well as community care and support service units for elderly persons. These include subvented and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) as well as subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly, elderly centres and home care services teams as well as the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, etc. The services provided include day and residential respite services, provision of information, training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resource centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc.

In addition to the respite services provided in all subvented and contract RCHEs, EBPS homes have also made better use of the casual vacancies of the bought places to provide more respite places for elderly persons in the community since 1 March 2012. Designated places for residential respite service will be provided in new contract homes which commence service in 2015-16.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) has been launched in elderly centres to organise carer training programmes for enhancing carers' capability of taking care of elderly persons. To further enhance the training for carers, the Scheme has been regularised since 2014-15. To this end, the Government provides an additional annual recurrent funding of some \$6.7 million to subvented elderly centres for

organising training activities for carers.

On top of the above, an additional annual recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been provided to 41 District Elderly Community Centres to employ more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

In June 2014, the Government rolled out a 2-year “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families” (the Pilot Scheme), which aims at providing carers of elderly persons from low income families with a living allowance to help supplement their living expenses so that elderly persons in need of long term care services can, under the help of their carers, receive proper care and to enable them to remain in the community. The Pilot Scheme provided a total of 2 000 places for carers with a total funding allocation of \$126 million.

The funding for support services for carers of elderly persons would be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, while the Pilot Scheme was funded by the Community Care Fund.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5581)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

I often receive complaints from elderly persons about the waiting time for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) being too long, especially as regards meal delivery service. What are the reasons for the estimated number of cases served under IHCS remaining unchanged in 2015-16? How much funding allocation is involved for this service? Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 252)

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS (Frail Cases) and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC). In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is \$573 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. Non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to decide on the maximum capacity of IHCS(OC) for meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate. In addition to IHCS, the Government also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons in ageing in the community. These include the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which was launched in September 2013. The Government will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5582)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much estimated expenditure is involved and how many places will be provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for private residential care homes for the elderly in 2015-16? Under which subhead will the expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 253)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government's plan is to purchase about 7 958 subsidised places under EBPS, involving an estimated annual expenditure of about \$903 million. The funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5583)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many places will be provided by the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2015-16? How much funding allocation will be involved? Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 254)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. Moreover, in the few years starting from 2015-16, about 920 training places will be provided, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational Expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5584)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the financial resources involved in the Government's day care (DC) places for the elderly? What is the geographical distribution of the additional DC places in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 255)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for DC services is \$266.8 million for 2015-16. The 78 additional DC places for the elderly will serve applicants living in Eastern and Wan Chai districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5585)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Why has there been no increase in the number of social centres for the elderly (SEs) for 3 years despite the ageing population?
2. Why has there been no increase in the number of district elderly community centres (DECCs) for 3 years despite the ageing population?
3. Where will the additional neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC) in 2015-16 be located? When will it commence operation?
4. What is the planned increase in the manpower provision for elderly centres in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 256)

Reply:

Currently, there are 210 elderly centres which together form a territory-wide social support network for elderly persons in the community. One additional NEC was set up at Kai Ching Estate in Kowloon City in 2013-14. In 2015-16, there will be one SE in Sha Tin upgraded to an NEC. The Government has earmarked additional funding for NECs to employ more social workers so as to enhance the support for elderly persons living in the community.

The Government has provided an additional recurrent funding of about \$160 million since 2014-15 to strengthen community support and services for elderly persons and their carers. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, operators of elderly centres have the flexibility to deploy the allocated additional provision in arranging suitable staffing, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5586)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) How many training places for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly are planned to be provided in 2015-16?
- (2) How many training places for care staff serving persons with disabilities in the Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) teams are planned to be provided in 2015-16? How much funding allocation will be involved? Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 257)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department will provide –

- (1) 180 and 300 training places respectively for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elderly persons; and
- (2) 100 training places for care staff serving persons with disabilities in the IHCS teams at an estimated cost of \$30,000, which will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5587)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many additional residential places in refuge centres for women are being planned for 2015-16? How much is the funding for care services provided by these centres? Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 258)

Reply:

At present, there are 5 Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) providing a total of 260 places. Taking into account the fluctuating service demand, the Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission with a view to meeting the service demand. In 2015-16, the estimated total funding allocation for the 5 Refuge Centres is around \$30 million (funding will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 5588)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of cases of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and the financial commitment of the Government from 2010-11 to 2014-15? What is the expected number of applicants for HOAA and NOAA and expenditure to be incurred in 2015-16? Under which subhead will the expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 259)Reply:

The numbers of applications for HOAA, NOAA, Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>HOAA</b>	<b>NOAA</b>	<b>OAA</b>	<b>OALA</b> <sup>[Note]</sup>
2010-11	22 202	21 952	N/A	N/A
2011-12	23 116	24 719	N/A	N/A
2012-13	22 654	33 509	N/A	N/A
2013-14	N/A	N/A	21 166	47 104
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	N/A	N/A	15 410	29 619

<sup>[Note]</sup> The number of OALA applications refers to the number of new applications and re-applications, excluding the OALA applications through Phase 1 - "Auto-conversion" and Phase 2 - "Postal Submission" in 2013-14.

The expenditure for HOAA, NOAA, OAA and OALA from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>			
	<b>HOAA</b>	<b>NOAA</b>	<b>OAA</b>	<b>OALA</b>
2010-11 (Actual)	5,552	897	N/A	N/A
2011-12 (Actual)	5,918	976	N/A	N/A
2012-13 (Actual)	6,318	1,143	N/A	N/A
2013-14 (Actual)	N/A	N/A	2,860	13,127
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	N/A	N/A	2,939	12,397

The expenditure or estimated expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, the expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also included the back-payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

The estimated number of cases and the estimated expenditure for OAA and OALA in 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Type of allowance</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure (\$ million)</b>
OAA	197 000	3,428
OALA	442 000	14,878

The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 includes (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of the various allowance by 4.7% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) 2 additional months of allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council). Recurrent expenditure for HOAA and OALA will be met under Subhead 180 Social security allowance scheme, while the 2 additional months of allowance will be met under Subhead 700 General non-recurrent.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5589)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimated number of applicants for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2015-16? Under which subhead will the expenditure be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 260)

Reply:

It is expected that there will be an average of 442 000 OALA cases per month in 2015-16. The estimated expenditure will be \$14.878 billion, including (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of the allowance by 4.7% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) 2 additional months of the allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council). The recurrent expenditure for the OALA will be met under Subhead 180 Social security allowance scheme, while the 2 additional months of the allowance will be met under Subhead 700 General non-recurrent.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1082****(Question Serial No. 5590)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of different categories, including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the related government expenditure involved. What are the estimated numbers of cases of the various categories and the expenditure involved in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 261)Reply:

The average number of CSSA cases per month in 2013-14 by category and the expenditure involved were as follows –

<b>Category</b>	<b>2013-14</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	145 965	10,806
Permanent disability	17 780	1,384
Ill health	23 590	2,043
Single parent	28 034	2,812
Low-earnings	8 039	742
Unemployment	18 397	1,271
Others	5 963	437
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>247 768</b>	<b>19,496</b>

The estimated average numbers of CSSA cases per month in 2014-15 and 2015-16 by category and the expenditure involved are as follows –

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	143 000	11,509
Permanent disability	18 000	1,490
Ill health	23 000	2,223
Single parent	28 000	3,230
Low-earnings	7 000	760
Unemployment	16 000	1,260
Others	4 000	359
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>239 000</b>	<b>20,831</b>

<b>Category</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	143 000	12,952
Permanent disability	18 000	1,665
Ill health	23 000	2,484
Single parent	28 000	3,538
Low-earnings	7 000	816
Unemployment	16 000	1,401
Others	4 000	389
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>239 000</b>	<b>23,245</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The expenditure for 2013-14 and the estimated expenditure for 2014-15 have included payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 has included (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of standard rate CSSA payments by 4.7% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) 2 additional months of CSSA standard rate (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council).

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1083****(Question Serial No. 5591)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance, and how many of these cases receive the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (for months with data available)? Please break down the numbers of CSSA/allowance recipients by households living in private housing and public housing and by the number of household members.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No.262)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent equal to or exceeding MRA from 2013-14 to 2014-15 broken down by the number of eligible members are as follows –

Number of eligible members	Public housing estate					
	2013-14			2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent equal to or exceeding MRA	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent equal to or exceeding MRA	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance
1	71 697	2 713	71 697	71 397	7 613	71 397
2	41 040	155	82 080	39 950	412	79 900
3	17 296	27	51 888	16 186	102	48 558
4	8009	21	32 036	7 317	30	29 268
5	2 685	13	13 425	2 474	26	12 370
6 and above	1 159	2	7 435	1 122	11	7 217
<b>Total</b>	<b>141 886</b>	<b>2 931</b>	<b>258 561</b>	<b>138 446</b>	<b>8 194</b>	<b>248 710</b>



Number of eligible members	Private housing					
	2013-14			2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent equal to or exceeding MRA	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent equal to or exceeding MRA	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance
1	15 679	7 511	15 679	15 079	8 364	15 079
2	8 183	3 458	16 366	8 340	4 214	16 680
3	4 836	1 843	14 508	4 966	2 216	14 898
4	2 030	972	8 120	2 096	1 121	8 384
5	696	374	3 480	698	419	3 490
6 and above	317	163	2 053	343	193	2 201
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 741</b>	<b>14 321</b>	<b>60 206</b>	<b>31 522</b>	<b>16 527</b>	<b>60 732</b>

MRA has been increased by 6.7% with effect from 1 February 2015.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1084****(Question Serial No. 5592)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many people were on the waiting lists for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at February) respectively? Please provide the information.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 263)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	<b>No. of applicants on the waiting list</b>	
	<b>Subsidised C&amp;A places</b>	<b>Subsidised NH places</b>
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	23 216 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	6 219 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
2014-15 (As at end-January 2015)	25 269 <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	6 384 <sup>[Note 4]</sup>

[Note 1] Including some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 5 823 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 2] Including some 750 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised NH places, but excluding 525 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including some 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 6 553 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including some 650 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while on the waiting list for subsidised NH places, but excluding 617 elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5593)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for the Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of additional subsidised residential care places in 2014-15? What is the percentage increase of subsidised residential care places as compared with 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 264)

Reply:

There will be 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2015-16, representing an increase of 1.5% as compared with the revised estimate for the total number of subsidised residential care places in 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1086****(Question Serial No. 5594)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients of single parent (SP) case nature in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively, categorised according to gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their families, age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0-5, aged 5-10, aged 10-12, aged 12-14 and aged 15) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No.265)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA SP recipients in 2013-14 and 2014-15 with breakdowns by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment, number of children, etc. are set out in Table 1-6 as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2013-14			2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18-24	8	340	<b>348</b>	11	380	<b>391</b>
25-29	47	1 108	<b>1 155</b>	41	1 148	<b>1 189</b>
30-39	437	7 466	<b>7 903</b>	427	7 655	<b>8 082</b>
40-49	1 176	10 997	<b>12 173</b>	1 101	10 827	<b>11 928</b>
50-59	1 645	2 932	<b>4 577</b>	1 556	2 734	<b>4 290</b>
60 or above	837	165	<b>1 002</b>	849	176	<b>1 025</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

<b>Martial status</b>	<b>2013-14</b>			<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>		
	<b>Gender</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Gender</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>		<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	
Never Married	150	2 156	<b>2 306</b>	147	2 188	<b>2 335</b>
Married/Cohabited	1 039	2 416	<b>3 455</b>	977	2 657	<b>3 634</b>
Separated	731	3 749	<b>4 480</b>	709	3 707	<b>4 416</b>
Divorced	1 969	11 154	<b>13 123</b>	1 903	11 085	<b>12 988</b>
Widowed	261	3 533	<b>3 794</b>	249	3 283	<b>3 532</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>23 008</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>3 985</b>	<b>22 920</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

<b>Educational attainment</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
No schooling/kindergarten	1 671	1 498
Primary	10 838	10 423
Lower Secondary	8 559	8 656
Upper Secondary	5 857	6 062
Post-secondary	233	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

<b>Number of children</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
1	15 937	15 900
2	9 059	8 868
3	1 797	1 763
4	296	300
5 or above	69	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 158</b>	<b>26 905</b>

Table 5: Number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of children

<b>Age of children</b>	<b>Number of children</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
4 or below	5 435	5 916
5-9	9 610	9 969
10-11	5 030	5 153
12-14	9 004	8 696
15-21	9 017	8 453
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 096</b>	<b>38 187</b>

Table 6: Total monthly earnings of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly earnings

<b>Type of monthly earnings</b>	<b>2013-14 (\$ thousand)</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014) (\$ thousand)</b>
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	22,303	20,749
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,431	1,724
Meals provided by other parties	62	65
Maintenance payment	3,976	4,384
Pension	143	134
Other income	214	224
<b>Overall</b>	<b>28,127</b>	<b>27,280</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1087****(Question Serial No. 5595)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases by nature of cases in each District Council district over the past 5 years.

District Council district	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 268)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district from 2010-11 to 2014-15 were as follows –

District	2010-11							
	Category of CSSA cases							
	(Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 418	264	282	218	118	305	71	3 676
Eastern	8 615	1 160	1 080	1 514	627	1 019	308	14 323
Islands	1 714	237	432	888	524	669	215	4 679
Kowloon City	7 832	744	1 060	1 325	483	1 273	252	12 969
Kwai Tsing	14 873	2 252	2 183	3 073	1 766	2 725	579	27 451
Kwun Tong	21 685	1 643	2 841	4 544	2 085	3 161	736	36 695
North	7 787	934	1 325	2 087	615	1 420	513	14 681
Sai Kung	4 140	874	973	1 298	718	853	347	9 203
Sha Tin	8 930	1 477	1 933	2 502	886	1 505	626	17 859
Sham Shui Po	13 890	1 084	2 470	2 603	1 170	3 603	630	25 450
Southern	5 236	1 161	672	689	364	389	230	8 741
Tai Po	5 740	510	997	1 094	338	687	252	9 618
Tsuen Wan	5 134	436	594	1 055	394	679	234	8 526
Tuen Mun	11 116	2 209	2 294	2 512	665	2 382	573	21 751
Wan Chai	1 312	98	137	103	46	298	93	2 087
Wong Tai Sin	12 983	1 206	1 818	2 672	1 257	1 923	433	22 292
Yau Tsim Mong	5 361	363	1 143	1 054	344	2 614	371	11 250
Yuen Long	12 634	1 834	2 927	4 906	1 684	3 841	815	28 641
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 400</b>	<b>18 486</b>	<b>25 161</b>	<b>34 137</b>	<b>14 084</b>	<b>29 346</b>	<b>7 278</b>	<b>279 892</b>

District	2011-12							
	Category of CSSA cases							
	(Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 325	231	281	186	88	293	61	3 465
Eastern	8 554	1 187	1 046	1 388	549	868	291	13 883
Islands	1 768	221	405	812	449	613	207	4 475
Kowloon City	7 745	836	1 014	1 203	405	1 164	250	12 617
Kwai Tsing	14 901	2 273	2 232	2 972	1 425	2 368	535	26 706
Kwun Tong	22 102	1 621	2 966	4 630	1 810	2 883	745	36 757
North	7 825	950	1 328	2 066	511	1 259	468	14 407
Sai Kung	4 297	873	919	1 229	576	782	355	9 031
Sha Tin	8 962	1 453	1 989	2 430	743	1 303	673	17 553
Sham Shui Po	13 768	1 075	2 465	2 404	951	3 277	605	24 545
Southern	5 066	1 185	728	661	324	331	205	8 500
Tai Po	5 963	505	985	1 073	294	609	246	9 675
Tsuen Wan	5 020	416	596	955	345	564	221	8 117
Tuen Mun	11 337	2 207	2 347	2 332	576	2 029	540	21 368
Wan Chai	1 264	83	129	99	30	254	105	1 964
Wong Tai Sin	13 020	1 145	1 851	2 592	1 054	1 688	422	21 772
Yau Tsim Mong	5 192	365	1 083	954	273	2 359	382	10 608
Yuen Long	12 647	1 744	2 824	4 585	1 360	3 428	772	27 360
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 756</b>	<b>18 370</b>	<b>25 188</b>	<b>32 571</b>	<b>11 763</b>	<b>26 072</b>	<b>7 083</b>	<b>272 803</b>



District	2012-13							
	Category of CSSA cases (Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 153	227	294	194	82	226	59	3 235
Eastern	8 399	1 210	973	1 311	444	769	278	13 384
Islands	1 767	199	383	746	365	539	186	4 185
Kowloon City	7 894	887	1 111	1 156	358	1 040	246	12 692
Kwai Tsing	14 968	2 236	2 264	2 879	1 200	2 065	488	26 100
Kwun Tong	22 260	1 576	3 037	4 430	1 533	2 729	734	36 299
North	7 815	955	1 299	1 847	438	1 107	504	13 965
Sai Kung	4 284	871	963	1 075	454	635	371	8 653
Sha Tin	8 970	1 436	1 949	2 225	609	1 214	621	17 024
Sham Shui Po	13 781	1 120	2 537	2 496	845	2 972	639	24 390
Southern	4 948	1 154	713	629	299	327	189	8 259
Tai Po	5 803	540	927	949	248	539	278	9 284
Tsuen Wan	4 920	449	593	860	301	456	231	7 810
Tuen Mun	11 296	2 167	2 232	2 125	515	1 739	503	20 577
Wan Chai	1 155	78	122	90	26	232	91	1 794
Wong Tai Sin	12 769	1 104	1 849	2 395	863	1 578	428	20 986
Yau Tsim Mong	5 254	384	1 089	940	247	2 158	402	10 474
Yuen Long	12 570	1 753	2 807	4 159	1 112	2 958	759	26 118
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 006</b>	<b>18 346</b>	<b>25 142</b>	<b>30 506</b>	<b>9 939</b>	<b>23 283</b>	<b>7 007</b>	<b>265 229</b>

District	2013-14							
	Category of CSSA cases (Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 165	230	305	187	81	218	39	3 225
Eastern	8 163	1 209	907	1 221	407	699	240	12 846
Islands	1 727	194	405	706	318	476	161	3 987
Kowloon City	8 360	986	1 254	1 596	385	1 089	191	13 861
Kwai Tsing	14 906	2 282	2 215	2 667	1 030	1 712	431	25 243
Kwun Tong	21 723	1 539	2 993	4 305	1 312	2 418	577	34 867
North	7 662	977	1 237	1 810	380	977	357	13 400
Sai Kung	4 229	791	917	955	394	563	321	8 170
Sha Tin	8 946	1 473	1 954	2 236	500	1 026	509	16 644
Sham Shui Po	13 736	1 147	2 611	2 590	713	2 663	456	23 916
Southern	4 836	1 164	729	621	256	295	186	8 087
Tai Po	5 634	511	948	920	179	443	233	8 868
Tsuen Wan	4 753	478	583	838	241	446	156	7 495
Tuen Mun	11 329	2 160	2 163	2 034	497	1 441	443	20 067
Wan Chai	1 041	69	129	92	22	208	88	1 649
Wong Tai Sin	12 472	1 080	1 834	2 268	737	1 338	377	20 106
Yau Tsim Mong	5 134	407	1 089	953	211	1 910	313	10 017
Yuen Long	12 351	1 660	2 780	3 843	945	2 600	617	24 796
<b>Total</b>	<b>149 167</b>	<b>18 357</b>	<b>25 053</b>	<b>29 842</b>	<b>8 608</b>	<b>20 522</b>	<b>5 695</b>	<b>257 244</b>

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)							
	Category of CSSA cases (Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 080	235	316	208	70	191	43	3 143
Eastern	7 949	1 200	879	1 188	359	649	225	12 449
Islands	1 687	191	395	643	282	421	143	3 762
Kowloon City	8 381	1 062	1 284	1 722	340	1 003	156	13 948
Kwai Tsing	14 793	2 246	2 181	2 614	907	1 620	380	24 741
Kwun Tong	21 306	1 493	3 003	4 197	1 165	2 167	472	33 803
North	7 504	1 005	1 225	1 769	320	879	329	13 031
Sai Kung	4 301	770	921	917	334	516	295	8 054
Sha Tin	8 864	1 414	1 908	2 159	438	866	409	16 058
Sham Shui Po	13 677	1 142	2 678	2 726	633	2 468	356	23 680
Southern	4 741	1 132	722	596	222	261	209	7 883
Tai Po	5 406	516	931	919	160	402	225	8 559
Tsuen Wan	4 644	492	541	843	221	403	117	7 261
Tuen Mun	11 283	2 124	2 183	1 979	461	1 246	357	19 633
Wan Chai	1 017	71	124	98	16	197	83	1 606
Wong Tai Sin	12 179	1 095	1 792	2 181	634	1 245	322	19 448
Yau Tsim Mong	5 197	414	1 075	1 103	202	1 758	222	9 971
Yuen Long	12 267	1 620	2 758	3 657	819	2 347	542	24 010
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 276</b>	<b>18 222</b>	<b>24 916</b>	<b>29 519</b>	<b>7 583</b>	<b>18 639</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>251 040</b>

The above figures do not include cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1088****(Question Serial No. 5596)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the number and percentage of households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in all public housing estates, and number of households on CSSA in each public housing estates with a breakdown by category (including old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and their total) in each of the past 5 years.

