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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 (CCF programme) which were regularised in the past 2 years;
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;
3. the number of CCF programmes which had been launched for more than one round in the past 2 years, the number of times such programmes were launched, programme details, number of beneficiaries, and the expenditure;
4. whether the Government will examine the CCF programmes which had been launched for more than one time, and incorporate these programmes into its regular services on the advice the Commission on Poverty?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 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. They were namely the “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme Flats”, “Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting

List of 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. The CCF programme “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme Flats” was regularised in 2014-15. Since then 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 2015, a total of 670 CSSA cases and 1 318 CSSA recipients were involved. The average amount of allowance for each case was \$947.

Under the CCF programme “Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of 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 is expected to support some 1 400 children each year. Since the implementation of this regularised programme in October 2014 and up to end-December 2015, a total of 2 245 children received the subsidy. The estimated expenditure for the service in 2016-17 is about \$59 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. “Provision of Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment” and “Provision of 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. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), the total number of ISS cases was 659, of which 299 cases were provided with cash subsidies for renting respiratory support medical equipment and purchasing medical consumables. The estimated expenditure for the ISS in 2016-17 is about \$70 million.

3. There was 1 CCF programme which had been launched for more than one round in the past 2 years, namely the “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing”. The programme was launched in October 2011, September 2013, September 2014 and September 2015 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 number of households benefited and the amount of subsidies involved in the 4 launches of the programme are as follows:

	First launch	Second launch	Third launch	Fourth launch (as at end-February 2016)
Number of households benefited	22 605	17 769	14 992	14 904
Amount of subsidies (\$ million)	32.09	51.30	44.58	44.78

4. Government departments (including the SWD) and other organisations entrusted to implement the CCF programmes are required to submit progress reports regularly to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) for review of the effectiveness and modes of operation of the programmes. The Government will consider incorporating programmes with proven effectiveness into its regular services having regard to the review findings and opinions of the CCF Task Force and the CoP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0002****(Question Serial No. 2846)**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:

As mentioned in paragraph 135(d) of the Budget, the Social Welfare Department is piloting a new model of elderly services. The Elderly Commission “is also actively examining the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. Government has earmarked \$800 million for providing 3 000 service vouchers under the three-year pilot scheme.”

(1) What is the current vacancy situation of places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)?

	Vacancy Rate and Number of Vacant Places		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EA1 Residential Care Homes			
EA2 Residential Care Homes			
Total Vacancy Rate			

(2) Does the Government have any plan to help EA2 residential care homes upgrade to the EA1 level? What is the average cost of upgrading an EA2 place?

(3) Taking into account the “money-following-the-user” factor, would the Government consider recovering the unused resources allocated to EBPS and diverting them to the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 534)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) The vacancy situation of places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) is as follows:

	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)		2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	No. of vacant places	Percentage in subsidised places	No. of vacant places	Percentage in subsidised places	No. of vacant places	Percentage in subsidised places
EA1 Residential Care Homes	221	5.4%	231	5.2%	121	2.6%
EA2 Residential Care Homes	340	9.5%	208	6.1%	169	5%
Total	561	7.3%	439	5.6%	290	3.6%

- (2) Starting from 2016-17, the Government will progressively convert the current 1 200 EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places so as to increase the supply of higher quality subsidised places and improve the overall quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). This involves a full-year expenditure of about \$35 million. Approved RCHEs will be granted subsidies for EA1 places at a higher rate after the upgrading exercise. Based on the existing unit subsidies per month per place in urban areas and the New Territories, the monthly subsidies for each place upgraded to EA1 in the two regions will increase by \$2,389 and \$2,300 respectively.
- (3) In 2014, the Government tasked the Elderly Commission (EC) to study the feasibility of introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly. EC had set up a working group to follow up the task and the Government engaged a consultant team to provide assistance. The whole study is expected to be completed in the middle of the year. The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for implementing a three-year pilot scheme that will involve the issue of a total of 3 000 vouchers in phases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0003

(Question Serial No. 2856)

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 rates of persons with disabilities was 45.3% before policy intervention and 29.5% after policy intervention whereas the poverty rates of the overall population before and after policy intervention during the same period were 19.9% and 14.5% respectively. This reflects that the poverty situation of persons with disabilities is very serious.

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. Please provide information on the Government's analysis of the overall poverty situation of persons with disabilities and the policy implications derived from such analysis.