Public Housing Estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Total								

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No.269)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA households in each public housing estate as at end-December 2014 by case nature were as follows –

Public housing estate	Category								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	238	67	55	84	32	17	17	510	12%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	-	1	2	1	-	-	54	20%
Broadview Garden	13	2	2	4	1	-	-	22	5%
Butterfly	796	60	109	164	14	53	9	1 205	23%
Chai Wan	273	19	28	49	8	18	10	405	25%
Chak On	338	11	32	80	2	30	-	493	27%
Cheung Ching	323	30	49	71	27	41	4	545	11%
Cheung Fat	235	33	26	30	9	21	2	356	30%
Cheung Hang	326	38	36	43	24	43	10	520	12%
Cheung Hong	892	67	72	154	37	74	15	1 311	16%
Cheung Kwai	27	3	5	8	2	7	-	52	11%
Cheung On	314	36	38	39	6	27	6	466	37%
Cheung Sha Wan	175	6	18	45	12	21	5	282	20%
Cheung Shan	97	7	10	10	13	9	2	148	9%
Cheung Wah	409	25	68	79	19	47	15	662	37%
Cheung Wang	379	73	67	106	43	94	10	772	18%
Ching Ho	898	51	190	429	86	180	23	1 857	26%
Cho Yiu Chuen	166	9	10	9	12	11	1	218	9%
Choi Fai	96	6	25	20	8	10	1	166	13%
Choi Fook	382	18	43	151	28	72	4	698	20%
Choi Ha	140	12	22	15	9	12	3	213	38%
Choi Hung	817	46	120	186	41	86	12	1 308	18%
Choi Ming Court	277	35	82	51	28	48	5	526	19%
Choi Tak	593	22	57	230	28	63	15	1 008	18%
Choi Wan (I)	366	37	78	111	26	55	12	685	12%
Choi Wan (II)	214	10	35	52	16	27	9	363	12%
Choi Ying	489	14	76	177	31	73	4	864	22%
Choi Yuen	815	66	81	142	18	72	16	1 210	24%
Chuk Yuen (North)	314	27	85	46	14	35	11	532	41%
Chuk Yuen (South)	862	55	123	220	44	75	8	1 387	23%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	94	4	2	4	6	12	-	122	13%
Chun Shek	243	18	42	49	12	18	4	386	18%
Chung On	244	56	49	59	19	59	17	503	19%
Clague Garden Estate	62	2	2	6	1	1	-	74	14%
Easeful Court	11	3	5	13	6	6	3	47	9%
Fortune	541	33	69	38	7	38	2	728	35%
Fu Cheong	1 237	74	194	119	57	98	12	1 791	30%
Fu Heng	376	52	118	42	8	29	12	637	38%
Fu Shan	177	9	23	37	6	16	1	269	17%
Fu Shin	396	43	95	84	16	36	21	691	30%
Fu Tai	348	57	102	104	81	80	15	787	16%
Fu Tung	79	9	19	33	10	7	-	157	9%
Fuk Loi	340	31	41	61	10	18	8	509	16%
Fung Tak	422	27	79	36	14	38	7	623	50%
Fung Wah	79	11	10	10	2	9	4	125	33%
Fung Wo	87	21	30	86	4	21	6	255	16%
Grandeur Terrace	141	25	94	241	75	117	11	704	17%
Hau Tak	344	41	69	62	23	49	11	599	14%

Public housing estate	Category								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the public housing estate
Healthy Village	96	5	12	7	4	6	1	131	11%
Heng On	196	23	43	45	11	15	18	351	41%
High Prosperity Terrace	10	-	9	18	6	6	1	50	7%
Hin Keng	192	20	44	34	13	25	9	337	49%
Hin Yiu	101	11	27	37	5	9	-	190	24%
Hing Man	125	22	21	45	24	17	3	257	13%
Hing Tin	76	7	25	24	14	10	3	159	37%
Hing Tung	157	27	26	38	14	14	3	279	13%
Hing Wah (I)	248	52	38	32	20	20	2	412	18%
Hing Wah (II)	476	46	43	106	21	32	4	728	21%
Ho Man Tin	595	70	137	77	30	57	17	983	21%
Hoi Fu Court	529	25	67	64	29	33	3	750	27%
Hoi Lai	276	37	98	163	86	98	8	766	16%
Hong Tung	196	5	7	7	-	2	-	217	47%
Hung Hom	487	30	58	74	18	32	5	704	26%
Jat Min Chuen	349	16	31	20	10	20	3	449	13%
Ka Fuk	220	27	21	32	7	19	4	330	17%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	9	21	15	4	15	1	289	18%
Kai Ching	377	44	66	232	30	80	6	835	16%
Kai Tin	300	24	71	44	24	25	4	492	22%
Kai Yip	725	25	70	127	12	41	7	1 007	24%
Kam Peng	27	2	6	6	-	6	1	48	19%
Kin Ming	430	94	199	253	106	145	12	1 239	18%
Kin Sang	96	15	22	20	7	6	1	167	30%
King Lam	427	43	73	37	7	34	8	629	40%
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	24	77	26	26	7	215	12%
Ko Yee	194	14	15	31	11	9	-	274	23%
Kwai Chung	1 299	188	333	495	160	280	35	2 790	21%
Kwai Fong	602	80	124	81	51	87	11	1 036	17%
Kwai Hing	81	11	11	19	5	12	1	140	42%
Kwai Luen	184	16	52	119	24	51	8	454	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	782	71	123	105	52	96	10	1 239	20%
Kwai Shing (West)	434	42	57	87	29	48	9	706	14%
Kwong Fuk	506	63	98	142	24	56	15	904	15%
Kwong Tin	170	15	51	37	17	22	7	319	14%
Kwong Yuen	295	61	70	52	11	26	25	540	43%
Kwun Lung Lau	117	10	20	29	16	30	3	225	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	479	19	61	38	22	43	2	664	14%
Lai King	431	34	35	81	25	35	7	648	16%
Lai Kok	470	37	72	102	13	46	8	748	26%
Lai On	167	19	32	23	4	15	2	262	20%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	13	25	9	4	14	-	215	8%
Lai Yiu	248	25	35	38	26	27	5	404	15%
Lakeside Garden	14	3	3	2	-	1	1	24	10%
Lam Tin	402	16	58	93	35	37	6	647	21%
Lee On	291	57	103	69	17	39	6	582	16%
Lei Cheng Uk	339	30	51	76	15	50	11	572	47%
Lei Muk Shue	853	119	174	257	82	127	28	1 640	42%

Public housing estate	Category								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the public housing estate
Lei Tung	378	61	70	94	15	40	18	<b>676</b>	30%
Lei Yue Mun	409	28	75	107	38	51	9	<b>717</b>	23%
Lek Yuen	300	33	61	87	14	26	17	<b>538</b>	17%
Leung King	515	61	103	104	18	64	16	<b>881</b>	34%
Lok Fu	376	58	76	89	24	50	4	<b>677</b>	19%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	324	16	36	25	17	32	1	<b>451</b>	13%
Lok Wah (North)	147	16	32	48	9	28	8	<b>288</b>	10%
Lok Wah (South)	1 384	41	97	166	12	78	12	<b>1 790</b>	26%
Long Bin IH	14	9	13	10	-	36	-	<b>82</b>	28%
Long Ping	555	51	104	159	31	85	19	<b>1 004</b>	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	337	20	70	119	19	81	9	<b>655</b>	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	481	60	100	114	37	46	11	<b>849</b>	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	399	60	105	135	39	76	12	<b>826</b>	13%
Lung Hang	236	14	71	88	25	24	13	<b>471</b>	11%
Lung Tin	60	10	5	9	1	11	-	<b>96</b>	25%
Lung Yat	54	5	11	51	10	16	3	<b>150</b>	16%
Ma Hang	41	4	13	12	10	5	2	<b>87</b>	10%
Ma Tau Wai	200	32	27	84	12	26	3	<b>384</b>	19%
Mei Lam	395	28	80	117	11	35	12	<b>678</b>	17%
Mei Tin	525	68	166	337	75	111	30	<b>1 312</b>	20%
Mei Tung	252	23	30	76	19	34	7	<b>441</b>	19%
Ming Tak	166	12	22	24	9	13	3	<b>249</b>	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	174	14	9	8	6	8	2	<b>221</b>	10%
Model Housing	46	10	11	12	12	5	1	<b>97</b>	15%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	94	7	5	8	2	4	-	<b>120</b>	13%
Nam Cheong	172	16	24	22	10	20	-	<b>264</b>	38%
Nam Shan	332	26	60	115	12	49	2	<b>596</b>	22%
Nga Ning Court	23	-	5	7	6	6	3	<b>50</b>	12%
Ngan Wan	29	2	4	12	5	5	-	<b>57</b>	13%
Oi Man	403	54	83	139	35	49	9	<b>772</b>	12%
Oi Tung	746	95	86	93	26	39	6	<b>1 091</b>	28%
On Tin	17	2	5	42	15	11	4	<b>96</b>	13%
On Ting	629	62	81	127	20	65	13	<b>997</b>	20%
On Yam	424	58	67	83	54	52	13	<b>751</b>	14%
Pak Tin	1 228	63	208	187	51	129	17	<b>1 883</b>	25%
Ping Shek	388	23	50	56	15	37	3	<b>572</b>	13%
Ping Tin	832	64	113	132	39	76	15	<b>1 271</b>	23%
Po Lam	280	40	64	78	23	24	6	<b>515</b>	30%
Po Tat	1 002	69	144	189	88	159	24	<b>1 675</b>	23%
Po Tin	1 253	161	343	132	23	297	11	<b>2 220</b>	37%
Pok Hong	257	14	61	57	11	16	10	<b>426</b>	37%
Prosperous Garden	91	-	3	1	-	-	1	<b>96</b>	15%
Sai Wan	22	3	8	8	6	6	1	<b>54</b>	9%
Sam Shing	135	19	18	30	8	21	6	<b>237</b>	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	19	74	161	36	77	16	<b>831</b>	21%
Sau Mau Ping	1 699	129	263	268	135	224	34	<b>2 752</b>	23%
Sha Kok	757	65	167	194	28	58	27	<b>1 296</b>	21%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	11	6	2	8	-	<b>60</b>	9%

Public housing estate	Category								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the public housing estate
Shan King	809	77	141	185	30	86	18	<b>1 346</b>	23%
Shatin Pass	106	11	26	52	8	18	2	<b>223</b>	18%
Shek Kip Mei	1 300	62	229	332	62	151	25	<b>2 161</b>	24%
Shek Lei (I)	603	73	66	133	28	56	8	<b>967</b>	20%
Shek Lei (II)	956	110	170	266	107	158	30	<b>1 797</b>	22%
Shek Mun	135	17	49	93	16	28	12	<b>350</b>	18%
Shek Pai Wan	452	66	80	84	48	42	30	<b>802</b>	16%
Shek Wai Kok	544	64	84	134	29	55	13	<b>923</b>	15%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	37	30	15	28	2	<b>485</b>	21%
Shek Yam	355	40	46	55	25	39	9	<b>569</b>	22%
Sheung Lok	127	7	4	12	1	4	1	<b>156</b>	45%
Sheung Tak	533	54	113	101	61	74	10	<b>946</b>	17%
Shin Ming	187	19	48	81	15	27	2	<b>379</b>	19%
Shui Pin Wai	446	24	52	75	11	33	6	<b>647</b>	27%
Shun Lee	440	26	51	88	18	63	6	<b>692</b>	16%
Shun On	410	26	41	64	15	42	2	<b>600</b>	20%
Shun Tin	812	40	118	128	38	87	15	<b>1 238</b>	18%
Siu Sai Wan	302	87	74	114	33	59	4	<b>673</b>	11%
Sun Chui	553	52	97	140	37	62	16	<b>957</b>	14%
Sun Tin Wai	253	34	35	72	16	21	4	<b>435</b>	13%
Tai Hang Tung	411	19	62	50	14	34	3	<b>593</b>	30%
Tai Hing	1 187	88	157	199	44	104	13	<b>1 792</b>	21%
Tai Ping	35	7	11	13	1	12	3	<b>82</b>	29%
Tai Wo	521	40	85	55	8	28	10	<b>747</b>	40%
Tai Wo Hau	744	93	122	162	40	90	13	<b>1 264</b>	17%
Tai Yuen	302	59	139	93	38	62	20	<b>713</b>	15%
Tak Long	489	58	108	286	45	117	15	<b>1 118</b>	15%
Tak Tin	676	35	110	51	17	48	6	<b>943</b>	46%
Tin Chak	439	51	117	148	37	94	18	<b>904</b>	23%
Tin Ching	715	63	133	393	59	166	35	<b>1 564</b>	25%
Tin Heng	194	38	121	253	119	157	15	<b>897</b>	16%
Tin King	83	19	20	43	10	18	6	<b>199</b>	22%
Tin Ping	191	19	50	43	19	25	4	<b>351</b>	32%
Tin Shui	532	52	134	155	49	97	25	<b>1 044</b>	13%
Tin Tsz	468	42	94	66	18	47	10	<b>745</b>	23%
Tin Wah	492	47	102	91	22	68	8	<b>830</b>	23%
Tin Wan	391	59	69	45	29	28	10	<b>631</b>	20%
Tin Yan	901	78	199	271	30	186	22	<b>1 687</b>	30%
Tin Yat	135	21	68	138	52	80	10	<b>504</b>	15%
Tin Yiu	616	52	172	181	41	106	22	<b>1 190</b>	14%
Tin Yuet	468	44	118	133	74	130	10	<b>977</b>	24%
Tsing Yi	174	19	22	24	8	22	5	<b>274</b>	40%
Tsui Lam	142	13	41	77	12	14	3	<b>302</b>	19%
Tsui Lok	105	9	4	8	1	4	-	<b>131</b>	41%
Tsui Ping (South)	405	28	58	57	26	38	3	<b>615</b>	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	934	65	168	143	47	105	14	<b>1 476</b>	45%
Tsui Wan	121	26	14	18	5	13	2	<b>199</b>	35%
Tsz Ching	1 263	78	163	166	76	125	12	<b>1 883</b>	24%

Public housing estate	Category								
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the public housing estate
Tsz Hong	102	14	34	68	34	48	7	307	15%
Tsz Lok	784	58	106	112	38	90	12	1 200	20%
Tsz Man	202	15	35	46	22	35	5	360	18%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	2	7	3	2	1	1	26	11%
Tung Tau	613	50	83	97	24	64	7	938	42%
Tung Wui	316	13	27	30	4	17	5	412	31%
Un Chau	1 209	79	168	127	51	110	15	1 759	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 330	74	164	97	43	90	14	1 812	28%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	747	85	104	108	54	68	5	1 171	24%
Verbena Heights	149	6	16	6	-	11	2	190	20%
Wah Fu	561	104	93	145	56	51	25	1 035	11%
Wah Kwai	269	28	41	23	12	10	7	390	38%
Wah Lai	96	20	27	37	15	20	2	217	15%
Wah Ming	350	59	50	72	10	40	15	596	38%
Wah Sum	172	30	23	22	16	28	2	293	20%
Wan Hon	421	3	10	27	1	5	2	469	48%
Wan Tau Tong	184	24	25	17	5	20	1	276	45%
Wan Tsui	290	62	45	94	24	41	6	562	16%
Wang Tau Hom	391	65	70	97	37	65	12	737	13%
Wing Cheong	148	11	22	69	11	34	5	300	21%
Wo Che	390	65	138	135	40	59	22	849	14%
Wo Lok	228	20	42	42	12	20	7	371	19%
Wu King	187	26	59	93	30	48	12	455	11%
Yan On	198	16	55	109	12	56	9	455	18%
Yat Tung	588	83	228	432	232	257	33	1 853	16%
Yau Lai	965	30	164	383	83	115	14	1 754	21%
Yau Oi	742	76	137	186	69	109	17	1 336	15%
Yau Tong	494	35	99	96	60	47	11	842	24%
Yee Ming	105	2	20	61	10	20	-	218	12%
Yiu On	168	26	66	41	9	22	13	345	33%
Yiu Tung	493	65	66	63	24	42	3	756	15%
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	6	8	4	2	7	1	69	8%
Yue Wan	198	31	27	85	11	25	2	379	17%
Yung Shing Court	216	30	36	27	20	34	7	370	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 228</b>	<b>8 226</b>	<b>15 399</b>	<b>20 387</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>11 190</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>150 297</b>	

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number or percentage of CSSA households in each public housing estate from 2010-11 to 2013-14 by case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5597)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding monitoring and enhancing the service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) What is the existing manpower for conducting surprise inspections? What is the average number of inspections conducted each year?
- (2) How many non-compliant private RCHEs were prosecuted by the Government in the past 5 years?
- (3) Does the Government plan to recruit additional staff for strengthening the inspection of RCHEs? If yes, please set out the details and the estimated expenditure involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 270)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A multi-disciplinary team of 37 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly, Social Welfare Department will conduct surprise inspections on licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance of statutory requirements. The number of inspections each year is about 5 000.
- (2) In the past 5 years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2014-15), a total of 34 private RCHEs were prosecuted.
- (3) In 2015-16, the Government will create 2 additional inspector posts under Registered Nurse grade to enhance the monitoring and inspection of RCHEs. The annual recurrent expenditure will be \$570,000, which is to be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5603)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding funding provided to the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) for their family services, please inform this Committee of the details for the past 5 years and the coming year. Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 276)

Reply:

The total expenditure for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the non-governmental organisations, including IFSCs run by ISS-HK, in 2010-11 (Actual), 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) and 2015-16 (Estimate) is \$201 million, \$215 million, \$242 million, \$266 million, \$293 million and \$296 million respectively. The estimated expenditure involved will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5604)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding funding provided to the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) for the provision of refugee services (which must include details of funding for wages and food), please inform this Committee of the details in the past 5 years and for the coming year. Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 277)

Reply:

The expenditure for operating organisation to provide humanitarian assistance services for non-refoulement claimants in 2010-11 (Actual), 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) and 2015-16 (Estimate) is \$151 million, \$143 million, \$191 million, \$204 million, \$246 million and \$329 million respectively. The proportions of direct assistance (including food) and administrative expenses (including staff emoluments) are about 75% and 25% respectively. The expenditure will be met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1092****(Question Serial No. 5605)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

How many social workers and non-social workers respectively at the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) are engaged in the provision of refugee services in the past 5 years and in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 278)Reply:

The numbers of professional workers and supporting workers engaged by the ISS-HK for operating the humanitarian assistance services for non-refoulement claimants in the past 5 years, i.e. the periods covered by the recent 3 service contracts, are as follows -

<b>Contract Period</b>	<b>Number of Professional Workers</b> [Note]	<b>Number of Supporting Workers</b>
16 June 2009 - 31 July 2010	39	56
1 August 2010 - 11 September 2012	47	70
12 September 2012 - present	54	73

The number of professional workers and supporting workers in the coming year will only be confirmed after the completion of the tender process for the new contract.

[Note] Professional workers include social workers, counsellors, senior social workers and senior counsellors.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5606)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many social workers and non-social workers respectively at the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) are engaged in family services in each of the past 5 years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 279)

Reply:

The manpower strength of each Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) under the Social Welfare Department, including supervisor, frontline social workers and support staff, is arranged having regard to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. For IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGOs concerned, including ISS-HK, have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing for service provision, on the premises that the service quality is ensured and service demands are met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5608)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) It is learned that the Government will modify the outsourcing system regarding the provision of assistance to refugees, with services in Hong Kong to be divided into 3 regions and tenders invited from social welfare organisations. Last year, the Government spent \$280 million public money on refugee assistance service. What will be the contract sum for each of the 3 regions in the coming year?
- (2) Please advise the tendering process and timetable in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 281)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is now selecting the operators for the next round of humanitarian assistance service contracts through open bidding. To attract more organisations with relevant experience to take part in the contract bidding, the service will be split into 3 service contracts covering 3 service regions, namely Hong Kong Island and Outlying Islands, Kowloon and the New Territories. The expenditure for the service in 2015-16 (Estimate) is about \$330 million.
- (2) The tendering process for the new service contracts will be completed shortly.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1095****(Question Serial No. 5610)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list the numbers of applications for Compassionate Rehousing (CR), Conditional Tenancy (CT) and household splitting recommended by various family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the years 2011-2015:

## 2014-2015

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

## 2013-2014

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

## 2012-2013

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

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#### 2011-2012

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

#### 2010-2011

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 284)

Reply:

The number of relevant cases handled by SWD and NGOs in the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15) is set out in the ensuing table -

<b>Year</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at January 2015)</b>
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	2 261	2 103	1 863	1 661	1 142
Number of CT cases recommended to HD	477	385	308	302	178

SWD does not have information on the number of household splitting cases recommended to HD, nor breakdown figures of CR and CT cases recommended to HD by individual Integrated Family Service Centres.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1096****(Question Serial No. 5611)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in the tables below the numbers of applications for Compassionate Rehousing (CR), Conditional Tenancy (CT) and household splitting having been rejected by various family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the years 2011-2015:

2014-2015

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2013-2014

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2012-2013

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

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## 2011-2012

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

## 2010-2011

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 285)

Reply:

The relevant number of cases handled by SWD and NGOs in the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15) is set out in the ensuing table -

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at January 2015)
Number of rejected CR applications (excluding CT) <sup>[Note]</sup>	49	57	53	33	26
Number of rejected CT applications <sup>[Note]</sup>	5	3	3	1	3

<sup>[Note]</sup> Apart from rejected applications, some CR and CT applications were withdrawn by the applicants because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. applicants being allocated public housing unit through general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

SWD does not have information on the number of rejected applications for household splitting cases, nor breakdown figures of rejected CR and CT applications handled by individual Integrated Family Service Centres.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5612)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How much resources will be deployed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in commencing a new round of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) in 2015-16? What is the target number of trainees? When will the programme be open for application and when will it commence? When will the trainees be able to provide services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 287)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. In the few years starting from 2015-16, about 920 additional training places will be provided, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Application details and training schedules are being worked out.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5613)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was/will be the expenditure involved in implementing the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) from 2014-15 to 2015-16? How many trainees have been/will be trained? Among them, how many have joined the welfare sector after completion of the Training Programme? How will the Government assess the Training Programme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 288)

Reply:

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year EN Training Programme. A total of 14 training classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years upon graduation. In the few years starting from 2015-16, about 920 additional training places will be provided, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out. Among the graduates of the first 9 classes, over 90% joined the social welfare sector after graduation, helping to alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5614)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides training for social workers and professionals on a wide range of topics, including child abuse, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence handling with special focus on risk assessment, prevention, as well as post-trauma care in violence cases. Please inform this Committee –

- (1) How many of the spouse battering, child abuse and elder abuse cases handled in 2013-14 and 2014-15 have been arranged for risk assessment?
- (2) How many cases required consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist after risk assessment? Do they need to waitlist for the service? If yes, how long is the waiting time?
- (3) What is the male-to-female ratio of the individuals undergoing risk assessment?
- (4) If consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist is required, how long does it take to follow up? What is the expenditure involved?
- (5) Besides consultation of a psychologist/psychiatrist, what other services are needed? Please give specific details and list the expenditure items.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 289)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) Risk assessment was conducted for all new child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases. In 2013-14 and 2014-15 (April to December 2014), risk assessment was conducted for 2 861 and 2 086 cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering respectively handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD, whereas risk assessment was conducted for 661 and 386 cases of elder abuse handled by social services units dealing with such cases. Ongoing risk assessment is conducted by case social workers in the process of case handling.

- (2) Amongst the 2 861 and 2 086 cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering mentioned in (1) above, 417 cases and 276 cases were referred to the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD for psychological assessment/treatment respectively. The waiting time for clinical psychology services is about 4 to 6 weeks. For high risk cases, urgent appointments can be arranged within a week. CPUs do not have the statistics on the number of elder abuse cases requiring psychological assessment/treatment. Nor does SWD have the statistics on the number of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases requiring psychiatric services.
- (3) In 2014, as recorded in the Child Protection Registry, female and male victims undergoing risk assessment accounted for some 56% and 44% respectively. According to the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, female and male victims receiving risk assessment accounted for some 83% and 17% respectively. As to elder abuse cases, female and male victims receiving risk assessment accounted for some 59% and 41% respectively according to the respective Central Information System.
- (4) The follow-up time by CPUs of SWD for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases depends on the complexity of individual cases, ranging from 6 months to over 3 years. CPUs provide services for service users with different needs. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases. SWD does not have information on the services provided by psychiatrists as such services are not provided by the Department.
- (5) Welfare services, including counselling, refuge and child care services, financial and housing assistance, are provided for victims of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the handling of child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1100****(Question Serial No. 5615)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of elder abuse cases having been followed up and handled by social centres for the elderly (S/Es), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and district elderly community centres (DECCs) respectively in each of the past 5 years. Please list the figures in the table below:

	S/Es	NECs	DECCs
2014-2015			
2013-2014			
2012-2013			
2011-2012			
2010-2011			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 290)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of elder abuse cases having been handled by S/Es, NECs and DECCs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1101****(Question Serial No. 5616)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in the table below the number of elder abuse cases followed up and handled by the family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) respectively in each of the past 5 years.

	Family service centres run by SWD	Family service centres run by NGOs
2014-2015		
2013-2014		
2012-2013		
2011-2012		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 291)Reply:

The number of elder abuse cases handled by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) from 2010-11 to 2014-15 was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>IFSCs</b>	
	<b>SWD</b>	<b>NGO</b>
2010-11	5	24
2011-12	17	27
2012-13	15	25
2013-14	18	18
2014-15 (as at December 2014)	10	20

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1102****(Question Serial No. 5617)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in the table below the annual number of wife battering cases followed up and handled by the family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) respectively in the past 5 years.

	Family service centres run by SWD	Family service centres run by NGOs
2014-2015		
2013-2014		
2012-2013		
2011-2012		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 292)Reply:

SWD does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1103****(Question Serial No. 5618)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in the table below the annual number of husband battering cases followed up and handled by the family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) respectively in the past 5 years.

	Family service centres run by SWD	Family service centres run by NGOs
2014-2015		
2013-2014		
2012-2013		
2011-2012		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 293)Reply:

SWD does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1104****(Question Serial No. 5619)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide in the table below the annual number of same-sex cohabitant battering cases followed up and handled by the family service centres run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) respectively in the past 5 years.

	Family service centres run by SWD	Family service centres run by NGOs
2014-2015		
2013-2014		
2012-2013		
2011-2012		
2010-2011		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 294)Reply:

SWD does not have the statistics.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5621)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding outsourced service of family service centres provided by Caritas – Hong Kong, how much is the funding allocation in each of the past 5 years and for the coming year? Under which subhead will the funding be met?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 299)

Reply:

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system, all the subvented service units under Caritas – Hong Kong, including integrated family service centres, are funded by LSG subvention. Subvented organisations have the flexibility to deploy the allocated funding in arranging suitable staffing for the provision of service, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The funding allocation for Caritas – Hong Kong is met under Subhead 000 Operational expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5622)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding outsourced service of family service centre(s) provided by International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK), how much is the funding allocation in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 300)

Reply:

The total expenditure for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the non-governmental organisations, including IFSCs run by ISS-HK, in 2010-11 (Actual), 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual) and 2014-15 (Revised Estimate) is \$201 million, \$215 million, \$242 million, \$266 million and \$293 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5979)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15) –

1. The number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications by persons who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years. How many of these applications have been turned down?
2. The number of CSSA applications by persons who have resided in HK for over 7 years. How many of these applications have been turned down?
3. The number of approved CSSA applications by persons who have resided in HK for less than 7 years, the case category of such applications, the average approved amount of CSSA monthly payment and the total expenditure involved;
4. The number of approved CSSA applications by persons who have resided in HK for over 7 years, the case category of such applications, the average approved amount of CSSA monthly payment and the total expenditure involved;
5. The percentage of CSSA recipients who have resided in HK for less than 7 years among all those who have resided in HK for less than 7 years; and
6. The percentage of CSSA recipients who have resided in HK for over 7 years among all those who have resided in HK for over 7 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 624)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

For the 5 years before the CFA handed down its judgment, i.e. 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013), the number of applications made by persons aged 18 or above who had

resided in HK for less than 7 years and the number of applications declined were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of applications received <sup>[Note]</sup>	4 512	4 376	4 357	3 501	2 374	<b>19 120</b>
Number of applications declined	30	24	13	2	5	<b>74</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Applications may either be approved or declined in the end, while some applications may also be withdrawn in the process.

The number of CSSA cases involving recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014) with a breakdown by case nature is as follows –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>Year</b>				
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)</b>
Old age	1 944	1 902	1 744	2 101	2 736
Permanent disability	468	428	380	487	548
Ill health	1 209	1 149	1 057	1 332	1 544
Single parent	4 308	3 951	3 529	4 237	5 335
Low-earnings	2 335	1 920	1 462	1 318	1 272
Unemployment	1 537	1 298	1 011	1 208	1 462
Others	1 516	1 359	1 278	918	654
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 317</b>	<b>12 007</b>	<b>10 461</b>	<b>11 601</b>	<b>13 551</b>

The estimated CSSA expenditure on CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014) (CSSA is on family basis; and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation that has include payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years) –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2010-11	699
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14	582
2014-15 (up to 31 December 2014)	588

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1108****(Question Serial No. 5980)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Among all Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15), how many involved children under 18 whose parents are both non-permanent residents of Hong Kong (HK)?

Among all CSSA cases over the past 5 years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15), how many belonged to the so-called "pot rice" category (which refers to some newly-arrived single mothers who were not eligible for CSSA because they had resided in HK for less than 7 years, and had no choice but to live on the tiny, insufficient amount of CSSA granted to their children)?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 625)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 5 years was as follows –

<b>Year (end-December)</b>	<b>Number of persons</b>
2010	333
2011	388
2012	400
2013	384
2014	386

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5981)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In response to an appeal by a new arrival against his/her application for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) being turned down, the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down its judgment in December 2013 declaring the 7-year Hong Kong (HK) residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. The residence requirement has since resumed to 1 year.

1. Please provide, since the judgment was handed down, the number of applications each month made by persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years.
2. Please provide, since the judgment was handed down, the number of approved applications each month made by persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years. What is the amount of public funding involved every year?
3. Regarding the number of applications and the expenditure incurred since the judgment was handed down, how different are they from the Government's estimation?
4. Has the Government created additional civil service posts for handling CSSA-related duties as a result of the judgment?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 626)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. Following the judgment of the CFA handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

From the date of the judgment to 31 December 2014, the numbers of CSSA applications received and approved involving persons aged 18 or above and who had resided in HK for less than 7 years were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of CSSA applications received from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years</b>	<b>Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years</b>
2013-14 (from 17 December 2013)	4 007	3 272
2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)	4 596	4 111
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 603</b>	<b>7 383</b>

The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a discretionary basis had the “7-year residence requirement” still been effective, it is estimated that as at 31 December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, and the CSSA payment involved in 2014 was about \$175 million.

4. Since the CFA judgment was handed down, SWD has created an additional 11 civil service posts for handling applications from persons aged 18 or above having resided in HK for less than 7 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1110****(Question Serial No. 5982)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In response to an appeal by a new arrival against his/her application for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) being turned down, the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down its judgment in December 2013 declaring the 7-year Hong Kong (HK) residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. The residence requirement has since resumed to 1 year.

1. Please provide, for the 5 years before the judgment was handed down, the number of applications each month made by persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years.
2. Please provide, for the 5 years before the judgment was handed down, the number of applications each month made by persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years which were approved on a discretionary basis by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the reasons for exercising discretion, the categories, and the amount of public funding involved each year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 627)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA applications made by persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years for the 5 years before the CFA handed down the judgment was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013) [Note 1]</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of applications	4 512	4 376	4 357	3 501	2 374	<b>19 120</b>

2. The number of CSSA cases exempted from the 7-year residence requirement for the 5 years before the CFA handed down the judgment, with a breakdown by case category, was as follows –

<b>Category</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013) [Note 1]</b>	<b>Total</b>
Single parent	682	822	786	667	447	<b>3 404</b>
Low-earnings	482	477	417	303	185	<b>1 864</b>
Old age	280	346	320	297	194	<b>1 437</b>
Unemployment	146	157	155	106	62	<b>626</b>
Ill health	300	365	382	329	235	<b>1 611</b>
Others	28	26	31	39	36	<b>160</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 918</b>	<b>2 193</b>	<b>2 091</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>9 102</b>

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the 7-year residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD took into account all relevant factors to establish whether there was genuine hardship. Each case was considered on its own merits. The major factors being considered included the applicant's means of livelihood after arrival, the cause of the present hardship, resources available and other possible sources of assistance in HK, and whether other forms of assistance were available. In addition, if a new arrival was working to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion was normally exercised to treat him/her as an eligible member of the family for receiving CSSA in recognition of the new arrival's efforts to become self-reliant.

The estimated CSSA expenditure involving CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA is on a family basis, and the relevant expenditure is a rough estimation that has included payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years) from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013) was as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2009-10	869
2010-11	699
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14 (as at 31 December 2013) [Note 2]	584

[Note 1] Following the judgment the CFA handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the "1-year residence requirement" which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

[Note 2] SWD only has the estimated CSSA expenditure involving CSSA recipients who have resided in HK for less than 7 years as at end of the year (i.e. 31 December) or end of the financial year. SWD does not have the information as at a certain date within the year (e.g. 16 December).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1111****(Question Serial No. 5983)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

In the past 5 years, how many “reports on suspected fraud cases received from the public” and “convicted cases of fraud” relating to various welfare benefits, including Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), Old Age Allowance and Old Age Living Allowance, have involved people residing in Hong Kong for less than and over 7 years respectively? Please set out the details by category.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 628)Reply:

From 2010-11 to 2014-15, the number of reports on suspected fraud cases relating to CSSA and Social Security Allowance received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the number of convicted cases were as follows –

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end- December 2014)</b>
Number of reports on suspected fraud	3 725	3 761	3 016	2 853	2 082
Number of convicted cases	280	252	257	326	333

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5985)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department will have 29 additional non-directorate posts in 2015-16. Please advise –

- (1) The details of the additional posts and the reasons for creating them.
- (2) The additional expenditure incurred each year by the various additional posts.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 630)

Reply:

The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 29 posts is about \$9.9 million. Details of the posts are set out in the Annex.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number and type(s) of posts/ Nature of Work</b>	<b>Estimated annual expenditure/ (savings) involved in net creation/ (deletion) of posts (\$ million) <sup>[Note]</sup></b>
(1) Family and Child Welfare	<p>Net increase of 36 posts in the Social Work Officer grade and supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance community support services for children and families.</p>	12.7
(2) Social Security	<p>Net decrease of 14 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Census and Survey Officer grades, as well as supporting general grades.</p> <p>The posts to be deleted are time-limited posts mainly responsible for planning and preparing for the implementation of the Guangdong Scheme under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, handling tasks relating to the introduction of Residential Care Supplement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, as well as conducting the 2014-15 Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.</p>	(7.4)
(3) Services for The Elderly	<p>Net increase of 4 posts in the Social Work Officer and Registered Nurse grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance the licensing services and monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.</p>	2.9
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	<p>Net increase of 3 posts in the Social Work Officer, Registered Nurse and Architect grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to enhance the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, as well as to support the implementation of works projects relating to welfare facilities under planning and in progress.</p>	1.7

[Note]

Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5986)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of registered social workers in each of the children and youth centres (CYCs) and integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) respectively for 2015-16 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each organisation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 631)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating CYCs and ICYSCs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The estimated expenditure of the Social Welfare Department for CYCs and ICYSCs is about \$1.15 billion.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5988)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of registered social workers in each of the social service centres for ex-offenders, hostels for ex-offenders, probation home and remand home/place of refuge respectively for 2015-16 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each organisation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 633)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has co-located approved institution, reformatory school and remand home/places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), since July 2007. The staffing establishment of TMCJH has included 121 registered social workers.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating social service centres for ex-offenders and hostels for ex-offenders have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including registered social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements.

The estimated expenditure for TMCJH, 4 social service centres for ex-offenders and 6 hostels for ex-offenders in 2015-16 is about \$146 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5989)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list for 2015-16 the number of registered social workers at the various halfway houses for discharged mental patients (HWH), long stay care homes for discharged mental patients (LSCH), integrated vocational training centres (IVTC) for mentally handicapped persons, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH), care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD), care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB), supported hostels (SHOS), day activity centres (DAC), parents/relatives resource centres (PRC), community rehabilitation day centres (CRDC), district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSC), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMW), early education and training centres (EETC), special child care centres (SCCC), sheltered workshops (SW) and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC) in Hong Kong, and the estimated amount of full-year government funding for each organisation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 634)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system, a lump sum grant is given to all subvented service units of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including registered social workers and other staff, subject to service quality being ensured and service needs being met.

In 2015-16, 39 NGOs will be granted subvention under LSG subvention system to operate HWHs, LSCHs, IVTCs for mentally handicapped persons, HMMHs, HSMHs, HSPHs, C&A/SDs, C&A/ABs, SHOSs, DACs, PRCs, CRDCs, DSCs, ICCMWs, EETCs, SCCCs, SWs, IVTCs and IVRSCs. The total provisional subvention allocation for the 39 NGOs in 2015-16 is set out at the Annex. Moreover, a subvented NGO (Non-LSG Mode), namely

the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China, will receive a subvention of around \$10 million in 2015-16.

### Total provisional subvention allocation for service operators in 2015-16

<b>Operator</b>	<b>Total provisional subvention allocation (\$ million)<sup>Note</sup></b>
ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	13.4
BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	73.9
CARITAS - HONG KONG	846.3
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (THE)	6.7
CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	158.9
CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	233.9
EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (THE)	14.2
ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	189.0
FU HONG SOCIETY	303.8
HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	177.0
HEEP HONG SOCIETY	214.4
HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	231.6
HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE	295.2
HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (THE)	12.4
HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD LIMITED	234.2
HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION	36.6
HONG KONG RED CROSS	5.5
HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED	592.1
HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (THE)	119.9
HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF (THE)	35.7
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (THE)	193.5
NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL (THE)	364.9
NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED (THE)	2.1
NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	261.5
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HONG KONG	25.7
PO LEUNG KUK	617.0
RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HONG KONG	51.2
SAHK	344.8
SALVATION ARMY (THE)	367.3
SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND CRIME PREVENTION HONG KONG (THE)	107.4
ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT	173.3
STEWARDS LIMITED	67.3
SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE	3.8
TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	1 071.3
WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	151.4
WATCHDOG LIMITED	4.8
YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	350.6
YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	180.4
YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED	2.9

Note

The amount indicates the total provisional subvention allocation for all the services subvented by the Social Welfare Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5990)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of registered social workers in various day care centres for the elderly (DEs), day care units for the elderly (DCUs), district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), social centres for the elderly (SEs), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, home for the aged (H/A), nursing homes (NHs), private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), contract homes and holiday centre for the elderly in Hong Kong. Please also provide the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government to each of the organisations in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 635)

Reply:

According to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) can receive funding for all the subvented service units in a lump sum. NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including registered social workers and other posts, with the premise that service quality be ensured and service needs met.

In 2015-16, 88 NGOs will receive subventions under the LSG Subvention System to operate DEs/DCUs, DECCs, NECs, SEs, C&A homes, H/As, NHs and holiday centres. The provisional total subvention allocations for the 88 NGOs in 2015-16 are provided in the Annex. In addition, an organisation subvented under the non-LSG mode, namely the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Po Hing Buddhism Association Ltd., will receive a subvention of about \$1.3 million in 2015-16.

A total of 133 private organisations, involving 142 private RCHEs, had participated in EBPS as at end-January 2015. The estimated full-year provision in 2015-16 will be \$903 million. Besides, 13 organisations (including 6 non-subvented and 7 subvented

organisations) are awarded contracts for operating RCHEs, involving an estimated full-year provision of about \$396 million.

### Provisional Total Subvention Allocations for Service Organisations in 2015-16

Name of NGO	Provisional Total Subvention Allocation (\$ million) <sup>[Note]</sup>
Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	63.6
Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited	3.3
Agency for Volunteer Service	3.9
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	58.5
Asbury Methodist Social Service	15.1
Asia Women's League Limited	45.8
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (HK) Limited	19.8
Baptist Mid-Missions	4.3
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	73.9
The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	45.9
The Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited	19.8
Caritas – Hong Kong	846.3
The Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong	13.7
Chi Lin Nunnery	49.1
China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	3.3
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod	68.8
Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	158.9
Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	31.9
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	17.0
Christian Family Service Centre	233.9
Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Aged People Centre	3.3
Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	27.9
Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	34.2
Chung Sing Benevolent Society	32.3
Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	3.2
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	592.1
The Endeavourers Hong Kong	3.3
Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong	12.1
ELCHK Social Service Head Office	189.0
Fung Kai Public School	22.2
Fung Ying Seen Koon	6.3
Helping Hand	65.0
Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	161.0
Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	6.3
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church	15.6
Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	36.0
Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society	6.6
Hong Kong Christian Service	295.2
Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	10.8
Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	3.4
Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	241.8
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	234.2
Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	6.4
Hong Kong PHAB Association	36.6
Hong Kong Society for The Aged	280.3
The Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association	27.9

<b>Name of NGO</b>	<b>Provisional Total Subvention Allocation (\$ million) <sup>[Note]</sup></b>
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	216.1
Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh - day Adventists	12.9
International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Ltd	3.3
International Women's League Limited	3.3
Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	3.4
Haven Of Hope Christian Service	177.0
Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	30.3
Kowloon City Baptist Church	3.6
Kowloon Women's Welfare Club	14.8
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	13.6
The Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited	3.4
Light and Love Home Limited	3.3
The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	47.4
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	6.8
Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	42.0
The Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	30.6
Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	364.9
New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	6.4
The New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited	8.0
Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	25.7
Po Leung Kuk	617.0
Pok Oi Hospital	177.4
Salvation Army	367.3
Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	3.0
Sik Sik Yuen	146.6
St. James' Settlement	173.3
Methodist Centre	26.0
The Mission Covenant Church Limited	4.1
Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association	3.3
The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	33.4
Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	10.6
Tung Sin Tan Home For The Aged	7.9
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	1 071.3
United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	9.0
Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	3.3
The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	32.7
Women's Welfare Club Western District, Hong Kong	7.9
Yan Chai Hospital	350.6
Yan Oi Tong	88.4
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	180.4
Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	25.4
The Yuen Yuen Institute	34.7

<sup>[Note]</sup> The amount shows the provisional total subvention allocation for all the services subvented by the Social Welfare Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5991)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of registered social workers in each of the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) for 2015-16 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each organisation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 636)

Reply:

After increasing the manpower resources for IFSCs in 2015-16, the number of frontline social workers in the 41 IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department will increase from 738 at present to 748. The 24 IFSCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will also be allocated additional resources in 2015-16, for them to arrange manpower with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing, on the premises that service quality is ensured and service demands are met. The estimated expenditure for IFSCs for 2015-16 is \$932 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5810)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that the Government will earmark \$220 million to extend for 2 years the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), which encourages employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. Please inform this Committee of the following –

The Community Care Fund (CCF) has rolled out the “Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of IEAPS to Secure Employment” (Incentive Scheme) with effect from 1 April 2014. How many participants of the Incentive Scheme have met the requirement of working not less than 120 hours and earning more than \$4,200 a month over the past year? What is the percentage of these participants against the total number of participants of the Incentive Scheme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 2.06)

Reply:

The CCF has rolled out the Incentive Scheme on a pilot basis with effect from 1 April 2014. As at end-December 2014, there were a total of 229 participants who had secured paid jobs with the requirements as specified by the Incentive Scheme (i.e. jobs with at least 120 working hours and earnings more than \$4,200 a month), accounting for about 11.2% of the total number of participants (i.e. 2 050) of the Incentive Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3823)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In regard to the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), would the Social Welfare Department please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. the number of elderly persons participating in the Scheme and the number of vouchers in 2014-15;
- b. the expenditure on the Pilot Scheme in 2014-15;
- c. the estimated expenditure on the Scheme in 2015-16;
- d. if the Government has assessed the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme; if yes, what are the results of the assessment?
- e. if the Government has any plan to further implement the Pilot Scheme; if yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. All the 1 200 vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014. As at end-January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. Among the voucher holders, 968 of them were using the services provided by the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs). The remaining 249 voucher holders were choosing the service provider and/or the service package.
- b. & c. The Pilot Scheme will last for 4 years. An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for launching the first phase of the Pilot Scheme which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed

money grant to RSPs to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

- d. & e. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of the possible areas for refinement in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 3824)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please inform this Committee of the following -

- a. the number of places, the number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for rehabilitation services provided for pre-school children by Special Child Care Centres (SCCC), Early Education and Training Centres (EETC), Integrated Programmes in Ordinary Kindergarten-Cum-Child Care centres (IP) under SWD in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by 18 districts)?
- b. whether SWD plans to provide additional places in the financial year 2015-16? If yes, please provide this Committee with an implementation timetable and the estimated expenditure (with a breakdown by 18 districts)?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 16)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- a. The numbers of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services by Administrative District of SWD in the past 3 years are set out in Annex 1. The numbers of applicants waiting for respective services are set out in Annex 2.

SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. The CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time of EETC, SCCC and IP in the past 3 years is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months) <sup>[Note]</sup>	
	2012-13	2013-14
EETC	15.2	19
SCCC	16.9	18.5
IP	12.7	14.1

<sup>[Note]</sup> The average waiting time for 2014-15 is not available at this stage.

- b. The estimated expenditure for rehabilitation services for pre-school children in 2015-16 is about \$701 million. The Government will provide in Tai Po, Sham Shui Po and through in-situ expansion 196 additional EETC places, 114 additional SCCC places and 240 additional IP places.

## Number of places for pre-school services by district from 2012-13 to 2014-15

District	EETC			SCCC			IP <sup>[Note]</sup>
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	199	199	199	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	401	204	204	216	174
Kwun Tong	166	166	262	66	66	66	204
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	416	416	333	333	333	234
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	216	216	24	24	30	192
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	205	205	205	84
Sha Tin	191	191	291	138	138	138	156
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	192	192	192	168
Yuen Long	172	172	172	108	108	108	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	292	168	168	168	192
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	120	120	120	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 613</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>1 775</b>	<b>1 860</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014).

### Number of applicants waiting for EETC from 2012-13 to 2014-15

District of residence of the applicants	Number of applicants waiting for EETC		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	377	358	323
Eastern/Wan Chai	427	441	364
Kwun Tong	419	391	285
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	590	558	424
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	369	453	432
Sham Shui Po	188	216	223
Sha Tin	464	472	367
Tai Po/North	337	350	297
Yuen Long	183	143	154
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	390	427	406
Tuen Mun	134	136	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 418</b>

### Number of applicants waiting for SCCC from 2012-13 to 2014-15

District of residence of the applicants	Number of applicants waiting for SCCC		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	103	105	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	126	122	93
Kwun Tong	136	121	95
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	191	185	153
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	131	135	138
Sham Shui Po	91	89	79
Sha Tin	157	140	128
Tai Po/North	134	104	102
Yuen Long	124	106	99
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	134	160	146
Tuen Mun	77	68	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 404</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 182</b>



### Number of applicants waiting for IP from 2012-13 to 2014-15

District of residence of the applicants	Number of applicants waiting for IP		
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	82	118	89
Eastern/Wan Chai	113	111	63
Kwun Tong	192	180	138
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	222	194	176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	117	156	128
Sham Shui Po	88	89	61
Sha Tin	218	258	217
Tai Po/North	284	263	211
Yuen Long	156	125	154
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	196	183	112
Tuen Mun	111	107	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>1 784</b>	<b>1 484</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3961)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Despite standalone child care centres (CCCs) under the indicator of this Programme having always had an enrolment rate of 100%, only 40 places were added in the past 2 years and only 6 places will be added in the coming year. What are the reasons?
2. What is the current average waiting time for a new application for a place in standalone CCCs? What is the longest and shortest waiting time?
3. Will the Government substantially increase the number of places in standalone CCCs in the future? If yes, what are the details? In which districts will the additional places be located? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. With the premise that Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A of the Laws of Hong Kong) be complied with, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to setting up more aided standalone CCCs in response to community demand for such services. SWD has provided a total of 46 additional places through in-situ expansion in 6 existing aided standalone CCCs, with 40 of these additional places having already been provided in 2014-15, while the remaining 6 are expected to be available in 2015-16.
2. SWD has no information on the waiting time for standalone CCCs.
3. The Government has decided to launch a series of measures to enhance child care services. Proposed measures include:

- (a) from 2015-16 onwards, significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided CCCs and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand, so that more children in need (aged below 6) can continue to receive service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$127 million;
- (b) in 2017-18, setting up a new aided standalone CCC in Sha Tin to provide about 100 aided full-day child care places for children aged below 3. The Government will continue to provide more CCCs in other districts with high service demand. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$1.4 million;
- (c) inviting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to establish work-based CCCs through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses. 2 NGOs have responded positively proposing that a total of about 100 self-financing places be provided. The Government will explore, on a pilot basis, the feasibility of providing in the proposed Government Complex in Tseung Kwan O about 100 places of NGO-operated child care places for staff members;
- (d) launching a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting to support parents who are both working;
- (e) providing resources for aided standalone CCCs and service units providing occasional child care service and EHS to enhance supervisory and administrative support. The estimated full-year expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and
- (f) commissioning a consultancy study in 2015-16 to advise on the long-term development of child care services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3963)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to Social Security in this programme, would the Government please advise the following -

1. It is stated under the Indicators that the number of cases served under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme is estimated to increase by 29 000 next year as compared with this year. What are the reasons?
2. With the drastic increase in the number of new cases, will the Social Security Branch (SSB) under the Department strengthen the manpower needed so as to maintain the average time of 30 working days for processing a new case? If yes, how many staff will be added?
3. Please list the staff establishment of SSB, as well as the average number of cases handled by each staff of the Social Security Assistant Grade and Social Security Officer Grade in the past 2 years and in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. On the basis of the population growth in Hong Kong, the number of cases served under the SSA Scheme is estimated to increase from 839 000 in 2014-15 to 868 000 in 2015-16, an increase of 29 000 or roughly 3%. At this stage, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have any plan to employ additional staff in 2015-16.
3. The Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) had an establishment of 1 400 posts in 2013-14, and about 1 500 posts in 2014-15 and 2015-16. The number of cases handled by SSFUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>The Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme</b>	<b>SSA Scheme</b>
2013-14 (actual)	307 137	802 324
2014-15 (revised estimate)	299 000	839 000
2015-16 (estimate)	299 000	868 000

Given that the nature and the level of complexity vary among different categories of cases (e.g. the level of complexity and the required workload of a CSSA unemployment case are different from those of a CSSA old age case), and that SWD is committed to providing timely assistance and services for all applicants in need, it is not possible to simply set an average number of cases to be handled by each staff of the Social Security Assistant Grade and Social Security Officer Grade. However, SWD will allocate suitable manpower as necessary and seek additional resources as required.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4122)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of families served under the Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence (EPSDV) and the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in the past 2 years. Were there any recidivists in those families? If yes, what was the number of recidivists? Furthermore, how much resources will be allocated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the above 2 programmes in 2015? How much expenditure is involved and what will be the anticipated effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 85)

Reply:

EPSDV was introduced in October 2013. It is a psycho-education programme for batterers involved in spouse/cohabitant battering. The objective of EPSDV is to help participants acquire the basic skills needed to stop using violence towards their spouses/cohabitants. SWD has earmarked an annual expenditure of \$0.9 million for EPSDV, and will provide funding to operating organisations according to the number of participants, attendance rate and delivery modes. From October 2013 to December 2014, a total of 170 participants took part in EPSDV. SWD does not have information on the number of spouse/cohabitant battering incidents involving the participants.

VSP provides services for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases. It aims to strengthen protection to victims of family violence, alleviate their feeling of fear in going through the judicial process and help them resume normal life. SWD has allocated a funding of about \$5 million per annum for VSP. In 2013-14 and from April to December 2014, VSP provided services to 704 and 478 service users respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of spouse/cohabitant incidents involving the service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4123)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16" that the Government will provide additional places for extended hours service (EHS) in aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs). Please give a full list of aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs and the number of additional EHS places to be provided.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

The list of 12 aided standalone CCCs and 246 KG-cum-CCCs providing aided CCC service is provided at the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards.

**Table 1 - List of Aided Standalone CCCs**

	<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>Name of Centre</b>
1	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Jessie Tam Day Creche
2		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children SIA Shaukiwan Day Creche
3		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children William Grimsdale Day Creche
4		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Air Cargo Community Day Creche
5		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Esther Lee Day Creche
6	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Sun Chui Day Creche
7		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Yau Oi Day Creche
8	Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Mok Hing Yiu Creche
9	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady Macle hose Centre Joyful Children World
10		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Thomas' Child Care Centre
11	The Chinese Rhenish Church of Hong Kong Synod	Yuen Long Rhenish Day Creche
12	Yan Chai Hospital	Yan Chai Hospital C.C. Everitt Day Creche



**Table 2 - List of KG-cum-CCCs Providing Aided CCC Places**

	<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>Name of Centre</b>
1	Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Delia Pei Nursery
2		Alice Lan & Vera Shen Education Fund Gordon Pei Nursery
3	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (HK) Limited	Prosperous Garden Baptist Nursery School
4		Garden Estate Baptist Nursery School
5		Heng On Baptist Nursery School
6	Baptist Mid-Missions	Kin Sang Baptist Church Bradbury Pre-School
7		Ka Fuk Baptist Church Pre-school
8	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Pui Yan Pre-primary School
9	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	Christian & Missionary Alliance Lei Tung Nursery School
10		Christian & Missionary Alliance South Horizons Nursery School
11		Christian and Missionary Alliance Shatin Nursery School
12		Christian & Missionary Alliance Plover Cove Nursery School
13		Christian & Missionary Alliance Fu Shan Nursery School
14		Christian & Missionary Alliance Tin Chung Nursery School
15	Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Nursery School - Kennedy Town
16		Caritas Zonta Club of Hong Kong Nursery School
17		Caritas Lions Club of Hong Kong (Pacific) Nursery School
18		Caritas Nursery School - Yau Tong
19		Caritas Nursery School - Lei Yue Mun
20		Caritas Nursery School - Ta Kwu Ling
21		Caritas Nursery School - Tsui Lam
22		Caritas Nursery School - Shatin
23		Caritas Kai Yau Nursery School
24	Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education & Services Ltd.	CECES Organized Aetna Preschool
25	Christian Family Service Centre	Christian Family Service Centre Cheerland Child Care Centre
26		Christian Family Service Centre Tak Tin Day Nursery
27	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yim Wah Day Nursery	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery
28	Chiu Yang Residents' Association of Hong Kong Limited	Chiu Yang Nursery
29	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Hing Wah Nursery
30		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Ling On Nursery School
31		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Ling Kung Nursery School
32		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Amazing Grace Nursery School
33		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Grace Nursery School

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
34		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Kin Ming Nursery School
35		Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong, Chung On Nursery School
36	Emmanuel Church	Emmanuel Church Shatin Nursery School
37	First Assembly of God Church	First Assembly of God Church Tin Chak Nursery
38	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	Five Districts Business Welfare Association Nursery
39		Five Districts Business Welfare Association Cheung Chuk Shan Nursery
40	The Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong	Free Methodist Church Bradbury Chun Lei Nursery School
41	Hong Kong Christian Service	Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk Nursery School
42		Hong Kong Christian Service Tai Hang Tung Nursery School
43		Hong Kong Christian Service Kwun Tong Nursery School
44		Hong Kong Christian Service Central Nursery School
45	Hong Kong Christian Service	Hong Kong Christian Service Shek Kip Mei Nursery School
46		Hong Kong Christian Service Times Nursery School
47		Hong Kong Christian Service Tin Heng Nursery School
48	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Aw Hoe Nursery School
49		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children SIA Whampoa Nursery School
50		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Mr & Mrs Thomas Tam Nursery School
51		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children The Jockey Club Hok Sam Nursery School
52		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Lam Woo Nursery School
53		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Thomas Tam Nursery School
54		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Ma Tau Chung Nursery School.
55		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Portland Street Nursery School
56		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Park'N Shop Staff Charitable Fund Nursery School
57		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children BOC Nursery School
58		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Operation Santa Claus Fanling Nursery School
59		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Sze Wu Shu Min Nursery School
60		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Ocean Shores Nursery School
61		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Cheung Sha Wan Nursery School
62		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Butterfly Estate Nursery School
63		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Sham

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
		Tseng Nursery School
64		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Hong Kong Bank Foundation Nursery School
65	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Cheung Ching Nursery School
66		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Lung Hang Nursery School
67		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tsuen Wan Nursery School
68		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai Hon Fan Nursery School
69		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Chiu Oi Wah Nursery School
70		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Shiu Pong Nursery School
71		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association On Ting Nursery School
72		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Choi Wan Nursery School
73		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Faith Hope Nursery School
74	Heep Hong Society	Heep Hong Healthy Kids Nursery School
75	Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung Nursery
76		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Ting Yuk Chee Nursery
77		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Ting Sun Hui Chiu Nursery
78		Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Wan Tsui Nursery
79	The Hong Kong Council of The Church of Christ in China	The Church of Christ in China Fuk Yau Child Care Centre
80		The Church of Christ in China Fuk Yau No. 2 Child Care Centre cum Day Creche
81		The Church of Christ in China, Tuen Mun Church Nursery School
82	HK Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - HK Synod Ltd	Heng Fa Chuen Lutheran Day Nursery
83		Lei Tung Lutheran Day Nursery
84		Chan En Mei Lutheran Day Nursery
85		Lui Kwan Pok Lutheran Day Nursery
86		Martha Boss Lutheran Nursery
87		Cheung Ching Lutheran Day Nursery
88		Maritime Square Lutheran Day Nursery
89		King Lam Lutheran Day Nursery
90		Leung King Lutheran Day Nursery
91		Fu Tai Lutheran Day Nursery
92	Hong Kong Student Aid Society	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Po Tat Nursery
93	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club Nursery
94	Lutheran Philip House	Lutheran Philip House Hing Man Nursery School

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
95	Limited	Lutheran Philip House Ma Tau Wai Nursery School
96		Lutheran Philip House Kai Yip Nursery School
97		Lutheran Philip House Oi Lun Nursery School
98	Methodist Centre	Tin Wan Methodist Day Nursery
99	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	The N.T. Women & Juveniles Welfare Association - Cheung Fat Estate Nursery School
100		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Fanling Nursery School
101		The New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited Sheung Shui Nursery School
102		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd. Pok Hong Estate Nursery School
103		New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Limited Yuen Long Nursery School
104	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Day Nursery
105		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Yan Day Nursery
106		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Fanling Day Nursery
107		The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Yuen Long Day Nursery
108	New Kowloon Women Association Limited	New Kowloon Women Association Lok Wah Nursery
109		New Kowloon Women Association Sha Kok Nursery
110		New Kowloon Women Association Sun Chui Nursery
111		New Kowloon Women Association Tsz Wan Shan Day Nursery
112	Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Lek Yuen Nursery
113		Po Leung Kuk Kim Huynh Nursery
114		Po Leung Kuk Kwai Fong Nursery
115		Po Leung Kuk Lui Kam Tai Nursery
116		Po Leung Kuk Butterfly Bay Nursery
117		Po Leung Kuk Tse Wong Pui Kuen Nursery
118		Po Leung Kuk Wai Yin Nursery
119		Po Leung Kuk Chan Lai Wai Lin Nursery
120		Po Leung Kuk Lui Chan Wai Ching Nursery
121		Po Leung Kuk Lam Ting Lai Ling Nursery
122		Po Leung Kuk Kwun Tong Nursery
123		Po Leung Kuk Lee Siu Chan Nursery
124		Po Leung Kuk Cheng Kwan How Yin Nursery
125		Po Leung Kuk Chi Pui Nursery
126		Po Leung Kuk Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Lee Nursery
127		Po Leung Kuk Mrs. Vicwood K.T. Chong (Wah Kwai) Nursery
128		Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau Nursery
129		Po Leung Kuk Shek Kip Mei Nursery
130		Po Leung Kuk Yau Oi Nursery
131		Po Leung Kuk Kwong Fuk Nursery
132		Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung Nursery
133		Po Leung Kuk Chu Lee Yuet Wah Nursery

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
134		Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung (Tsz Wan Shan) Nursery
135		Po Leung Kuk Wong Siu Ching Nursery
136		Po Leung Kuk Yuen Long Child Care Centre
137	Pok Oi Hospital	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Hsu Fong Lam Day Nursery
138		Pok Oi Hospital Chan Poon Pui Ching Memorial Day Nursery
139		Pok Oi Hospital Mrs. Chu Kwok King Memorial Day Nursery
140		Pok Oi Hospital Mrs. Yam Wing Yin Day Nursery
141		Pok Oi Hospital Sy Siok Chun Day Nursery
142	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Nam Cheong Nursery School
143		Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Tseung Kwan O Nursery School
144		Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Tai Wo Nursery School
145	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Lai Chi Kok Nursery School
146		The Salvation Army North Point Nursery School and Creche
147		The Salvation Army Lok Man Nursery School
148		The Salvation Army Tai Wo Hau Nursery School
149		The Salvation Army Lei Muk Shue Nursery School
150		The Salvation Army Hoi Fu Nursery School
151		The Salvation Army Tin Ping Nursery School
152		The Salvation Army Wah Fu Nursery School
153		The Salvation Army Ming Tak Nursery School
154		The Salvation Army Pak Tin Nursery School and Creche
155		The Salvation Army Jat Min Nursery School
156		The Salvation Army Wo Che Nursery School
157		The Salvation Army Sam Shing Nursery School
158		The Salvation Army Tai Yuen Nursery School
159		The Salvation Army Tsuen Wan Nursery School
160		The Salvation Army Kam Tin Nursery School
161		The Salvation Army Catherine Booth Nursery School
162	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Nicholas' Nursery School
163		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tung Chung Nursery School
164		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Kei Oi Nursery School
165		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre Day Nursery
166		S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre (Shek Yam) Nursery School
167		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Ha Sui Wan Nursery School
168	S.K.H. St. Christopher's Home Limited	S.K.H. St. Christopher Nursery (Kwai Chung)
169		S.K.H. St. Christopher Nursery (Wan Chai)
170	S.K.H. St. Simon's Social Services	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Sai Kung Nursery School
171		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Leung King Nursery School
172		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Tai Hing Nursery School
173	Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Oi Day Nursery (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)
174	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Gospel Sau Mau Ping Child Care Centre
175		Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wong Tai Sin Day

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
		Care Centre
176	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council - Hong Kong	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery School
177	St. James' Settlement	St. James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Child Care Centre
178		St. James' Settlement Belcher Child Care Centre
179		St. James' Settlement Causeway Bay Child Care Centre
180	S.K.H. St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	St. Matthias' Church Nursery School
181	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	TWGHs Fong Lai Ming Nursery School
182		Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Fong Shu Chuen Nursery School
183		TWGHs Chan Han Nursery School
184		TWGHs Chiap Hua Cheng's Nursery School
185		TWGHs Lo Wong Pik Shan Nursery School
186		TWGHs Lions Club of the Peak, Hong Kong Nursery School
187		TWGHs Hung Wong Kar Gee Nursery School
188		TWGHs Shiu Wong Lee Moon Fook Nursery School
189		TWGHs Lions Club of South Kowloon Nursery School
190		TWGHs Fong Tam Yuen Leung Day Nursery
191		TWGHs Tin Ka Ping Nursery School
192		TWGHs Ng Sheung Lan Memorial Nursery School
193		TWGHs Kwan Fong Nursery School
194		TWGHs Fong Shiu Yee Nursery School
195		TWGHs Zonta Club of Kowloon Nursery School
196	The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong	Po Nga Nursery School
197		Abundant Grace Church Abundant Grace Nursery
198		Verbena Nursery School
199		Tin Yan Nursery School
200	The Baptist Convention of Hong Kong	Lee On Nursery
201	The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	Cheerland Nursery School (Kowloon Bay)
202		Cheerland Nursery School (Tseung Kwan O)
203		Cheerland Nursery School (Wong Tai Sin)
204	The Chinese Rhenish Church of Hong Kong Synod	Lai King Rhenish Nursery
205		Shun Tin Rhenish Nursery
206		Lok Fu Rhenish Nursery
207		San Po Kong Rhenish Nursery
208		Yuen Long Rhenish Nursery
209	The Church of Christ in China, Wanchai Church	The Church of Christ in China, Chai Wan Church Day Nursery
210	The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	Buddhist Chi Wai Day Nursery
211	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Nursery School
212	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Ching Lok Nursery
213		The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Ching Lok Nursery (Yaumatei)
214	The Mission Covenant Church Limited	The Mission Covenant Church Sister Annie's Nursery

	Name of Agency	Name of Centre
215	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Yee Nursery School
216		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Hong Nursery School
217		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Yan Nursery School
218		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Kei Nursery School
219		Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong On Keung Nursery School
220	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of The World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	W.F.B. Manjusri Nursery School
221		W.F.B. Avalokitesvara Nursery School
222		W.F.B. Mantra Institute Nursery School
223	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Lai Kwai Tim Day Nursery
224		The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Nursery Hong Kong
225		Women's Welfare Club - West Day Nursery, Hong Kong
226		Women's Welfare Club Western District David Woo Memorial Day Nursery
227		Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Ap Lei Chau Day Nursery, Hong Kong
228	Yan Chai Hospital	Yan Chai Hospital Kwok Chi Leung Child Care Centre
229		Yan Chai Hospital Wing Lung Child Care Centre
230		Yan Chai Hospital Choi Pat Tai Child Care Centre
231		Yan Chai Hospital Nina Lam Child Care Centre
232		Yan Chai Hospital Fong Kong Fai Child Care Centre
233		Yan Chai Hospital Ju Ching Chu Child Care Centre
234		Yan Chai Hospital Tung Pak Ying Child Care Centre
235		Yan Chai Hospital Zonta Club of Kowloon Child Care Centre
236		Yan Chai Hospital Shan King Child Care Centre
237		Yan Chai Hospital Yau Oi Child Care Centre
238	Yan Oi Tong Limited	Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Nursery
239		Yan Oi Tong Lau Wong Fat Nursery
240		Yan Oi Tong Mrs Augusta Cheung Nursery
241		Yan Oi Tong Ng Wong Fung Ying Nursery
242		Yan Oi Tong Chan Cheng Yuk Yee Nursery
243	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong	Homantin Yang Memorial Methodist Pre-school
244		Yaumatei Yang Memorial Methodist Pre-school
245	YMCA of Hong Kong	YMCA of Hong Kong Farm Road Nursery School
246	Yuen Long Church (Church of Christ in China) Limited	Yuen Long Church (Church of Christ in China) Chow Sung Chu Oi Nursery School

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4124)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that additional manpower will be provided for integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and integrated services centres (ISCs) to enhance community support services for families. In this connection, how much additional manpower and expenditure will be involved? Furthermore, please specify how the community support services for families will be enhanced. In particular, what will be the enhanced support provided for women service? Please give a detailed account.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The Government will earmark an additional annual provision of \$8.2 million for increasing the manpower of professional social workers in IFSCs and ISCs for the purpose of achieving early identification, intervention and assistance for families and children (including women) facing the risk of domestic violence or having other welfare needs. For women having service needs, both IFSCs and ISCs will offer them a wide range of preventive, supportive and remedial family services which include counseling services, support/mutual assistance group, activities for development, family aide services, family life education, parent-child activities etc., as well as refer them to apply for community support services, financial assistance and child care services etc. with a view to sharpening their skills in handling stress and enhancing their capability in tackling problems. In 2015-16, 41 IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department will add 10 frontline social worker posts. 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs operated by non-governmental organisations will also be allocated additional resources. They have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing for the provision of services with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality that they serve, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1126****(Question Serial No. 4125)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 that additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided. How many residential care places for the elderly will be added? What are the numbers of additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly respectively? Moreover, please provide the current figures on the numbers of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 88)Reply:

Information on the planned additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2015-16 is as follows –

<b>Means</b>	<b>No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly</b>		<b>No. of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Nursing home (NH) places</b>	<b>Care-and-attention (C&amp;A) places</b>		
2 new contract residential homes for the elderly	162	18	120	<b>300</b>
NH Place Purchase Scheme	126	-	-	<b>126</b>
Make better use of the space in subvented homes	-	91	-	<b>91</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>517</b>

The 517 additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly as shown in the table above will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong, while the new contract residential homes for the elderly are located at Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po respectively.

The numbers of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by type (i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/A), C&A places and NH places) as at end-January 2015 are set out in Annex.

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places [Note 3]	C&A places	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	743	188	931	21	2 090	75	2 186
Eastern	-	763	133	896	-	3 761	83	3 844
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	876	21	897
Southern	-	1 881	-	1 881	66	1 795	74	1 935
Islands	67	322	63	452	15	515	42	572
Kwun Tong	-	1 694	434	2 128	285	2 480	288	3 053
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 230	464	1 694	-	1 979	133	2 112
Sai Kung	-	979	292	1 271	45	957	110	1 112
Kowloon City	-	2 067	90	2 157	-	4 020	43	4 063
Sham Shui Po	-	1 043	177	1 220	20	4 086	140	4 246
Yau Tsim Mong	-	846	158	1 004	58	2 551	81	2 690
Sha Tin	-	1 268	54	1 322	50	2 401	36	2 487
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 412	-	2 412
North	-	1 204	299	1 503	90	2 279	-	2 369
Yuen Long	-	1 593	66	1 659	60	3 861	30	3 951
Tsuen Wan	-	1 390	388	1 778	-	2 198	41	2 239
Kwai Tsing	-	2 622	345	2 967	-	3 775	177	3 952
Tuen Mun	-	1 399	243	1 642	45	2 863	-	2 908
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>22 858</b>	<b>3 394</b>	<b>26 319</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>44 899</b>	<b>1 374</b>	<b>47 028</b>

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places include the C&A places providing a continuum of care. These places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes as well as private residential care homes for the elderly participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places are provided in subvented NHs, contract homes as well as self-financing NHs participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 3] Non-subsidised H/A places also include places of self-care hostels.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4132)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Many units are involved in the provision of child care services in Hong Kong, with the number of kindergartens alone exceeding 100. Please specify how the \$130 million spent on enhancing child care services will be allocated.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 95)

Reply:

To support women to achieve a work-family balance and further respond to the community demand for child care services, the Government will allocate \$130 million to enhance child care services. The initiatives to be taken with the funding and the full-year estimated expenditure are as follows –

- (1) Significantly increase in phases the total places of extended hours service (EHS) for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$127 million;
- (2) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$5.6 million; and
- (3) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards. The full-year estimated expenditure is around \$1.4 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4133)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many new places will be added in day child care service and extended hours service (EHS) as a result of the \$130 million to be spent on strengthening child care services?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 96)

Reply:

The Government will allocate about \$130 million to enhance child care services. The Social Welfare Department will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. In addition, about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 will be provided from 2017-18 onwards.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4139)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please explain in detail how the enhanced after school care programme is being implemented, including the number of additional places provided and the labour force thus released.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 102)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has launched the Enhanced After School Care Programme since December 2014. The service is operated by a total of 34 After School Care Programme centres on a self-financing and fee charging basis to provide extended hours of service on weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays. As the Programme is still in its infancy, the operators are required to submit their first set of service statistics in April 2015. SWD does not have the estimated figures for people released into the workforce as a result of the enhanced after-school care services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4140)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the amount of funding allocation to be spent on after school care programme in the 2015-16 Estimates of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Will additional resources be provided for adding more after school care places?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 103)

Reply:

After-school care services are operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee charging basis. Through the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS), SWD provides fee waiving quotas for the NGO operators to waive the charges for needy families when their children use the service. In the 2015-16 Estimates, funding allocated for implementing the FWSS under the after school care programme is about \$32 million. SWD will regularly review the service demand and enhance the after-school care services as necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4471)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Government inform this Committee of –

- (a) the list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or academic institutions that receive funding from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide support programmes to all students from kindergartens to secondary schools academically in 2014-15 and the details of each batch of the funding including the amount, period covered and target groups;
- (b) the number of students attending each of these support programmes in 2014-15;
- (c) the number of non-Chinese speaking students attending each of these support programmes in 2014-15;
- (d) the list of NGOs or academic institutions that receive funding from SWD to specifically provide support programmes to non-Chinese students' learning of Chinese Language and other subjects in 2014-15 and the details of each batch of the funding including the amount, period covered and target groups; and
- (e) the number of non-Chinese speaking students attending each of these support programmes referred to in (d) in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 99)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (b) Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) was set up in 2005 to promote tripartite cross-sectoral partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support NGOs running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. Among some of the applications under the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rounds that were vetted by SWD in 2014-15, a total of 55 programmes provided after-school learning and support service for secondary and primary students from disadvantaged families with PFD funding, and 5 programmes mainly served pre-school children. The programmes run over a time span



ranging from less than 1 to 3 years. The number of after-school learning and support service programmes approved by SWD in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rounds and the funding involved are as follows –

	<b>No. of after-school learning and support service programmes approved</b>	<b>Funding allocation</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> round	17	About \$11.55 million
9 <sup>th</sup> round	43	About \$24.9 million

The participating NGOs and the target number of students served are set out in the Annex.

(c) to (e) SWD does not have breakdown figures for the participating students.

**Information on Provision of After-school Learning and Support Service  
with PFD Funding in 2014-15**

<b>Name of NGO</b>	<b>No. of after-school learning and support service programmes approved</b>	<b>Target number of students served</b>
Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	1	600
Lok Kwan Social Service Ltd	4	3 233
Heep Hong Society	1	1 252
Benji's Centre Ltd	1	48
The Yuen Yuen Institute Subvented Service Unit	1	120
Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China (The)	1	447
Hans Andersen Club	2	458
Windshield Charitable Foundation	1	300
The Hong Kong Chinese Church of Christ	1	182
Youth Outreach	3	9 006
Po Leung Kuk	6	5 052
Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd (The)	2	1 052
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	2	456
Compassion Revival Ltd	2	60
Faith & Grace Community Service Centre Ltd	1	72
HOPE worldwide Ltd	2	685
St. James' Settlement	5	3 967
Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	4	1 305
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Ltd	1	812
Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	1	50
Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	1	1 040
Youth for Christ (HK) Ltd	1	3 520
Hong Kong PHAB Association	1	30
Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd (The)	1	600
Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City (Community Services) Foundation Ltd	1	40
Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Ltd	1	912
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2	1 816
International Martial Arts Charitable Foundation Association	1	50
Ladder Mission Ltd	2	230
Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	1	180
Principal Chan Free Tutorial World Ltd	1	660
The Hong Kong Chinese Church of Christ (Chung Chun) Ltd	1	274
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	1	194
Christian Church of Divine Providence Ltd	1	152
Christian Family Service Centre	1	150
Sai Kung District Community Centre Ltd	1	100

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3337)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the plans in place for the prevention of domestic violence for 2015-16? What is the total number of cases served under the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) in 2014-15? What is the estimated number of cases to be served in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department plans to organise territory-wide and district-based publicity programmes and public education activities in 2015-16, with a view to raising the awareness of the public on the importance of preventing domestic violence and encouraging those in need to seek assistance. These messages will continue to be widely publicised through various means, including radio programmes, television and radio advertisements, posters, leaflets, seminars, competitions etc.

There were a total of 478 service users under VSP from April to December 2014. The target number of service users will be maintained at about 800 each year for 2015-16.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1133****(Question Serial No. 3338)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

For the various categories (including old age, disability, ill health, single-parent family, low-earnings, unemployment and others) of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, what are the estimated numbers of cases and the government expenditure incurred in 2015-16? What differences are there as compared with the past 2 years? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 53)Reply:

The average number of CSSA cases per month by category and the expenditure involved in 2013-14 <sup>[Note 1]</sup> were as follows –

<b>Category</b>	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	145 965	10,806
Permanent disability	17 780	1,384
Ill health	23 590	2,043
Single parent	28 034	2,812
Low-earnings	8 039	742
Unemployment	18 397	1,271
Others	5 963	437
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>247 768</b>	<b>19,496</b>

The estimated average numbers of CSSA cases per month by category and the expenditure involved in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows –

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014-15</b> <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	143 000	11,509
Permanent disability	18 000	1,490
Ill health	23 000	2,223
Single parent	28 000	3,230
Low-earnings	7 000	760
Unemployment	16 000	1,260
Others	4 000	359
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>239 000</b>	<b>20,831</b>

<b>Category</b>	<b>2015-16</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	
	<b>Average number of cases per month</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Old age	143 000	12,952
Permanent disability	18 000	1,665
Ill health	23 000	2,484
Single parent	28 000	3,538
Low-earnings	7 000	816
Unemployment	16 000	1,401
Others	4 000	389
<b>Total</b> <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	<b>239 000</b>	<b>23,245</b>

<sup>[Note 1]</sup> The expenditure or estimated expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 has included payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years.

<sup>[Note 2]</sup> The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 has included (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of standard rate CSSA payments by 4.7% according to the established mechanism with effect from 1 February 2015 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2015; and (ii) 2 additional months of CSSA standard rate (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council).

<sup>[Note 3]</sup> Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3339)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many recipients of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) aged 65 or above have converted to apply for Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of NDA recipients aged 65 or above having converted to OALA in 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3340)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided rent allowance to recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years. How many cases have benefited from the initiative? How many recipients are involved?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

Starting from 2014-15, SWD has been providing rent allowance for eligible CSSA recipients who have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years to meet the cost of housing. In end-December 2014, the initiative benefited 495 CSSA cases, which involved 1 003 CSSA recipients.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1136****(Question Serial No. 3341)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What are the respective numbers of various types of additional residential care places for the elderly in 2015-16? What are the respective estimated provisions?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 56)Reply:

A total of 397 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly are expected to commence service in 2015-16, of which 288 are nursing home (NH) places and 109 are care-and-attention (C&A) places. The estimated expenditure is about \$70 million in a full year.

<b>Type</b>	<b>No. of subsidised residential care places for the elderly</b>
NH places	288
C&A places	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3342)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the amount of funding allocation for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2015-16? As the estimated number of cases served will be increased significantly by 1 500 to a total of 9 100, which districts will the additional service places go to? What are the estimated number of persons waiting for EHCCS and the average waiting time in 2015-16 respectively? What are the changes when compared with the previous year?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

The estimated amount of funding allocation for EHCCS in 2015-16 is about \$427 million. The distribution of the 1 666 additional service places by district is set out at Annex.

There were 3 213 elderly persons waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS as at end-January 2015, and the average waiting time was about 9 months (based on the average of the past 3 months). However, 98 elderly persons included in inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly had not been taken into account. Since the waiting time for EHCCS is affected by a number of factors such as the applicants' preference for service providers, change in service demand and different turnover rates in various districts, etc., it is difficult for the Government to estimate the waiting time to be shortened with the additional places.

### Distribution of the Additional EHCCS Places by District in 2015-16

District	No. of places
Central & Western	173
Wan Chai	
Eastern	
Southern	
Islands	
Yau Tsim Mong	156
Kowloon City	
Sham Shui Po	143
Wong Tai Sin	341 <sup>[Note]</sup>
Sai Kung	
Kwun Tong	161
Sha Tin	182
Tai Po	
North	
Yuen Long	150
Tuen Mun	
Tsuen Wan	360
Kwai Tsing	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 666</b>

<sup>[Note]</sup> Including 177 places for Wong Tai Sin only.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3343)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many people are participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme)? What is the average amount of subsidy received by each participant per month? What are the arrangements for attracting more persons in need to participate in the Pilot Scheme in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 58)

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. Based on the application dates for long-term care services under the Central Waiting List, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited elderly persons, via their Responsible Workers, to join the Pilot Scheme. All the 1 200 vouchers had been issued to eligible elderly persons by early April 2014.

As at end-January 2015, a total of 2 002 elderly persons, including 1 217 existing voucher holders, had participated in the Pilot Scheme. The average amount of subsidy received by each voucher holder per month was about \$5,300.

SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. SWD is working with COA to examine the views and data collected to facilitate the Government's deliberation of the possible areas for refinement in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, including whether the Pilot Scheme should be extended to other districts and whether the service targets should be extended to cover severely impaired service users in addition to moderately impaired elderly persons. SWD will engage the sector in the discussion on the way forward in preparation for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)1139**

**(Question Serial No. 3344)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many persons have participated in the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme) launched in 2014-15? What arrangements are being made this year to attract more needy persons to participate in the Scheme? How many participants will the Pilot Scheme be finally expected to attract?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Pilot Scheme in June 2014 to provide an option for elderly persons who are currently on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places in Hong Kong to voluntarily choose to live in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation in Shenzhen or the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly run by Helping Hand in Zhaoqing. SWD has invited all the eligible elderly persons who are currently on the CWL for subsidised C&A places via their Responsible Workers to join the Pilot Scheme. SWD has also publicised the details of the Pilot Scheme through press releases and the SWD Homepage. As from February 2015, new elderly applicants wait-listing for C&A places may also choose to join the Pilot Scheme.

As at end-February 2015, 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 12 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. The purpose of implementing the Pilot Scheme is to provide an additional service option for elderly persons wait-listing for subsidised residential care places for the elderly. Through the Pilot Scheme, the Government can also have a better understanding of elderly persons' preference and requirements on residential care services in the Mainland. In deciding whether to reside in residential care homes in Guangdong, elderly persons will have their own considerations. We therefore cannot estimate how many people will be joining the Pilot Scheme in the coming year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1140****(Question Serial No. 4153)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the special grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please provide the following information –

	<b>Number of applications in 2013-14 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2013-14</b>	<b>Number of applications in 2014-15 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2014-15</b>
Rent allowance				
Water and sewage charge allowance				
Grant for rent deposit				
Grant for water, electricity and gas/LPG deposits for accommodation in public housing				
Domestic removal grant				
Grant to cover telephone installation fees				
Grant to cover monthly telephone charges				
Grant for emergency alarm system for elderly recipients				
Grant for renewal of electrical fittings				
Grant to cover fares to and from hospital/clinic and other essential travelling expenses				

	<b>Number of applications in 2013-14 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2013-14</b>	<b>Number of applications in 2014-15 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2014-15</b>
Burial grant				
Special diet allowance				
Grant to cover costs of medical, rehabilitation, surgical appliances and hygienic items (e.g. wheel-chair, hearing-aid, stoma bags, disposable diapers)				
Grant to cover costs of glasses				
Grant to cover costs of dental treatment (tooth extraction, dentures, crowns, bridges, scaling, fillings and root canal treatment)				
Care and attention allowance				
Grant to cover the charge for respite service				
Grant to cover the medical examination fee for admission to a subvented residential institution				
Grant to cover the annual medical examination fee for elderly recipients in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities				
Grant to cover fees for Home Help Service/ Integrated Home Care Service				
Grant to cover costs of Physiotherapy/ Occupational Therapy Service				

	<b>Number of applications in 2013-14 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2013-14</b>	<b>Number of applications in 2014-15 and as a percentage of the total</b>	<b>Total amount of grant for the item in 2014-15</b>
Grant to cover costs of Community-based Support Projects for People with Disabilities and Their Families and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services				
Grant to cover fees for attending a child care centre				
Grant to cover charges for occasional child care services				
Grant to cover school fees				
Meal allowance for students				
Grant to cover fares to and from school				
Grant to cover Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination fee				
Grant for selected items of school related expenses				

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the relevant expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Number of cases (Percentage of all CSSA cases)	224 992 (86.7%)	221 305 (87.5%)
CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)	2,902	2,546

The number of approved claims and the relevant amount of dental grant for 2013-14 and 2014-15 were as follows –

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Number of approved claims	12 286	8 875
Total amount of dental grant (\$ million)	59.3	47.8

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for dental grant within 1 year.

The number of school children receiving standard flat rate grant on school related expenses (SRE) and the relevant expenditure from July 2013 to June 2014 and from July 2014 to June 2015 are as follows –

	<b>July 2013 to June 2014</b>	<b>July 2014 to June 2015 (preliminary figure)</b>
Number of school children	89 602	80 163
Total amount of standard flat rate grant on SRE (\$ million)	351	402

As most of the flat rate grants on SRE are issued in July and August before the start of the school year, the period from July to June of the following year is adopted as the reference school year for counting the flat rate grants.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4156)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide a breakdown, by age group, of users of various residential services for persons with disabilities under this Programme in the past 3 years;
2. What is the average age of persons with disabilities currently using the various residential services and what is the average length of stay?
3. With the ageing of persons with disabilities, what measures does the Government have in connection with residential and community support in the coming year to cope with it ? What are the number of places and the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The age distribution of users of various residential services for persons with disabilities in the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistics on the average age of users of residential services for persons with disabilities, nor their average length of stay.
3. The Government has earmarked an additional full-year recurrent funding of about \$25.9 million in 2015-16 to increase the manpower of long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons and enhance the allied health services of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons in order to provide care and support for ageing service users. As for community support, the Government will provide additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about \$3.2 million to increase the number of social workers in subvented parents/relatives resource centres in order to enhance the support to and provide more targeted services for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons, including relatives/carers of ageing service users. The Government will also provide additional recurrent expenditure of about \$12.7 million to increase the manpower of social workers in integrated community centres for mental wellness in order to provide more intensive counselling and support

for relatives and carers of ex-mentally ill persons, including ageing service users, to relieve their caring pressure and consolidate their mutual help network.

**Table 1: Age distribution of users of rehabilitation residential services in 2012  
(as at end-December 2012)**

Type of service	Number of service users								Total
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above	
HWH	9	206	398	468	306	68	-	-	1 455
LSCH	-	6	48	203	492	475	182	83	1 489
HMMH	12	230	556	713	546	148	5	1	2 211
HSMH	12	419	928	922	702	193	16	1	3 193
HSPH	-	78	191	142	100	37	2	-	550
C&A/SD	22	229	165	150	182	126	29	2	905
C&A/AB	-	-	-	-	-	41	163	584	788
SHOS	7	91	145	183	110	17	-	-	553

**Table 2: Age distribution of users of rehabilitation residential services in 2013  
(as at end-December 2013)**

Type of service	Number of service users								Total
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above	
HWH	2	206	409	450	315	64	2	-	1 448
LSCH	-	3	48	185	487	506	180	84	1 493
HMMH	4	192	575	706	615	189	6	1	2 288
HSMH	11	416	968	929	756	233	26	1	3 340
HSPH	-	68	199	136	119	42	2	-	566
C&A/SD	19	232	150	164	186	135	31	3	920
C&A/AB	-	-	-	-	-	46	137	608	791
SHOS	5	98	142	198	129	20	-	-	592

**Table 3: Age distribution of users of rehabilitation residential services in 2014  
(as at end-December 2014)**

Type of service	Number of service users								Total
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above	
HWH	8	207	391	481	315	65	2	-	1 469
LSCH	-	6	43	185	523	553	170	85	1 565
HMMH	21	179	584	680	669	223	9	-	2 365
HSMH	18	386	968	916	807	275	26	3	3 399
HSPH	1	57	192	130	132	51	3	-	566
C&A/SD	12	252	159	157	199	141	32	3	955
C&A/AB	-	-	-	-	-	52	134	613	799
SHOS	2	87	142	190	137	28	-	-	586

**Legend**

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4157)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the Indicators under this Programme, the enrolment rate of day activity centres (DACs) has reached 99%. Would the Government please advise—

1. how many DACs are there at present and what is the average waiting time for enrolment?
2. why is the enrolment rate still 99% after an increase of 151 places?
3. if the Government will continue to increase places in the coming years so as to restore the enrolment rate to a reasonable level? If yes, what are the timetable and distribution of places?
4. what measures are in place to support the severely mentally handicapped persons before the services of DACs are made available to them? What are the number of places and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows —

1. There were 4 909 DAC places as at end-December 2014. In 2013-14, the average waiting time for DAC was 57.6 months.
2. For better use of resources, DACs are requested to maintain the enrolment rate at a high level.
3. In 2015-16, 151 additional DAC places are to be provided in North District, Tai Po, Sham Shui Po and Southern District.
4. Severely mentally handicapped persons waiting for DACs are provided with a range of community support services including home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and district support centres (DSCs) for persons with disabilities. The funding allocations for HCS and DSCs in 2015-16 are \$230 million and \$150 million respectively. The estimated number of HCS places is 3 250. DSCs are operated on a membership system. The number of members in each DSC varies depending on the needs of individual districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4158)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,  
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” (Special Scheme) under Matters Requiring Special Attention, would the Government please advise –

1. the number of in-situ expansion, redevelopment or development project proposals received under the scheme in the past 2 years? What kinds of services are involved? Please list the projects with a breakdown by service types. How many such projects have already been implemented?
2. in reviewing the projects, will the Social Welfare Department make any recommendations, such as requesting the organisation to increase the floor area for the provision of additional service places to ease the demand?
3. the expenditure of the scheme in the coming year?
4. apart from this scheme, are there any other measures in place to encourage the reservation of areas for social welfare uses in the development of privately owned sites?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. We have received 63 preliminary proposals for in-situ expansion, redevelopment or new development under the Special Scheme. Applicant organisations are required to provide a net increase of 1 or more than 1 of the following service facilities –

Services for the elderly

- (i) Care-and-attention (C&A) home providing a continuum of care
- (ii) Nursing home
- (iii) Day care centre for the elderly

#### Rehabilitation service

- (iv) C&A home for severely disabled persons
- (v) Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
- (vi) Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
- (vii) Long stay care home
- (viii) Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
- (ix) Day activity centre
- (x) Special child care centre
- (xi) Early education and training centres

Based on the information provided by the applicant organisations, it is expected that 5 of the projects under the Special Scheme could be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 100 subsidised elderly service places and 450 rehabilitation service places. As for the remaining 58 proposals, they are at different planning stages. Subject to smooth implementation, the projects are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18.

2. Under the Special Scheme, the Government will provide targeted assistance to the applicant organisations in the planning and development process, such as advising the applicant organisations to plan their proposed projects according to the land lease conditions, or the restrictions on building height and floor area as stipulated in the outline zoning plan or suggested by relevant departments, in order to fully utilise the floor area available for welfare facilities as far as practicable for increasing the provision of service places.
3. The Lotteries Fund (LF) has provided grants to support the project costs for 2 projects and the costs for technical feasibility studies for another 2 projects under the Special Scheme. According to the latest estimation, the estimated expenditure for the above grants in 2015-16 is about \$38 million.
4. Apart from the Special Scheme, if non-governmental organisations propose to increase the provision of welfare facilities by development, redevelopment, expansion or conversion of their own sites or premises, the Government will actively discuss with them, follow up their proposals, and consider, as appropriate, providing funding support under LF according to the established mechanism and requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1144****(Question Serial No. 4159)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

With regard to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Government please advise the following –

1. How many CSSA cases last year involved recipients under the two age groups of aged 60-64 and 65 or above respectively;
2. Regarding the above question, please provide a breakdown by case nature;
3. How many of such cases are singleton households and households with 2 or more members respectively; and
4. What are the household conditions of these cases, as to be provided in the following table –

	<b>Aged 60-64</b>	<b>Aged 65 or above</b>
Recipient and household member(s) are both elderly persons		
Recipient is able-bodied/50% disabled		
Recipient is 100% disabled		
Recipient requires constant attendance		
Recipient with household member(s) who is/are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health		
Household with able-bodied adult(s)		
<b>Total</b>		

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 64)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Among the CSSA cases in 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014), the number of cases involving recipients aged 60-64 and 65 or above were 25 781 and 131 435 respectively. Over 90% of these cases were old age cases.

3. In 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014), the number of CSSA old age cases by the number of eligible members was as follows –

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Number of old age cases</b>
1	109 912
2 or above	32 888
<b>Total</b>	<b>142 800</b>

4. The Social Welfare Department does not have a detailed breakdown on the cases mentioned in part (4) of the question above.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1145****(Question Serial No. 4160)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under this Programme, would the Government please advise the average time for new cases to be processed from application to payment for the past 2 years –

<b>Case nature</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Old age		
Permanent disability		
Ill health		
Single parent		
Low-earnings		
Unemployment		
Others		
<b>Total</b>		

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 65)Reply:

The average time for processing a new CSSA case in 2013-14 was 28 days, and the same average processing time (i.e. 28 days) is estimated for 2014-15. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average processing time by case nature.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1146****(Question Serial No. 4162)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide the living condition of OALA recipients by type of accommodation (i.e. public rental housing, owner-occupied private properties, private rental housing and other accommodation, etc.); and
2. Does the Government have any plan to conduct a review on OALA? If yes, what are the details and the timetable of the review? How much expenditure and manpower are estimated to be involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 67)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of OALA cases with a breakdown by type of accommodation is as follows –

<b>Type of accommodation</b>		<b>Number of cases (as at end-December 2014)</b>
Public housing estate		228 138
Private housing	Purchased	143 893
	Rented	24 057
Institution		9 249
Others		6 954
<b>Total</b>		<b>412 291</b>

2. OALA is one of the important initiatives to address the issue of poverty among elderly persons. The Government considers it more prudent to take account of the outcome of the current discussion on retirement protection in the review of OALA.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1147****(Question Serial No. 4163)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in this programme, would the Government please provide the statistics of CSSA unemployed recipients who have been on CSSA for over 12 months by district –

	Number of cases of 1-person households	Number of households with 2 persons or more	Recipients under the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS)	Recipients with a breakdown by gender	CSSA unemployed recipients with a breakdown by age group					Total
					15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	
Central & Western										
Wan Chai										
Eastern										
Southern										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Sham Shui Po										
Kowloon City										
Wong Tai Sin										
Kwun Tong										
Kwai Tsing										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Yuen Long										
North										
Tai Po										

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					15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										
<b>Total</b>										

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 68)

Reply:

The number of CSSA unemployed recipients who had been on CSSA for over 12 months as at end-December 2014, with a breakdown by selected profiles, were as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by number of eligible members

District	Number of recipients		
	Singleton case	Family case	Total
Central & Western	85	39	<b>124</b>
Eastern	243	413	<b>656</b>
Islands	101	326	<b>427</b>
Kowloon City	318	381	<b>699</b>
Kwai Tsing	499	826	<b>1 325</b>
Kwun Tong	688	1 547	<b>2 235</b>
North	241	519	<b>760</b>
Sai Kung	167	441	<b>608</b>
Sha Tin	270	593	<b>863</b>
Sham Shui Po	921	881	<b>1 802</b>
Southern	101	219	<b>320</b>
Tai Po	103	273	<b>376</b>
Tsuen Wan	143	187	<b>330</b>
Tuen Mun	418	550	<b>968</b>
Wan Chai	76	26	<b>102</b>
Wong Tai Sin	458	772	<b>1 230</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	685	277	<b>962</b>
Yuen Long	659	1 463	<b>2 122</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 176</b>	<b>9 733</b>	<b>15 909</b>

Table 2: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

District	Number of recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Central & Western	78	46	<b>124</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Eastern	312	344	<b>656</b>
Islands	241	186	<b>427</b>
Kowloon City	380	319	<b>699</b>
Kwai Tsing	643	682	<b>1 325</b>
Kwun Tong	1 103	1 132	<b>2 235</b>
North	368	392	<b>760</b>
Sai Kung	289	319	<b>608</b>
Sha Tin	396	467	<b>863</b>
Sham Shui Po	1 057	745	<b>1 802</b>
Southern	139	181	<b>320</b>
Tai Po	185	191	<b>376</b>
Tsuen Wan	177	153	<b>330</b>
Tuen Mun	531	437	<b>968</b>
Wan Chai	78	24	<b>102</b>
Wong Tai Sin	607	623	<b>1 230</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	698	264	<b>962</b>
Yuen Long	1 148	974	<b>2 122</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 430</b>	<b>7 479</b>	<b>15 909</b>

Table 3: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>					
	<b>Age group</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>15-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	
Central & Western	2	2	18	35	67	<b>124</b>
Eastern	18	47	57	232	302	<b>656</b>
Islands	24	33	44	148	178	<b>427</b>
Kowloon City	20	33	82	210	354	<b>699</b>
Kwai Tsing	84	84	98	347	712	<b>1 325</b>
Kwun Tong	103	214	157	611	1 150	<b>2 235</b>
North	30	48	55	233	394	<b>760</b>
Sai Kung	40	68	40	155	305	<b>608</b>
Sha Tin	26	50	67	254	466	<b>863</b>
Sham Shui Po	56	84	157	511	994	<b>1 802</b>
Southern	10	33	24	110	143	<b>320</b>
Tai Po	25	29	47	107	168	<b>376</b>
Tsuen Wan	11	26	45	90	158	<b>330</b>
Tuen Mun	45	39	89	273	522	<b>968</b>
Wan Chai	2	4	17	34	45	<b>102</b>
Wong Tai Sin	42	82	61	354	691	<b>1 230</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	23	49	137	275	478	<b>962</b>
Yuen Long	125	155	215	575	1 052	<b>2 122</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>1 410</b>	<b>4 554</b>	<b>8 179</b>	<b>15 909</b>

All CSSA unemployed recipients are required to participate in the IEAPS.

Unemployed recipients might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood) in their earlier years, and not all of them have been receiving assistance as a result of unemployment throughout their stay in the CSSA net.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4164)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and Disability Allowance, Old Age Allowance and Old Age Living Allowance that come under Social Security Allowance (SSA), would the Government please advise the following –

- (1) the number of persons provided with the above forms of social security who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years and their respective percentage of the total in the past year;
- (2) the number of persons provided with the above forms of social security who are ethnic minorities and their respective percentage of the total in the past year;
- (3) further to the above, a breakdown of the recipients of the above forms of social security by ethnicity;
- (4) with regard to enabling the above 2 categories of persons to leave the CSSA net, are there any specialised programmes offered by the Government to help them secure employment and if yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Applicants for the SSA Scheme are eligible for the assistance only if they have resided in HK for at least 7 years, in addition to meeting other relevant requirements.

As for CSSA, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has restored the “1-year residence requirement” which was in effect before 1 January 2004, following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. As at

31 December 2014, there were 19 127 CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years (including those exempted from the residence requirement on a discretionary basis before or after the CFA judgment), accounting for about 5% of all CSSA recipients.

- (2) & (3) As at 31 December 2014, the number of CSSA recipients by place of origin and the respective percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients were as follows –

<b>Place of origin</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>	<b>Percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients</b>
China	<b>367 237</b>	96%
<i>Pakistan</i>	6 544	4%
<i>Thailand</i>	1 259	
<i>Indonesia</i>	1 248	
<i>The Philippines</i>	1 133	
<i>India</i>	1 039	
<i>Vietnam</i>	776	
<i>Nepal</i>	589	
<i>Malaysia</i>	267	
<i>Europe</i>	44	
<i>Others</i>	1 171	
Subtotal of recipients whose place of origin is not China	<b>14 070</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>381 307</b>	<b>100%</b>

SWD does not have the number of SSA recipients broken down by place of origin.

- (4) SWD implemented the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in January 2013 commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to assist employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. NGOs provide a range of diversified and one-stop employment assistance services on family basis to enhance the employability of employable able-bodied CSSA recipients according to their needs. The organisations also allocate resources to groups with special needs, such as new arrivals and ethnic minorities, according to their different needs so as to provide them with more suitable employment assistance services. In the coming year, SWD will extend the IEAPS for 2 years until 31 March 2017, with an estimated expenditure of about \$220 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1149****(Question Serial No. 4165)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide data on the various supplements under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the last 2 years:

	<b>Number and percentage of application in 2013-2014</b>	<b>Total amount of the item in 2013-2014</b>	<b>Number and percentage of application in 2014-2015</b>	<b>Total amount of the item in 2013-2014</b>
long-term supplement				
single parent supplement				
community living supplement				
transport supplement				
residential care supplement				

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 71)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases applying for transport supplement in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the amounts involved were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Percentage of the total number of CSSA cases</b>	<b>Amount of transport supplement (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	50 741	19.6%	150
2014-15	50 855	20.1%	118
	(as at end-December 2014)		(up to end-December 2014)

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****(Question Serial No. 4166)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the “licensing scheme for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)” under this Programme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following since the commencement of the Ordinance –

1. the changes in the number of RCHDs in Hong Kong each year;
2. for the 3 categories of subvented, self-financing and non-profit-making as well as private RCHDs, how many are licensed RCHDs and how many are operating on a certificate of exemption (CoE)?
3. the total number of RCHDs that ceased operation, the number of persons with disabilities involved and whether they have all been properly resettled;
4. the number of applications received since the Financial Assistance Scheme was implemented upon the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Ordinance) took effect and the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 74)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of RCHDs in each year since the Ordinance took effect on 18 November 2011 is as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of RCHDs</b>
2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)	315
2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	316
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	306
2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)	310

2. The number of RCHDs issued with licences or CoEs as at end-February 2015 is as follows –

<b>Type of RCHDs</b>	<b>With licence</b>	<b>With CoE</b>
Subvented RCHD	14	210
Self-financing RCHD	5	13
Private RCHD	14	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>277</b>

3. A total of 17 RCHDs have ceased operation since the Ordinance took effect. All the 80 affected residents have been admitted to other RCHDs or referred to receive the required services.
4. As at end-February 2015, the Social Welfare Department received a total of 27 applications under the Financial Assistance Scheme for private RCHDs, involving a total amount of some \$9 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4167)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to “strengthened day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities” under this Programme, would the Government please advise the following –

1. the number, utilisation rate and waiting time regarding places for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities by constituency in the past 2 years;
2. the number of cases reported to the Government, if any, for not being able to receive respite services immediately or having to go to other districts for the services in the past 2 years;
3. whether additional places for day and residential respite services will be provided in the coming year and if yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places for short-term day and residential respite services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for persons with disabilities in 11 administration districts in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is set out in the Annex. At present, service users are not required to apply for day and residential respite services through a central waiting system. Applicants may file applications directly to the service units concerned, or have the applications referred by social workers of Medical Social Services Unit, Integrated Family Service Centre, special schools or rehabilitation service units. SWD does not keep the information on the utilisation rate and waiting time in respect of the residential respite services provided by residential care homes for persons with disabilities.
2. No cases were received by SWD about not being able to receive respite services immediately or having to go to other districts for the services in the past 2 years.

3. In 2014-15, SWD has increased the allocation of resources for additional places for short-term day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities at the age of 6 or above. The additional 112 places for short-term day respite services have been offered in January 2015, while 36 places for residential respite services will also be offered during the fourth quarter of 2014-15. SWD will continue to invite applications from service units of non-government organizations to provide places for short-term day and residential respite services in the coming year.

**Number of places for short-term day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities in 2013-14 and 2014-2015**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>			
	<b>2013-14 (As at December 2013)</b>		<b>2014-15 (As at December 2014)</b>	
	<b>Day respite services</b>	<b>Residential respite services</b>	<b>Day respite services</b>	<b>Residential respite services</b>
Central & Western District/Southern District and Islands	2	44	2	44
Eastern District/ Wan Chai	0	8	0	8
Kwun Tong	5	23	5	23
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	31	4	31
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	13	0	13
Sham Shui Po	0	5	0	5
Sha Tin	10	20	10	20
Tai Po/North	10	20	10	20
Yuen Long	2	12	2	12
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	8	45	8	45
Tuen Mun	3	27	3	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>252</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)1152**

**(Question Serial No. 4177)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of enhancing “the community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers in elderly centres”, would the Government please advise –

1. the number of service organisations among existing district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres, social centres for the elderly and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) that provide specialised services to support demented elderly persons;
2. to follow up on the above question, the number of service organisations that provide preliminary dementia screening service;
3. the number and percentage of existing members or service users of the above units that have been diagnosed with dementia;
4. the expenditure on enhancing the support given by elderly centres to demented elderly persons next year.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government supports frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community and their families through 70 DEs/day care units for the elderly, 34 enhanced home and community care services teams, and 60 integrated home care services teams. Support services for the elderly persons and their families are also provided by 210 elderly centres. The services include training and counselling services, assistance in forming carers' mutual help groups, setting up resources centres and demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. At present, elderly persons with dementia are served in an integrated manner in one care facility (i.e. in the same environment with which the elderly persons are familiar) in order to ensure that they can receive appropriate care services at different stages. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue its efforts in enhancing the support for these care units to

enable them to provide appropriate services for elderly persons with dementia at different stages. Moreover, under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, 6 Recognised Service Providers provide a total of 97 service places, offering specialised day care services for demented elderly persons.

2. & 3. SWD does not have the number of service organisations that provide preliminary dementia screening service for their members or service users, nor the number of service users diagnosed with dementia in these service organisations.
4. Since 2014-15, an additional annual recurrent funding of some \$22 million has been provided to 41 DECCs to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1153****(Question Serial No. 7057)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (184) Traffic Accident Victims Assistance SchemeProgramme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The provision under Subhead 184 Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme will increase by 13.2% in the coming year. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) explains that it is due to “adjustments in respect of levies in previous years”. In this regard, please advise –

1. the number of cases with actual assistance provided under the TAVA Scheme and the amount involved for the past 2 years; and
2. the TAVA Scheme and the relevant ordinance were formulated and implemented back in 1979. With the increasingly diversified and developed transport network and road transport, will the Government consider reviewing the ordinance and the Scheme, so as to extend the coverage to include all railway transport or even marine accidents? If no, what are the reasons and does it mean a deviation from the existing policy of having railway as the main transport means?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 76)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of approved cases of the TAVA Scheme and the amount of payment involved for the past 2 years were as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases approved</b>	<b>Amount of payment (\$ million)</b>
2013-14	13 456	215.1
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	10 007	162.7

2. The TAVA Scheme was established in accordance with the Traffic Accident Victims (Assistance Fund) Ordinance (the Ordinance), Cap. 229 of the Laws of Hong Kong. It aims to provide speedy, non-means tested financial assistance to road traffic

accident victims or to their dependants in cases of death, regardless of the element of fault leading to the occurrence of the accident.

Under the Ordinance, relevant traffic accidents must involve death or injury caused by vehicles (including tramcars and light rail vehicles) on a road (including tramway and railway of the light rail) or private road. The road and private road referred to in the Ordinance do not include railways other than the Light Rail.

The Government does not have plans to extend the TAVA Scheme to cover railways (except the Light Rail) or marine accidents, because railway transport (except the Light Rail) and marine transport are different from ordinary road transport in terms of operations and risk of accident. Railway transport (except the Light Rail) does not involve road links and is therefore not affected by other road-based transport. Moreover, members of the public are not allowed to enter the railway areas.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1154****(Question Serial No. 3753)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible, among other things, for combating fraud relating to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following -

- (1) the number of cases of fraud relating to CSSA and SSA Schemes over the past 3 years and the amounts of money involved?
- (2) whether the Government has assessed the effectiveness of the current measures in combating fraud.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Pei-chun, James (Member Question No. 55)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of cases of fraud relating to CSSA and SSA from 2012-13 to 2014-15 was as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)
Number of suspected fraud reports reported	3 016	2 853	2 082
Number of established fraud cases	1 157	893	629
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	69.1	63.6	43.0

- (2) SWD has always processed every application under the CSSA or SSA scheme rigorously. SWD staff review all new applications/re-applications to ensure the allowances are paid to those who genuinely meet the application criteria.

In addition, to ensure the right amounts of allowances are approved, SWD conducts regular case reviews to evaluate the changes which might affect the amount of allowances or which might not have been reported by the recipients, and carries out data matching regularly with other governmental departments and relevant organisations to cross-check the information provided by the recipients.

SWD provides the “Report Fraud Hotline” and the “Information Form on fraudulent claims for CSSA” for the public to report fraud cases. Upon receipt of reports, the Special Investigation Section will conduct in-depth investigations into the alleged fraud cases and refer suspected fraud cases to the police for follow-up actions.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3754)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department will provide additional day, residential and pre-school places. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee of: the number of additional places for the aforesaid services, the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of beneficiaries respectively?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Pei-chun, James (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government plans to provide 151 additional places of day activity centre, 50 additional places of sheltered workshop, 25 additional places of halfway house, 21 additional places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 91 additional places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons, 40 additional places of care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons, 16 additional places of small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children, 70 additional places of supported hostel, 196 additional places of early education and training centre, 114 additional places of special child care centre and 240 additional places of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre.

The estimated number of places and expenditure for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16 are set out in the Annex.

**Estimated number of places and expenditure for  
rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16**

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Estimated number of places in 2015-16</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure in 2015-16 (\$ million)</b>
<b>Pre-school services</b>		
EETC	3 251	207.3
SCCC	1 913	300.6
IP	2 100	115.2
<b>Day training and vocational rehabilitation services</b>		
DAC	5 297	582.3
SW	5 326	307.3
SE	1 633	63.5
IVRSC	4 387	239.6
OJT	432	13.2
Sunnyway	311	14.2
IVTC (Day)	453	27.8
<b>Residential services</b>		
HWH	1 534	181.9
LSCH	1 587	236.1
IVTC (Res)	170	9.9
HMMH	2 405	254.1
HSMH	3 652	693.2
HSPH	573	116.7
C&A/SD	1 031	221.0
C&A/AB	825	136.2
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	80	7.7 <sup>[Note]</sup>
SHOS	666	62.8
RSCCC	110	23.0

[Note] Estimated expenditure for SGH(MMHC) only. The estimate for ISGH is included in the estimate for Small Group Home.

**Legend**

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

IVTC (Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC (Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3742)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the Policy Address (paragraph 137(2)), the Chief Executive proposed to, from 2015-16 onwards, gradually increase the subsidised places of extended hours service (EHS) provided by child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) to some 6 200. Moreover, the Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 136 of the Budget Speech that \$130 million would be allocated to strengthen child care services. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) whether the amount of \$130 million will be fully allocated to the subsidised places of EHS proposed by the Chief Executive;
- (b) if not, what are the projects to be covered with the funding;
- (c) the details of the spread of funding in each district;
- (d) the current amount of subsidy for each subsidised place of EHS;
- (e) the number of subsidised places of EHS and the utilisation rate in each district (please set out in table form); and
- (f) the waiting list figures on child care services in each district (please set out in table form).

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (c) While the Government will allocate about \$130 million to enhance child care services, not all the extra resources provided will be allocated to the subsidised places of EHS. The said amount will be spent on the enhanced provision of the following –
  - (1) Significantly increase in phases the total number of places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the

addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards;

- (2) Provide resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing occasional child care service and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support from 2015-16 onwards; and
  - (3) Provide about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 from 2017-18 onwards.
- (d) The current total number of subsidised places of EHS is 1 230, involving an expenditure of \$15.6 million in the 2014-15 Revised Estimate.
- (e) The current number of places and utilisation rate of EHS by district are set out in the Annex.
- (f) The Social Welfare Department does not keep statistical information on the waiting list for child care services in each district.



**Number of Places and Average Utilisation Rate of Extended Hours Service (EHS)  
(April to December 2014)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Average utilisation rate (%)</b>
Central & Western	52	44
Eastern	96	74
Islands	14	3
Kowloon City	66	61
Kwai Tsing	88	59
Kwun Tong	122	76
North	58	67
Sai Kung	56	56
Sha Tin	82	56
Sham Shui Po	76	100
Southern	58	70
Tai Po	66	93
Tsuen Wan	50	99
Tuen Mun	78	75
Wan Chai	56	74
Wong Tai Sin	84	100
Yau Tsim Mong	58	74
Yuen Long	70	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>69</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3744)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department's total provision for services for the elderly will increase by 11.4% from about \$6 billion in last year's Revised Estimate to about \$6.7 billion. In this connection, can this Committee be informed of the measures to be implemented by the additional provision and its related expenditure?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

Estimate for 2015-16 is 11.4% (\$682.3 million) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. The additional allocation is mainly for the provision of subsidised home, day and residential care places, the full-year effect of new initiatives which have only been implemented in 2014-15, and the net increase of 4 posts in the Social Welfare Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3746)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Subsequent to the Court of Final Appeal's judgment in mid-December 2013 that new arrivals may apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) after residing in Hong Kong for 1 year, would the Government please advise this Committee -

- (a) In 2014-15, what is the total number of CSSA applications submitted by new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for 1 year?
- (b) Based on the situation in the past year, how many additional CSSA applications are estimated to be received from new arrivals in each of the coming 10 years?
- (c) How much additional financial provision has been earmarked for new CSSA cases for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively?
- (d) How much additional funding, as expected by the Government, is required to be earmarked for new CSSA cases in each of the coming 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed down on 17 December 2013 on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has restored the "1-year residence requirement" which was in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 will continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The impact of the CFA judgment on CSSA expenditure would, to a very large extent, depend on the financial status of the new arrivals and their interest in applying for CSSA. From the date of the judgment to 31 December 2014, SWD received a total of about 8 600 applications which involved persons aged 18 or above who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years. As a matter of fact, the number of such applications has fallen sharply from a high of 170 per working day at end-2013 to about 10 per working day recently. After deducting the number of rejected applications and applications withdrawn by applicants, and discounting the applications which would have been approved on a

discretionary basis had the “7-year residence requirement” still been effective, it is estimated that as at end-December 2014, there were about 5 500 recipients arising from the CFA judgment, involving about \$175 million in CSSA payments in 2014. SWD does not have the number of CSSA applications for 2014-15 submitted by new arrivals who had resided in Hong Kong for 1 year. At this stage, no estimation is made on the number of CSSA applications to be submitted by new arrivals in the coming 10 years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3454)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding adoption service,

1. As at end-February 2015, how many children/youth were waiting for adoption into local homes and how many local families were applying for adoption of children or youth?
2. As at end-February 2015, what would be the arrangement made for the children or youth who had not yet been adopted?
3. The estimated number of children available for adoption placed into local homes within 3 months in 2015-16 remains at the same as that in 2014-15 but is lower than that in 2013-14. What are the reasons?
4. What are the age and gender distributions of the children available for adoption into local homes in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 79)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. As at end-February 2015, there were 76 children waiting for local adoption, while 227 applications were received from local families for adoption.
2. The Adoption Unit of the Social Welfare Department will continue to look for suitable adoptive homes for children not yet adopted.
3. As the number of children available for adoption and placed into local homes within 3 months in the 2015-16 Estimate is projected on the basis of that in the 2014-15 Revised Estimate, the two figures are therefore the same. The number is reduced compared with 2013-14 because of various factors, including the Government's enhanced support services for needy parents, and boosting their ability to bring up children, so that they are not required to relinquish their parental rights.

4. Between April 2014 and February 2015, 58 children available for adoption, 30 boys and 28 girls, were adopted into local homes. Their age distribution was as follows -

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
From birth to under 3	49
3 to under 6	6
6 or above	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1160****(Question Serial No. 3455)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding foster care service,

1. What were the numbers of children and youths receiving foster care service respectively as at end-December 2014? What was their age distribution? What was their duration of stay in foster families?
2. What were the numbers of children and youths waiting for foster care service respectively as at end-December 2014? What was their age distribution?
3. The estimated number of places for foster care service in 2015-16 remains unchanged as that in the past 3 years (i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15). What are the reasons? Is it due to the unavailability of foster homes or because no children or youths are willing to receive such service? Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) evaluate the service effectiveness? If yes, when will the evaluation be conducted?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 80)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. There were 932 children receiving foster care service as at end-December 2014. The age distribution and average time spent in foster care were as follows –

Age	Number of children	Average time spent in foster care (months)
From birth to 6	439	18.2
Above 6 to 12	363	55.4
Above 12 to 18	130	106.8

2. There were a total of 16 children waiting for matching of foster care homes as at end-December 2014. The age distribution was as follows –

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of children</b>
From birth to 6	11
Above 6 to 12	5
Above 12 to 18	-

3. SWD provided an additional 50 foster care places in 2012-13 to assist families and children in need of the service. The average monthly utilisation rate of foster care was 87% in 2014-15 (as at December 2014). The number of foster care places for 2015-16 remains unchanged. SWD will continue to monitor the service demand and work closely with the service operators to assess service effectiveness according to agreed performance standards.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1161****(Question Serial No. 3456)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding residential homes for children (RHCs),

1. It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional places in RHCs. Please provide the number, time frame of provision and geographical distribution of such places. Are the places provided specifically for ordinary children or children with special needs? If yes, what is the proportion between them?
2. How many children were admitted to RHCs as at end-December 2014? What were their age and duration of stay respectively?
3. Based on the information provided, the enrolment rate of RHCs has been maintained at 87% since 2013-14. How does the SWD assess the need to increase or reduce the places?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 81)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. It is expected that 9 additional places for girls' home will be provided on Hong Kong Island in the last quarter of 2015-16. The target children are girls with behavioural or emotional problems whose families are unable to take proper care of them.
2. There were a total of 1 464 children admitted to RHCs as at end-December 2014. Their age and average duration of stay were as follows –

Age	Number of children	Average duration of stay (months)
From birth to 6	241	12.8
Above 6 to 12	356	18.5
Above 12 to 18	807	16.6
Above 18 to 21	60	29.7

3. SWD has been using the central referral system to capture the number of children applying for residential care service. SWD also reviews the utilisation of the service regularly, so as to closely monitor the demand for residential care service for children and consider whether it is necessary to adjust the number of places.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3457)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs),

1. Since 2012-13, the number of IFSCs operated by the Government or the subvented sector has remained unchanged and the numbers of cases served, and groups and programmes have been more or less the same. The estimated number of IFSCs for 2015-16 will also remain unchanged. Does the scale of IFSCs limit the number of families reached or is it because the services provided by IFSCs are unable to meet the families' needs? When would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) review the effectiveness of IFSCs?
2. What is the annual expenditure of each IFSC operated by the Government and the subvented sector? What are the manpower and posts involved?
3. In accordance with the Long Term Housing Strategy, 290 000 public housing units will be constructed in the next decade. Such additional families or families newly moved in would become potential cases for IFSCs. Will the Government consider increasing the number of IFSCs to embrace the challenges ahead? If yes, what is the time frame?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of cases served and groups and programmes run by IFSCs in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are the actual services delivered to the families in need. The numbers of cases served and groups and programmes in 2014-15 Revised Estimate are derived from the actual outputs of services delivered to the needy families in the first two quarters of the year. The 2013-14 Actual and 2014-15 Revised Estimate indicate that the service demand has become stable. SWD therefore projects that the service outputs of 2015-16 will generally remain at the 2014-15 level.

According to the “Review on the Implementation of the IFSC Service Mode” (the Review) completed by the Consultant Team of the University of Hong Kong (the Consultant Team) in 2010, the IFSC service mode had received general support from service users, IFSC management, frontline social workers and stakeholders as meaningful and appropriate in directing and delivering family services in contemporary Hong Kong. The Consultant Team recommended that the IFSC service mode should continue to be adopted for publicly-funded family services in Hong Kong. SWD has no plan to commission another service review on the IFSC service mode in the near future.

2. In 2014-15, the expenditure for IFSCs run by SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) was \$599 million and \$293 million respectively. At present, there are 738 frontline social worker posts in 41 IFSCs run by SWD. As regards the 24 IFSCs run by NGOs, the manpower provision is arranged with reference to the service needs and characteristics of the locality. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated funding in arranging suitable staffing for service provision on the premises that the service quality is ensured and service demands are met.
3. The Consultant Team indicated in the Review Report in 2010 that the current principle of setting up 1 IFSC for a population size of 100 000 to 150 000 was reasonable and appropriate. SWD will keep in view the estimated population growth and population structure of individual districts, social indicators, number of cases served by each IFSC and service demand, etc. and seek additional resources to set up new IFSCs as necessary.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1163****(Question Serial No. 3458)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

As at end December 2014, how many households living in private housing were receiving rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme?

	1-person elderly household	1-person household	2-person elderly household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	6-person-or-above household
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 83)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance (with a breakdown by the number of eligible family members), and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance were as follows –

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>Number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance as at end-December 2014</b>	<b>CSSA expenditure on rent allowance in December 2014 (\$ million)</b>
1	15 079	20.7
2	8 340	21.0
3	4 966	17.1
4	2 096	7.8
5	698	2.7
6 and above	343	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 522</b>	<b>71.0</b>

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1164****(Question Serial No. 3459)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance in various public housing estates (PHE) in Hong Kong as at end-December 2014.

Name of PHE	1-person elderly household	1-person household	2-person elderly household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	6-person-or-above household
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 84)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in each public housing estate with a breakdown by the number of eligible family members as at end-December 2014 was as follows –

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ap Lei Chau	178	169	63	35	9	3
Bo Shek Mansion	39	11	2	-	-	-
Broadview Garden	6	12	2	-	-	-
Butterfly	553	478	91	19	1	-
Chai Wan	247	89	33	10	3	-
Chak On	205	219	29	7	-	1
Cheung Ching	198	177	77	32	11	5
Cheung Fat	178	98	36	12	1	-
Cheung Hang	275	102	64	15	13	5
Cheung Hong	548	494	130	30	18	6
Cheung Kwai	18	16	8	2	1	2
Cheung On	219	97	29	8	3	1
Cheung Sha Wan	139	62	38	17	7	1
Cheung Shan	41	47	18	18	6	3

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Cheung Wah	275	232	52	22	5	2
Cheung Wang	395	145	104	44	18	6
Ching Ho	793	441	298	170	42	10
Cho Yiu Chuen	113	58	17	8	5	-
Choi Fai	80	37	20	7	4	2
Choi Fook	334	188	100	36	11	3
Choi Ha	111	35	19	5	3	2
Choi Hung	551	460	125	36	20	4
Choi Ming Court	290	112	50	27	15	4
Choi Tak	494	326	108	31	14	3
Choi Wan (I)	249	222	90	47	26	5
Choi Wan (II)	116	117	55	25	6	1
Choi Ying	424	240	117	37	11	1
Choi Yuen	527	490	82	45	13	-
Chuk Yuen (North)	225	115	35	16	1	3
Chuk Yuen (South)	604	527	112	43	12	1
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	66	36	9	2	2	-
Chun Shek	192	132	27	8	4	-
Chung On	230	133	73	22	11	2
Clague Garden Estate	27	29	9	3	-	-
Easeful Court	5	10	14	8	4	2
Fortune	545	88	52	6	3	-
Fu Cheong	1 174	310	108	51	24	6
Fu Heng	354	133	51	20	6	2
Fu Shan	139	58	41	13	2	-
Fu Shin	269	252	69	22	5	1
Fu Tai	335	124	118	66	31	39
Fu Tung	61	33	25	16	7	2
Fuk Loi	228	178	58	11	3	-
Fung Tak	337	103	37	14	5	1
Fung Wah	74	19	9	4	1	1
Fung Wo	124	74	38	8	1	-
Grandeur Terrace	46	180	228	106	43	23
Hau Tak	304	128	70	44	12	4
Healthy Village	68	33	14	3	-	-
Heng On	88	84	45	13	8	1
High Prosperity Terrace	2	14	13	9	4	2
Hin Keng	74	90	38	11	5	-
Hin Yiu	89	57	19	7	5	-
Hing Man	86	78	29	16	7	8
Hing Tin	44	38	35	7	-	1
Hing Tung	134	62	26	20	6	3
Hing Wah (I)	245	60	52	14	7	5
Hing Wah (II)	322	283	45	29	1	2
Ho Man Tin	562	214	73	29	15	5
Hoi Fu Court	398	203	61	26	14	8
Hoi Lai	214	180	142	111	39	23
Hong Tung	162	41	4	1	1	-
Hung Hom	421	151	66	28	8	3
Jat Min Chuen	237	146	29	11	2	1
Ka Fuk	184	62	40	16	5	3
Ka Wai Chuen	158	85	18	8	1	1

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Kai Ching	395	223	130	25	7	7
Kai Tin	274	95	39	31	8	3
Kai Yip	481	395	67	18	2	1
Kam Peng	20	8	9	4	3	-
Kin Ming	535	224	209	124	39	23
Kin Sang	78	33	14	8	3	-
King Lam	395	110	35	12	3	1
Ko Cheung Court	18	66	59	33	11	8
Ko Yee	158	62	16	10	4	4
Kwai Chung	1 355	651	343	192	70	20
Kwai Fong	587	183	107	50	25	18
Kwai Hing	62	44	10	4	1	1
Kwai Luen	195	98	89	42	6	4
Kwai Shing (East)	716	272	106	47	19	12
Kwai Shing (West)	307	239	76	35	5	3
Kwong Fuk	326	350	100	48	16	6
Kwong Tin	152	57	42	26	9	3
Kwong Yuen	296	101	42	17	6	1
Kwun Lung Lau	122	39	19	23	4	3
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	315	211	45	29	9	1
Lai King	284	227	57	20	8	3
Lai Kok	353	271	54	17	5	-
Lai On	161	42	16	16	5	2
Lai Tak Tsuen	100	69	10	7	3	1
Lai Yiu	176	119	30	17	16	11
Lakeside Garden	9	6	6	2	-	-
Lam Tin	318	139	95	43	8	2
Lee On	262	163	67	24	11	2
Lei Cheng Uk	223	167	46	28	3	0
Lei Muk Shue	766	412	195	110	36	12
Lei Tung	293	194	48	17	5	2
Lei Yue Mun	348	175	96	33	14	2
Lek Yuen	236	161	60	29	6	1
Leung King	482	176	74	28	11	6
Lok Fu	383	133	64	33	3	5
Lok Man Sun Chuen	227	128	40	16	2	3
Lok Wah (North)	85	88	53	30	11	2
Lok Wah (South)	821	823	65	10	3	-
Long Bin IH	43	14	7	-	2	1
Long Ping	303	362	129	56	13	1
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	283	211	83	40	9	2
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	446	184	70	25	6	3
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	337	219	100	56	13	6
Lung Hang	158	164	67	34	12	4
Lung Tin	65	19	2	2	2	1
Lung Yat	36	46	43	8	3	1
Ma Hang	40	22	5	5	-	-
Ma Tau Wai	140	144	51	13	3	3
Mei Lam	294	242	64	29	5	2
Mei Tin	559	326	220	93	27	6
Mei Tung	199	125	62	19	5	1
Ming Tak	150	50	19	7	3	3

Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ming Wah Dai Ha	117	70	10	5	-	-
Model Housing	40	13	11	8	1	8
Moon Lok Dai Ha	63	31	11	2	1	1
Nam Cheong	120	74	19	8	8	2
Nam Shan	240	219	68	18	4	-
Nga Ning Court	25	9	3	7	-	-
Ngan Wan	18	18	9	3	4	-
Oi Man	244	237	143	47	16	7
Oi Tung	687	232	81	20	12	3
On Tin	8	25	28	16	7	3
On Ting	515	311	79	23	11	4
On Yam	342	151	81	45	24	27
Pak Tin	1 089	379	179	86	24	7
Ping Shek	252	186	61	30	3	2
Ping Tin	756	257	107	47	14	4
Po Lam	192	172	57	14	3	4
Po Tat	836	350	203	105	43	17
Po Tin	1 673	299	63	20	7	1
Pok Hong	137	126	53	17	6	2
Prosperous Garden	73	12	1	1	-	-
Sai Wan	13	10	16	8	2	2
Sam Shing	85	88	22	20	3	1
Sau Mau Ping (South)	384	216	135	38	14	4
Sau Mau Ping	1 444	571	313	146	34	27
Sha Kok	589	490	87	55	6	2
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	27	15	7	2	5	-
Shan King	527	546	121	49	6	5
Shatin Pass	109	54	29	7	5	-
Shek Kip Mei	1 048	660	228	73	25	10
Shek Lei (I)	435	306	98	33	15	5
Shek Lei (II)	941	346	223	110	36	21
Shek Mun	152	103	44	26	6	2
Shek Pai Wan	401	191	84	30	16	11
Shek Wai Kok	354	376	89	43	16	-
Shek Yam (East)	301	76	37	21	11	2
Shek Yam	287	137	51	40	10	10
Sheung Lok	107	35	3	-	-	-
Sheung Tak	506	187	103	51	25	14
Shin Ming	191	116	44	13	1	1
Shui Pin Wai	332	217	47	13	7	5
Shun Lee	272	240	78	29	6	3
Shun On	257	220	48	20	4	4
Shun Tin	470	491	100	58	21	7
Siu Sai Wan	264	150	111	50	15	14
Sun Chui	391	334	106	40	21	4
Sun Tin Wai	165	135	72	25	7	2
Tai Hang Tung	389	135	30	10	1	7
Tai Hing	873	623	159	53	6	2
Tai Ping	20	29	10	5	3	1
Tai Wo	407	143	43	27	8	1
Tai Wo Hau	579	385	135	57	20	11
Tai Yuen	229	224	117	63	23	8



Number of eligible members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Tak Long	491	328	161	49	18	4
Tak Tin	587	170	43	24	6	5
Tin Chak	402	202	148	66	13	6
Tin Ching	623	397	261	142	46	4
Tin Heng	67	225	248	131	63	54
Tin King	54	62	29	16	3	-
Tin Ping	118	89	48	15	5	-
Tin Shui	404	279	148	76	20	18
Tin Tsz	445	151	64	30	5	3
Tin Wah	467	147	96	41	15	9
Tin Wan	397	99	54	25	5	6
Tin Yan	951	418	153	47	14	2
Tin Yat	45	151	129	87	28	18
Tin Yiu	493	312	166	72	38	7
Tin Yuet	488	177	124	77	24	18
Tsing Yi	140	55	20	10	3	1
Tsui Lam	71	117	43	22	7	3
Tsui Lok	64	59	1	2	-	-
Tsui Ping (South)	334	143	56	25	9	6
Tsui Ping (North)	733	415	114	41	11	5
Tsui Wan	107	40	16	4	3	-
Tsz Ching	1 209	285	153	87	18	9
Tsz Hong	46	98	79	30	19	5
Tsz Lok	672	273	101	45	22	6
Tsz Man	170	70	39	32	13	6
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	6	1	2	-	-
Tung Tau	490	239	59	15	8	2
Tung Wui	296	58	33	4	3	-
Un Chau	1 049	389	139	50	21	9
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 187	329	116	68	25	10
Upper Wong Tai Sin	662	274	102	34	15	6
Verbena Heights	131	37	6	3	-	1
Wah Fu	385	326	145	58	8	7
Wah Kwai	226	67	21	5	4	-
Wah Lai	98	34	31	19	8	5
Wah Ming	266	144	59	25	5	1
Wah Sum	149	57	27	15	6	5
Wan Hon	256	182	9	4	-	1
Wan Tau Tong	155	53	17	7	3	-
Wan Tsui	224	178	69	37	9	2
Wang Tau Hom	343	159	84	43	16	8
Wing Cheong	127	89	34	19	4	5
Wo Che	290	251	138	69	23	10
Wo Lok	167	133	38	8	1	2
Wu King	100	146	100	46	12	3
Yan On	228	120	58	20	3	1
Yat Tung	511	392	329	240	124	97
Yau Lai	721	593	205	91	30	18
Yau Oi	516	390	173	100	35	12
Yau Tong	405	215	86	51	21	3
Yee Ming	80	39	61	20	6	1
Yiu On	128	101	31	15	2	-

<b>Number of eligible members</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 and above</b>
Yiu Tung	450	152	49	35	12	6
Yue Kwong Chuen	30	19	5	1	-	-
Yue Wan	144	147	45	20	5	2
Yung Shing Court	229	50	21	28	17	2
<b>Total number of cases</b>	<b>71 397</b>	<b>39 950</b>	<b>16 186</b>	<b>7 317</b>	<b>2 474</b>	<b>1 122</b>
<b>Total expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3468)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is proposed in the Policy Address that vouchers for residential care services for the elderly can be introduced to ease the demand for residential care services. Please advise –

1. Which organisation has been commissioned to conduct a study on the scheme?
2. What is the Government provision for the study on service demand? When will the study be commenced? When is it expected to be completed?
3. If the scheme is implemented, will the service targets be determined by their financial means or by their health conditions?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 93)

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) has conducted a feasibility study on introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly (RCS voucher scheme) since July 2014, with the assistance of a consultant team which has an in-depth understanding of the subject. The consultant team is led by Dr CHUI Wing-tak, Ernest and Dr LAW Chi-kwong from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of the University of Hong Kong, and comprised of members from other universities. It is expected that EC will submit its report in mid-2015. An expenditure of \$1.4 million is involved in the feasibility study.

The consultant team has put forward some preliminary findings and recommendations on the feasibility study and organised public engagement sessions in mid-February 2015 in which the sector, service users and their families, as well as other stakeholders, were consulted on the initial ideas of the scheme. The Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department and the consultant team had reported the progress of the feasibility study and collected the views of the members and organisations at the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council in February and March 2015 respectively. With reference to the views collected in the public engagement sessions and the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services, the consultant team will review the preliminary findings and recommendations and make a report to EC to facilitate the formulation of final recommendations.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1166****(Question Serial No. 4599)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the engagement of outsourced workers, please provide the following information:

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Number of outsourced service contracts	( )
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	( )
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	( )
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers	( )
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$30,001 or above</li> <li>● \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>● \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>● \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>● \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>● under \$6,240</li> </ul>	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● over 15 years</li> <li>● 10 to 15 years</li> <li>● 5 to 10 years</li> <li>● 3 to 5 years</li> <li>● 1 to 3 years</li> <li>● under 1 year</li> </ul>	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department	( )
Percentage of payments to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the	( )

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Department	
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )
Number of workers working 5 days per week	( )
Number of workers working 6 days per week	( )

( ) denotes the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2014-15

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 112)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the engagement of outsourced workers in 2015-16. The relevant information for 2014-15 is provided as follows –

	<b>2014-15 (up to 14 March 2015)</b>
Number of outsourced service contracts	118 <sup>[Note 1]</sup> (+15.7%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$294.9 million <sup>[Note 2]</sup> (+36.1%)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	1 to 3 years
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers	Not available
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	Not available
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,001 or above</li> <li>• \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>• \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>• \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>• \$6,240 to \$6,500</li> <li>• under \$6,240</li> </ul>	Not available

	<b>2014-15 (up to 14 March 2015)</b>
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 15 years</li> <li>• 10 to 15 years</li> <li>• 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• 3 to 5 years</li> <li>• 1 to 3 years</li> <li>• under 1 year</li> </ul>	Not available
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department	Not available
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the Department	11.2% (+27.4%)
Number of outsourced workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	Not available
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	Not available
Number of outsourced workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	Not available
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	Not available
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal break Number of outsourced workers without paid meal break	Not available
Number of outsourced workers working 5 days per week Number of outsourced workers working 6 days per week	Not available

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2013-14 (as at 14 March 2014)

[Note 1] These refer to outsourced service contracts (cleansing, security guard, telecommunications and information technology, training and horticulture) with contract value over \$50,000 awarded during the year, including services provided to the service centres operated by SWD, and also the procurement of services of employment agencies for information technology services under the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer's bulk contract.

[Note 2] Payment made in 2014-15 include payment for contracts awarded before 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1167****(Question Serial No. 4600)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the engagement of agency workers, please provide the following information –

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Number of contracts with employment agencies	( )
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	( )
Duration of service of each employment agency	( )
Number of agency workers	( )
Details of the positions held by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	( )
• under \$6,240	( )
Length of service of agency workers	
• over 15 years	( )
• 10 to 15 years	( )
• 5 to 10 years	( )
• 3 to 5 years	( )
• 1 to 3 years	( )
• under 1 year	( )
Percentage of agency workers against the total number of staff in the Social Welfare Department (SWD)	( )
Percentage of payments to employment agencies against the total staff costs of SWD	( )
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	( )

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/ contract gratuity paid	( )
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )
Number of workers working 5 days per week	( )
Number of workers working 6 days per week	( )

( ) denotes the change in percentage as compared with 2014-15

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 113)

Reply:

SWD has not engaged any agency worker in 2014-15.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1168****(Question Serial No. 4601)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide the following information –

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Number of NCSC staff	( )
Breakdown of the positions held by NCSC staff	
Salary expenditure of NCSC staff	( )
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	( )
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	( )
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	( )
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	( )
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	( )
• under \$6,240	( )
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• over 15 years	( )
• 10 to 15 years	( )
• 5 to 10 years	( )
• 3 to 5 years	( )
• 1 to 3 years	( )
• under 1 year	( )
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	( )
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the Social Welfare Department (SWD)	( )
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	( )
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	( )

	<b>2015-16 (the latest position)</b>
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/ contract gratuity paid	( )
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)	( )
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	( )
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	( )
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days per week	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days per week	( )

( ) denotes the change in percentage as compared with 2014-15

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 114)

Reply:

SWD does not have information on the employment of full-time NCSC staff <sup>[Note 1]</sup> in 2015-16. The relevant information about 2014-15 (as at end-December 2014) was as follows –

	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>	
Number of NCSC staff	148	(+22%)
Breakdown of the positions held by NCSC staff		
• Executive support and project management	42	(+20%)
• General and clerical support services	81	(+65%)
• IT support services	3	(0%)
• Customer services and marketing work	10	(-17%)
• Health care and welfare services	12	(-45%)
Salary expenditure of NCSC staff (in \$ million)	25	(-11%)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff		
• \$30,001 or above	5	(-29%)
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	59	(-6%)
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	84	(+65%)
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	-	(N/A)
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	-	(N/A)
• under \$6,240	-	(N/A)
Length of service of NCSC staff		
• over 15 years	-	(0%)
• 10 to 15 years	17	(-15%)
• 5 to 10 years	21	(-19%)
• 3 to 5 years	15	(+36%)
• 1 to 3 years	34	(0%)
• under 1 year	61	(+103%)
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	SWD has not collected any information on NCSC staff's	

	<b>2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)</b>	
	applications for various civil service posts. The requested figures are not available.	
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in SWD	2.5%	(+19%)
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	1.3%	(-13%)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	43	(-57%)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid <sup>[Note 2]</sup> (in \$ million)	1.1	(-15%)
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF <sup>[Note 3]</sup>	43	(-57%)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF <sup>[Note 4]</sup> (in \$ million)	0.7	(-83%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	124	(+4%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	24	(+1,100%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days per week Number of NCSC staff working 6 days per week	Currently, the majority of NCSC staff normally work 5 days per week depending on service nature and needs.	

Figures in ( ) denote changes in percentage as compared with 2013-14 (position as at end-December 2013).

[Note 1] "Full-time" employment refers to "continuous contract" as defined under the Employment Ordinance. According to the Employment Ordinance, an employee who works continuously for the same employer for 4 weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week, is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

[Note 2] Referring to the amount of severance payment and long service payment disbursed to the NCSC staff after offsetting the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for the employees and the contract gratuities disbursed to the NCSC staff, which when added to the employer's contributions to MPF schemes, equal to the rates as specified in the appointment letters.

[Note 3] Referring to the number of NCSC staff who had their severance payment and long service payment offset by the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes and the number of NCSC staff granted contract gratuity.

[Note 4] Referring to the amount of severance payment and long service payment offset by the accrued benefits derived from the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for the employees and the employer's contributions made to MPF schemes for cases of contract gratuity.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4513)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimated funding for the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme) this year? How many service users are expected?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 97)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has invited eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme since June 2014 and has arranged for the elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme to be admitted into the residential care homes concerned since September 2014. As at end-February 2015, 177 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 21 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen, while 12 chose to reside in Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home in Zhaoqing. While the Government has earmarked an annual provision of \$32.64 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the actual number of places purchased and the expenditure will depend on the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme. The purpose of implementing the Pilot Scheme is to provide an additional service option for elderly persons waiting for subsidised residential care places for the elderly. Through the Pilot Scheme, the Government can also have a better understanding of elderly persons' preference and requirements on residential care services in the Mainland. In deciding whether to reside in residential care homes in Guangdong, elderly persons will have their own considerations. We therefore cannot estimate how many people will be joining the Pilot Scheme in the coming year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4772)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimated provision and staff establishment of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for checking income and asset requirements of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 118)

Reply:

Since social security staff are responsible for handling cases under various social security schemes, including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme (OALA being one of the categories under the SSA Scheme), SWD does not have breakdown figures of the number of social security staff members deployed for handling OALA cases, nor the expenditure involved.

The LIFA Scheme is implemented by the Working Family Allowance Office under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. SWD has not allocated additional funding or manpower for checking income and assets requirements of the scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4774)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project), young people are recruited to provide care services at residential care homes for the elderly. It is claimed in the Policy Address that the project has been well received. How many participants have been recruited under the project? What are the median salary and median number of working hours of the services? Please provide the specific uses of the funding earmarked for expanding the project.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 120)

Reply:

To encourage the younger persons to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Government launched the Pilot Project in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young persons were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The Pilot Project had been implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places. As at end-January 2015, there were 142 trainees under the Pilot Project.

Under the Pilot Project, every trainee will work for 40 hours (first phase)/44 hours (second phase) per week in the RCHE hiring him and will receive starting monthly salaries of \$8,200 (first phase)/\$9,100 (second phase). The monthly salaries for trainees registered as health workers will be increased to \$9,934 (first phase)/\$10,927 (second phase).

Given the positive responses to the Pilot Project, the Government had earmarked \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) to be launched and extended to rehabilitation services, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. The funding will be used for the operationing cost of the Navigation Scheme operators, the training subsidy for elderly or rehabilitation services units providing the jobs, and the relevant fee for young trainees enrolling in the relevant training programmes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4775)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the existing number of staff handling and providing integrated home care services (IHCS)? As the services of IHCS are hardly meeting the needs, how will the Social Welfare Department expand and enhance the services in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 121)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

In addition to IHCS, the Government also provides other community care and support services to facilitate frail elderly persons to age in the community. These include the Enhanced Home Care and Community Services (EHCCS) and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly which has been implemented since September 2013. From March 2015, the Government has provided an additional 1 666 EHCCS places and enhanced the service content, including elder sitting and on-site carer training, to further enhance the support for frail elderly persons living at home. The Government will continue to keep in view the demand for IHCS with a view to meeting the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4776)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What specific measures will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) take this year to ensure more accredited assessors engaging in the assessments for the allocation of residential care places for the elderly?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 122)

Reply:

In order to replenish the loss of manpower caused by natural wastage or temporary transfer from assessment-related posts, SWD will continue to run training courses for assessors and train about 160 assessors each year. Accredited assessors will offer assessment services in their respective service units.

The accredited assessors of elderly centres also provide assessment services for the elderly as necessary. Since October 2014, an additional recurrent funding has been provided by SWD to 210 subvented elderly centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing support for the elderly persons living in the community. The enhanced support has included the handling of care needs assessment and applications.

In view of an increasing demand for assessment services, SWD has also created posts in the Standardised Care Needs Assessment Management Offices of 5 districts for strengthening the provision of assessment services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(WW)1174**

**(Question Serial No. 4777)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) has been unsatisfactory in that residential care homes are withdrawing from the scheme and the enrolment rate has been low. What specific improvement measures does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have this year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 123)

Reply:

The Government has purchased places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the EBPS since 1998, with a view to upgrading the service standard of these homes by improving the manpower ratio and the floor space standard per resident. This has increased the supply of subsidised places, thereby reducing the elderly persons' waiting time for subsidised care-and-attention places.

EBPS is a very important initiative to meet the demand of the elderly on the Central Waiting List for residential care services. In 2013-14, the overall enrolment rate of EBPS reached 93% and the admissions to RCHEs participating in EBPS accounted for 45% of all the RCHE admissions in 2013-14.

SWD has introduced various initiatives to upgrade the service standard of EBPS places. In 2014-15, the Government raised the subsidy amount for all the EA1 and EA2 places under EBPS so as to enable RCHEs participating in EBPS to enhance the care and support for their elderly residents. SWD would give extra credits to RCHEs which have passed the accreditation or assessment when purchasing EBPS places as an encouragement for RCHEs to participate in the assessment scheme.

To encourage private RCHEs participating in EBPS to continuously improve their service and optimise the use of EBPS places, SWD has implemented a place reduction mechanism since April 2012. Fewer places will be purchased from the homes with lower enrolment

rate. SWD will continue to implement the place reduction mechanism and closely monitor the enrolment position of the subsidised EBPS places.

To make better use of the casual vacancies in RCHEs, all the private RCHEs participating in EBPS can utilise the casual vacancies of subsidised places for residential respite service with effect from March 2012, so as to relieve the pressure on carers providing long-term care for elderly persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4778)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What specific measures does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have this year to step up the monitoring of subsidised residential care homes for the elderly to avoid the reoccurrence of such situations as late reports, a lack of performance pledge on referral time, delayed placements, etc.?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 124)

Reply:

SWD has been actively exploring how to launch and implement various measures to enhance the allocation, matching and service admission of subsidised residential care places for the elderly with a view to rationalising the allocation process of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and shortening the processing time needed. Moreover, SWD has since November 2014 started to upgrade the Long Term Care Services Delivery System for improvement in such areas as proper tracking and recording of submitted forms, electronic submission of forms and streamlining the work process.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3784)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “provide additional places for extended hours service (EHS) in aided standalone child care centres and kindergarten-cum-child care centres”. What are the details of the efforts involved, the list of centres to provide such places and what additional services will be provided? Has SWD explored with the Education Bureau the possibility of making available, other than kindergartens, primary and secondary school premises for providing after-school learning, care and other support services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

SWD will significantly increase in phases the total places of EHS for children aged below 6 from about 1 200 presently to about 6 200 by the addition of about 5 000 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand from 2015-16 onwards. SWD will consult the relevant operators of these services to work out the implementation details. As to making available primary and secondary school premises for providing after-school learning, care and other support services, SWD plans to make use of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged to launch more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families. Applicant organisations/schools may arrange to run the programmes at the schools, centres or other suitable venues having regard to the features and modes of the programmes as well as the circumstances and needs of the students. SWD will keep in view the demand for the services and the modes of service provision in order to meet the needs of the parents and the students.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4880)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

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

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the programme "Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme)", it is stated that to meet passenger demand, the Transport Department (TD) extended the Scheme in May 2014 to eligible children with disabilities aged below 12 with 100% disabilities receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or Disability Allowance (DA) and made preparation for the extension of the Scheme to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases. In this regard, please advise on:

- (1) the amounts of reimbursement by mode of public transport each year since the launch of the Scheme; and the respective amounts reimbursed to the MTR Corporation Limited, each franchised bus company and ferry route in each financial year;
- (2) the respective proportion of elderly and eligible persons with disabilities benefited under the Scheme; and
- (3) the estimated amounts to be reimbursed to GMB operators upon extension of the Scheme to GMBs.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 132)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1)&(3) The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators in each financial year since the launch of the Scheme in phases<sup>1</sup> is provided below:

Public transport operator	2012-13 Actual (\$'000)	2013-14 Actual (\$'000)	2014-15 Revised estimate (\$'000)	2015-16 Estimate (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	86,001	148,371	169,204	204,903
Franchised bus operators	139,216	340,725	391,021	470,600
Ferry operators	673	16,918	20,722	23,776
GMB operators <sup>2</sup>	-	-	844	203,901
Total	225,890	506,014	581,791	903,180

- (2) To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around 1.2 million, with about 1.07 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 140 000 eligible persons with disabilities<sup>3</sup>. In 2014, the average daily passenger trips taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme was around 790 000. Of these, around 690 000 trips (about 87%) were made by elderly people and around 100 000 trips (about 13%) by eligible persons with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR. Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering 4 franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited.

<sup>2</sup> The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015.

<sup>3</sup> Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5421)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on:

1. the situation of orders for rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services not entertained and their classification (e.g. attending medical appointments, travelling, attending activities, etc.) in the past five years;
2. the situation of the turnover of rebus drivers in the past five years and the reasons;
3. the number of DAR orders not entertained due to driver shortage in the past five years; and
4. whether the Government has any measures to improve the situation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 89)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Rebus operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and DAR services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The number of orders for DAR services not entertained from 2010 to 2014 classified by the intended purpose of using the services is tabulated as follows:

Intended purpose of using DAR Services	No. of orders for DAR services not entertained				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1. Receiving medical treatment	7 026	8 817	7 795	7 430	5 684
2. Attending social activities	3 056	3 701	2 898	2 534	2 154
3. Attending school/ training	782	1 131	1 340	1 295	1 060
4. Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	2 429	2 672	2 630	1 818	1 864
5. Going to work	106	140	81	208	328
6. Others	356	378	361	350	396
Total Number of Cases:	13 755	16 839	15 105	13 635	11 486

2. The total number of rebus drivers retired and resigned between 2010 and 2014 were 28 and 91 respectively. The HKSR does not keep records of the reasons of resignation of rebus drivers.
3. There are various factors leading to DAR orders not entertained, including competing demands during peak hours. The HKSR does not keep records on the number of DAR orders not entertained due to shortage of rebus drivers.
4. The Government plans to allocate provision to the HKSR to procure six additional rebuses in 2015-16. Three of these additional rebuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services and hospital shuttle bus services targeted to meet the transport demand for attending medical appointments. Rebuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during off-peak periods. Furthermore, the Government will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$2.17 million in 2015-16 to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure (including the expenditure involved in the employment of drivers) of the six additional rebuses. If the demand for the SR and DAR services remains at the present level, the three additional rebuses should be able to cater for all of the applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services and the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained currently will be reduced by about 34% in 2015-16.

Other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rebus services where applicable, will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rebus fleet and provide to more persons with disabilities the services in need.

The Government will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routings and mode of operation of Rebus and maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the public transport services for the convenience of persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5840)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise:

- (1) the number of trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities in respect of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme and in the past three years in a table;
- (2) the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities using Mass Transit Railway (MTR) domestic services and franchised bus services in the past three years in a table;
- (3) the amounts of revenue forgone of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme; and
- (4) the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip of the participating public transport operators.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 220)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1)&(2) The Scheme was implemented in phases<sup>(Note 1)</sup> starting from June 2012. The average daily passenger trips using the MTR, franchised bus and ferry services before (2011) and after (2012, 2013 and 2014) the implementation of the Scheme are as follows:

Public transport operator	Average daily passenger trips	
	Elderly <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Eligible Persons with Disabilities <sup>(Note 3)</sup>
<b>2011 (Before implementation of the Scheme. No. of passenger trips includes routes/services not under the Scheme)</b>		
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	222 000	35 500
Franchised bus operators	364 000	Not available
Ferry operators	9 900	Not available
<b>2012 (After implementation of the Scheme. No. of passenger trips limited to routes/services under the Scheme)</b>		
MTRCL (starting from June)	209 000	33 700
Franchised bus operators (starting from August)	355 400	40 900
Ferry operators	Not yet implemented	
<b>2013</b>		
MTRCL	229 000	36 000
Franchised bus operators	393 000	50 000
Ferry operators	5 300	500
<b>2014</b>		
MTRCL	263 000	42 000
Franchised bus operators	422 000	57 000
Ferry operators	5 400	600

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR. Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering 4 franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited.

(Note 2) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

- (3) Since the implementation of the Scheme, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Scheme up to 10 March 2015 is as follows:

Public transport operator	Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to operators (up to 10 March 2015) (\$'000)
MTRCL	392,006
Franchised bus operators	830,261
Ferry operators	37,923

- (4) According to the public transport operators, they do not have information on the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip under the Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6242)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the beneficiaries under the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please provide the following information:

1. the total number of elderly people and persons with disabilities;
2. the total number of elderly people;
3. the total number of persons with disabilities; and
4. the total number of persons with physical disabilities only.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 588)

Reply:

To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around 1.2 million, with about 1.07 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 140 000 eligible persons with disabilities<sup>(Note)</sup>. In 2014, the average daily passenger trips taken by beneficiaries under the Scheme was around 790 000. Of these, around 690 000 trips (about 87%) were made by elderly people and around 100 000 trips (about 13%) by eligible persons with disabilities.

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1181****(Question Serial No. 6247)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is recently reported that quite a number of people are enjoying the \$2 concessionary fares on public transport with medical certificates obtained from psychiatrists. However, nobody is aware of any mental problem from these people. In this connection, please advise on the number of confirmed cases of mental illness in the past few years and any abnormalities since the implementation of the \$2 scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 594)Reply:

According to the information provided by the Food and Health Bureau, the total numbers of mental patients receiving treatment under the Hospital Authority in the past three years are as follows:

	Total number of mental patients receiving treatment <sup>(Note 1)</sup>
2012-13	197 600
2013-14	208 100
2014 (provisional figure from January to December)	215 000

The average daily passenger trips taken by eligible persons with disabilities<sup>(Note 2)</sup> under the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2012, 2013 and 2014 were around 75 000, 87 000 and 100 000 respectively. The Transport Department does not have a breakdown and relevant information on the number of passenger trips taken by mental patients under the Scheme.

(Note 1) Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1182****(Question Serial No. 3558)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The total numbers of rebus drivers of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) as at end-December from 2011 to 2013 were 127, 132 and 127 respectively. Please advise on the total number of rebus drivers of the HKSAR in 2014;

What were the age distribution and year of service of rebus drivers of the HKSAR between 2011 and 2014 (for age distribution, please list by 30 or below, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60 and over 60; for year of service, please list by 5 years or below, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years, 21-25 years and over 25 years)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 64)Reply:

As at end-December 2014, the total number of rebus drivers of the HKSAR was 138.

The age distribution and year of service of rebus drivers of the HKSAR between 2011 and 2014 are tabulated below:

Age distribution (as at end-December)	2011	2012	2013	2014
30 or below	2	5	2	3
31 - 40	8	12	15	18
41 - 50	36	34	31	37
51 - 60	67	67	63	64
Over 60	14	14	16	16
Total	127	132	127	138

Year of service (as at end-December)	2011	2012	2013	2014
5 or below	59	65	60	78
6 - 10	19	24	17	18
11 - 15	17	14	18	16
16 - 20	15	13	18	14
21 - 25	9	8	7	7
Over 25	8	8	7	5
Total	127	132	127	138

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1183****(Question Serial No. 3559)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The total number of rebus drivers retired and resigned between 2011 and 2013 were 13 and 68 respectively. For the years between 2010 and 2014, please advise on:

- (a) the total number of rebus drivers retired and resigned each year;
- (b) the reasons of resignation of those drivers and their year of service;
- (c) the allocation to rebus drivers each year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 65)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The numbers of rebus drivers of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) retired and resigned each year between 2010 and 2014 are tabulated below:

Year	No. of drivers retired	No. of drivers resigned
2010	8	10
2011	3	31
2012	4	13
2013	6	24
2014	7	13

- (b) The years of service of the resigned rebus drivers of the HKSR each year between 2010 and 2014 are tabulated below:

Year of service	Year				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
5 years or less	10	28	12	23	12
6 to 10 years	0	2	0	1	0
11 to 15 years	0	1	1	0	0
16 to 20 years	0	0	0	0	1
Total	10	31	13	24	13

The HKSR does not keep records of the reasons of resignation of rebus drivers.

- (c) During the financial years between 2010-11 and 2014-15, the provision allocated to Rebus services from the Government each year was as follows:

2010-11: about \$46.51 million  
2011-12: about \$61.16 million  
2012-13: about \$55.93 million  
2013-14: about \$55.96 million  
2014-15: about \$69.18 million

The relevant provision was mainly used for the procurement of rebus to provide additional services, replacement of rebus with higher vehicle age, and meeting the recurrent expenditure (including the expenditure involved in the employment of drivers) for operation of rebus services. The drivers' remuneration accounted for about 40% of the yearly provision.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3560)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The daily average number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service (for reasons including routine repair and maintenance, cancellation of dial-a-ride orders, drivers on leave, and inclement weather, etc.) between 2011 and 2013 were 24.6 (20.6%), 23.2 (18.9%) and 25.1 (19.5%) respectively. Please advise on the following:

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service in 2010 and 2014?

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service due to routine repair and maintenance in the past five years?

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service due to cancellation of dial-a-ride orders in the past five years?

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service due to drivers on leave in the past five years?

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service due to inclement weather in the past five years?

What were the average daily number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service due to other reasons in the past five years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

The daily average numbers of rehabuses which were not in service (for reasons including routine repair and maintenance, cancellation of dial-a-ride orders, drivers on leave, and inclement weather, etc.) and their percentages of the total number of rehabuses from 2010 to 2014 are tabulated below:

Year	Daily average number of rehabuses not in service	Percentage of the total number of rehabuses
2010	22.9	19.9%
2011	24.6	20.6%
2012	23.2	18.9%
2013	25.1	19.5%
2014	27.9	20.7%

The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation does not have a breakdown of the number of rehabuses not in service caused by various factors.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3561)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To alleviate the impact of driver turnover on rebus services, the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) has taken a number of management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rebus services where applicable. Please advise on:

- a. the number of part-time drivers, their working days in a week and working hours in a day in each of the past five years;
- b. the average working hours, total working hours and salaries and benefits of part-time drivers in each quarter of the past five years;
- c. the numbers of days and hours for performing overtime work by full-time drivers in each quarter of the past five years;
- d. the details of the HKSR's efforts in encouraging service users to jointly use the Rebus services and the number of such successful cases in each quarter of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. The numbers of part-time rebus drivers employed by the HKSR in each year between 2010 and 2014 were 18, 23, 23, 29 and 38 respectively.

The HKSR will schedule work for part-time rehabus drivers in a flexible manner according to factors such as service demands and their job preference. Since the working days and working hours of most part-time rehabus drivers are not fixed, the HKSR cannot provide the number of working days in a week and working hours in a day for these drivers. The average total daily working hours of part-time rehabus drivers in each year between 2010 and 2014 were 32, 42, 42, 55 and 71 hours respectively.

- b. The total working hours of part-time rehabus drivers in each quarter between 2010 and 2014 are tabulated below:

Quarter	Total working hours of part-time rehabus drivers				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
First quarter	3 336	2 735	4 759	4 883	5 791
Second quarter	2 350	3 720	3 289	4 403	6 413
Third quarter	2 818	4 392	3 568	5 065	6 647
Fourth quarter	3 205	4 336	3 790	5 562	7 137
Total	11 709	15 183	15 406	19 913	25 988

Based on the above total working hours, the average working hours of part-time rehabus drivers in each quarter between 2010 and 2014 were 2 927, 3 796, 3 852, 4 978 and 6 497 hours respectively.

The salaries and benefits of part-time rehabus drivers between 2010 and 2014 are tabulated below:

	Year (as at end-December)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Hourly wages of part-time rehabus drivers	\$48-50.5	\$51-54	\$54-57	\$56-59	\$70.5

All eligible part-time rehabus drivers are entitled to such benefits as rest days, paid annual leave, sickness allowance, severance payment and long service payment under the Employment Ordinance.

- c. To meet the demands for rehabus services, overtime work is required for full-time rehabus drivers throughout the whole year. The HKSR will schedule overtime work for full-time workers in a flexible manner according to factors such as service demands, their job preference and occupational safety considerations.

The number of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rehabus drivers in each quarter between 2010 and 2014 is tabulated below:

Quarter	No. of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rebus drivers				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
First quarter	25 279	27 605	26 271	22 781	24 226
Second quarter	23 529	25 044	25 592	23 321	23 601
Third quarter	25 427	22 271	21 952	20 165	23 950
Fourth quarter	27 324	26 019	25 024	23 675	26 790
Total	101 559	100 939	98 839	89 942	98 567

- d. To encourage users of the Rebus dial-a-ride (DAR) services to jointly use a rebus, the HKSR introduced in June 2014 a trial scheme on Shared DAR Service for Hospital to and from six public hospitals, including Queen Mary Hospital, The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay and MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre on Hong Kong Island and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kwong Wah Hospital and Kowloon Hospital in Kowloon to facilitate persons with disabilities attending medical appointments at public hospitals. The monthly numbers of successful orders for Pooled DAR Service and service trips are tabulated below:

Month	No. of successful orders	No. of service trips
June 2014	16	9
July 2014	47	23
August 2014	41	20
September 2014	41	18
October 2014	24	10
November 2014	25	10
December 2014	32	14
Total	226	104

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****LWB(WW)1186****(Question Serial No. 3562)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ( )Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government will allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$4.2 million in 2014-15 to Rehabus for meeting the recurrent cost of the six new rehabuses to be procured in the year and employing nine additional drivers and two management staff with a view to further enhancing its service and management. Please advise on:

the number of full-time drivers and their ranks, salaries, number of working days per week and number of working hours per day in each year from 2010 to 2014.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 68)Reply:

The number of full-time rebus drivers of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and their ranks, salaries, number of working days per week and number of working hours per day in each year from 2010 to 2014 are tabulated below:

Full-time drivers	Year (as at end-December)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of drivers	126	127	132	127	138
Basic salary	\$10,500 - \$14,100	\$10,600 - \$15,000	\$11,200 - \$15,800	\$12,000 - \$16,400	\$15,100 - \$17,200
Number of working days per week	6				
Number of working hours per day	8 (a maximum of 2 hours of overtime per day when necessary)				

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3563)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routings and mode of operation of Rehabus with a view to achieving sustainable improvement. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

Will the Government reserve any funding to review the fleet size, routings and mode of operation of Rehabus? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Did the Government conduct any review on the fleet size, routings and mode of operation of Rehabus in the past ten years? If yes, what were the details? If no, what were the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

Rehabus operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rehabus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The Government has been conducting reviews on the fleet size, routings and mode of operation of Rehabus on a regular basis for service enhancement. Over the past ten years, the number of rehabuses has increased from 87 to 141, with number of SR services from 59 to 86. On mode of operation, Rehabus is mainly divided into SR services and DAR services. Starting from June 2014, to better accommodate the transport demand for attending medical appointments at hospitals and make good use of resources, Rehabus has

introduced a scheme where passengers are arranged to share a vehicle to hospitals (i.e. users of DAR services are arranged to share a vehicle if they are attending medical appointments at the same hospitals). Moreover, Rehabus feeder services to “Princess Margaret Hospital” and that for “Queen Mary Hospital and The Duchess of Kent Children’s Hospital” began on 15 April 2013 and 2 February 2015 respectively on a trial basis.

In 2014-15, the Government allocated funding to the HKSR for procurement of six rehabuses to enhance service, incurring a capital cost of \$5.43 million. The six additional rehabuses procured have been in operation since January and February 2015. To further enhance Rehabus service, the Government plans to allocate another funding to the HKSR for procurement of 12 additional rehabuses in 2015-16. Six of them will be deployed for provision of new services and the remaining six for replacement of older vehicles. The capital cost to be incurred is about \$11.85 million. The Government will also allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$2.17 million to HKSR for meeting the operating costs of the six new rehabuses. The Government will continue to review the fleet size, routeings and mode of operation of Rehabus for continuous service enhancement according to service demand.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3565)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) has all along been providing rebus scheduled route (SR) services to other rehabilitation organisations, such as MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre and Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital, etc. Service users of the rehabilitation organisations may also make use of the transportation services provided by the centre buses of those organisations. Please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What are the number and details of rebus SR services provided by the HKSR and other rehabilitation organisations?
- (b) What are the details of the usage of transportation services provided by the centre buses of rehabilitation organisations to their service users, such as the number of trips provided each month and the numbers of routes and beneficiaries in the past five years?
- (c) Has the Government considered expanding the provision of SR services to other rehabilitation organisations? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a)&(b) Rebus operated by the HKSR provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers SR services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with

disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities. Currently, there are a total of 89 rebus SRs operated by the HKSR, with service areas covering Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories (including Lantau Island and other remote areas such as Pat Heung and Kwu Tung), except for areas where land-link transport connection is not available. The monthly charge for SR services in respect of the Hong Kong Island/Kowloon/New Territories routes is \$184 and that for the cross-harbour routes is \$264.

Rehabilitation organisations may obtain resources by means of government subvention or through other channels (such as donations from charitable funds) and provide transportation services targeted at their service users. The Government does not keep any information about such transportation services.

- (c) The HKSR has all along been providing rebus SR services to other rehabilitation organisations, whereas rehabilitation organisations may also make use their own vehicles to provide transportation services for their service users.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 6870)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on:

1. the total number of rehabuses in Hong Kong in each of the past three years and their distribution by vehicle age (5 years or less, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 15 years, 16 to 20 years, 21 to 25 years, 26 years or above);
2. the total number of rebus drivers in Hong Kong in each of the past three years;
3. the daily average number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service in each of the past three years;
4. the turnover number and rate of rebus drivers in the past three years; and
5. the number of rehabuses to be replaced and procured in the coming year and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 696)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total numbers of rehabuses operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) from 2012 to 2014, broken down by vehicle age, are tabulated below:

Vehicle Age	Year (as at end December)		
	2012	2013	2014
5 years or less	92	98	59
6 to 10 years	31	31	76
Total	123	129	135

2. The total numbers of rebus drivers of the HKSR from 2012 to 2014 (as at end-December) were 132, 127 and 138 respectively.
3. The daily average numbers of rebus which were not in service (including routine repair and maintenance, cancellation of dial-a-ride orders, drivers on leave, and inclement weather, etc.) and their percentages of the total numbers of rebus from 2012 to 2014 were 23.2 (18.9%), 25.1 (19.5%) and 27.9 (20.7%) respectively.
4. The total numbers of rebus drivers retired and resigned from 2012 to 2014 were 17 and 50 respectively, and the respective yearly wastage rate was 12.9%, 23.6% and 14.5%.
5. The Government plans to allocate provision to the HKSR to procure 12 additional rebus in 2015-16, with six for the provision of additional services and the remaining six for the replacement of rebus with higher vehicle age. The capital costs involved are about \$5,954,000 and \$5,891,000 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 7010)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government monitors the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) and will extend the Scheme to cover green minibuses (GMBs). Please advise on:

- (1) the number of beneficiaries by district council and age group (including the number of persons with disabilities under age groups 0-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 or above) in each of the past three years;
- (2) the number of beneficiaries of the public transport modes covered by the Scheme and the amount of reimbursement in each of the past three years;
- (3) whether the Government will encourage the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), franchised bus operators and ferry operators to fulfill corporate responsibility by providing fare concessions to the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (4) whether the Government will encourage the MTRCL, franchised bus operators and ferry operators to fulfill corporate responsibility by providing fare concessions on Saturdays and Sundays to the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 771)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are listed in the table below. The Government does not have such passenger trip records by district council and age group.

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	
		Elderly <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	Eligible Persons with Disabilities <sup>(Note 3)</sup>
MTRCL	2012	209 000	33 700
	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
Franchised bus operators	2012	355 400	40 900
	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
Ferry operators	2012	Not yet implemented	
	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering the MTR. Phase 2 was launched on 5 August 2012 covering 4 franchised bus operators (i.e. The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited). Phase 3 was launched on 3 March 2013 covering ferries and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited.

(Note 2) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

- (2) The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is tabulated below:

Public transport operator	2012-13 Actual \$'000	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Revised estimate \$'000
MTRCL	86,001	148,371	169,204
Franchised bus operators	139,216	340,725	391,021
Ferry operators	673	16,918	20,722
Green minibus (GMB) operators <sup>(Note 4)</sup>	-	-	844



(Note 4) The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March 2015.

- (3)&(4) The Government has all along been encouraging public transport operators to provide fare concessions, taking into account various factors, including the overall economic environment, market conditions, their respective operating conditions and passengers' demand, so as to alleviate the burden of travelling expenses on the public. In fact, prior to and after the implementation of the Scheme, while the MTRCL, all franchised bus operators and ferry operators have been voluntarily offering fare concessions to the elderly and children, some also have been providing fare concessions to eligible persons with disabilities. For example, the MTRCL offers a concessionary fare of \$2 (excluding Airport Express, first-class service of the East Rail Line, journeys to and from Lo Wu Station and Lok Ma Chau Station, Light Rail Transit and MTR buses) for the elderly on Wednesdays, Saturdays and public holidays (excluding Sundays). The MTRCL also provides about half-fare concessions to eligible persons with disabilities and children aged between 3 and 11 (including eligible children with disabilities), and children aged below 3 (including eligible children with disabilities) are given free rides. Meanwhile, all franchised bus operators provide half-fare concessions to the elderly and children aged between 4 and 11 (including eligible children with disabilities), and children aged below 4 (including eligible children with disabilities) are given free rides. As for ferries, different operators provide fare concessions to the elderly, persons with disabilities and children on different routes.

Under the Scheme, public transport operators concerned are required to absorb the cost of existing concessions that they are voluntarily offering to the elderly and persons with disabilities. The Government will provide additional resources on an accountable and reimbursement basis, to cover the fare differential between the concessionary fare they are voluntarily offering and \$2.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3648)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many additional rehabuses and replacement rehabuses will be procured in 2015-16? What is the waiting time of persons with disabilities and the elderly for rebus services respectively? How will the additional rehabuses improve their waiting time? What were the passenger number and utilisation rate of services in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 122)

Reply:

Rehabuses are operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR). There are at present 141 rehabuses providing point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The Government plans to allocate provision to the HKSAR to procure 12 additional rehabuses in 2015-16, with six for the provision of additional services and the remaining six for the replacement of rehabuses with higher vehicle age. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services and hospital shuttle bus services targeted to meet the transport demand for attending medical appointments. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

The average waiting time for SR services was about two months in 2014-15 (up to January 2015). In 2015-16, if the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses should be able to cater for all of the applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services.

DAR services are operated on a first-come-first-served basis and may be booked in advance without time restriction. Demand for DAR services varies considerably on a daily basis. It is therefore difficult to give a precise estimate on the time required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, it is anticipated that the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained can be reduced by about 34%.

The total passenger trips for SR and DAR services in 2014-15 (up to January 2015) were 301 586 and 395 091 respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5160)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many booking orders for the rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services were not entertained in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively? Are there any improvement measures? What is their expected effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 231)

Reply:

Rehabus provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rehabus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation, and DAR services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The numbers of booking orders for the Rehabus DAR services that were not entertained in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (up to January 2015) were 13 470 and 9 146 respectively.

The Government plans to allocate provision to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation to procure 12 additional rehabuses in 2015-16, with six for the provision of additional services and the remaining six for the replacement of rehabuses with higher vehicle age. Three of these additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining three on DAR services and hospital shuttle bus services targeted to meet the transport demand for attending medical appointments. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses should be able to cater for all of the applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services and the number of booking orders that cannot be entertained will be reduced by about 34%.

Other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, arranging full-time drivers to work overtime as and when appropriate and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rehabus services where applicable, will continue to be adopted in order to fully utilise the Rehabus fleet and provide services to more persons with disabilities in need.

The Government will continue to review from time to time the fleet size, routeings and mode of operation of Rehabus and maintain close collaboration with the public transport operators to improve the public transport services for the convenience of persons with disabilities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4161)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Government will “oversee the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme)”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) The number of elderly people and persons with disabilities taking ferry services under the Scheme since its implementation, and the average daily passenger trips;
- (2) A breakdown by ferry routes of the number of elderly people and persons with disabilities benefited from the Scheme since its implementation;
- (3) The amount of reimbursement the Government has made to each ferry operator since implementation of the Scheme;
- (4) Has the Government considered extending the Scheme to cover Kaito ferry services approved by the Transport Department as well as the expenditure required? If not, what other means of transport will be covered under the Scheme in the future?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1)&(2) To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around 1.2 million, with about 1.07 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 140 000 eligible persons with disabilities<sup>(Note)</sup>. On 3 March 2013, the Scheme was extended to cover ferries. As at end-January 2015, the average daily number

of passenger trips taken by the elderly people on the ferry services under the Scheme was 5 400, whereas that for eligible persons with disabilities was 600.

- (3) Since the implementation of the Scheme on ferry services on 3 March 2013, the Government's reimbursement of revenue forgone to ferry operators amounted to about \$37.92 million up until 10 March 2015.
- (4) Further to the implementation of the Scheme on the general Mass Transit Railway lines, franchised bus and ferry services, the Government extended the Scheme to cover green minibuses in phases from 29 March this year.

Most Kaito ferry services are operated in a highly flexible manner to meet ad hoc or recreational demand and their service frequency, fare and timetable are not regulated by the Government. The operators are free to adjust their service frequency, fare and timetable according to operational considerations. As the Government reimburses revenue forgone to relevant public transport operators on an accountable basis, taking into account other relevant factors, there is no plan to extend the Scheme to cover Kaito ferry services.

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

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