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

1. When analysing the overall and poverty situation of persons with disabilities, "persons with disabilities" covered in the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report on Disability 2013 (the Report) are defined as those who (i) in the Special Topic Enquiry on Persons with Disability (STE) conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2013, perceived themselves as having 1 or more of the 4 physical disabilities (namely restriction in body movement, seeing difficulty, hearing difficulty, and speech difficulty) which had lasted, or were likely to last, for a period of 6 months or more at the time of enumeration; or (ii) had been diagnosed by qualified health personnel as having 1 or more of the 4 mental

disabilities (namely mental illness/mood disorder, autism, special learning difficulties, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder). The STE also covered intellectual disability besides the 8 conditions stated above. However, given that the estimates pertaining to persons with intellectual disability in the survey are considered to be subject to a certain degree of under-estimation, the analysis of persons with disabilities in the Report does not include persons with intellectual disability unless otherwise specified. For technical details and limitations of the STE, please refer to Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Government reinstated the Commission on Poverty in December 2012 and set up the Special Needs Groups Task Force under the commission. Focusing on the situation of persons with disabilities and other special needs groups, this Task Force explores new policies and measures to help these underprivileged groups with special needs integrate into the community, become self-reliant and move upwards along the social ladder, with a view to achieving the objectives of preventing and alleviating poverty.

2. Apart from an account and analysis of the poverty situation of persons with disabilities, the Report also covers the policy implications of the Government. Please refer to the Report for details.
3. The Government's policy objective is to provide skill training and support services for persons with disabilities to enable them to find appropriate jobs on the basis of their abilities rather than disabilities, provide assistance for employers and strive to promote an inclusive society.

The Government at this stage has no plan to implement a quota system for employing persons with disabilities since it may create a labelling effect which is unfavourable to building an inclusive society. For the purpose of supporting families with persons with disabilities, the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) stipulates that a taxpayer can apply for a disabled dependant allowance in any year of assessment if any of his/her dependants is eligible to claim an allowance under the Government's Disability Allowance Scheme.

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the introduction of a number of measures to support persons with disabilities as recommended by the Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance. The measures include inviting the Community Care Fund to fund pilot schemes to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities, raising the maximum level of disregarded earnings for recipients with disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance Scheme, and providing additional subsidy for eligible persons with disabilities who are receiving higher Disability Allowance and engaged in paid employment; implementing a pilot scheme through the Labour Department to engage a non-governmental organisation to provide counselling services for job-seekers with disabilities; and early preparation for the regularisation of the pilot scheme on peer supporters for ex-mentally ill patients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0004

(Question Serial No. 0390)

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 paragraph 148 of the 2015-16 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary said, "I asked all policy bureaux... to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising. I have also launched the '0-1-1' envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services." Please advise of how the Government implemented and implements the "0-1-1" envelope savings programme in 2015-16 and 2016-17, and details of the affected services and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

In the face of an ageing population, shrinking labour supply and slowing economic growth, we need to contain the growth of government expenditure to ensure fiscal sustainability. The "0-1-1" envelope savings programme comprises both the cessation of lump sum allocation for addressing price adjustments as from 2015-16 and reduction of 1% from the operating expenditure envelope of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for 2016-17 and 2017-18. The Government has re-allocated the resources saved under the "0-1-1" programme to Bureaux and Departments for delivering new services. In 2016-17, the estimated recurrent expenditure of the LWB and the departments under its purview is higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. The estimated recurrent expenditure on social welfare in 2016-17 is \$66.2 billion, representing a 13.4% increase over the 2015-16 revised estimate at \$58.4 billion. The increase is mainly used for increased payments of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and Social Security Allowance, and implementation of social welfare initiatives such as the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2789)

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 in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Bureau will implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development to encourage the community in organising programmes and activities conducive to women's development. Will the Government advise on the following:

- (1) What is the approximate number of women expected to benefit from the Funding Scheme for Women's Development?
- (2) What kind of funding programmes will be included in the scheme?
- (3) What are the details of the expenditure involved in various programmes for women's development?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) In 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to make provision for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme), which has adopted the theme of "Women Employment" to support the implementation of different women employment projects by the 18 District Councils and women's groups. It is estimated that about 40 projects will be granted funding under the Funding Scheme.
- (2) Based on past experience, the activities organised by the women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Funding Scheme have a wide variety, including job fairs, skill training classes, enterprise visits, vocational training classes, employment exhibitions and job sharing sessions.

- (3) An annual provision of HK\$2 million has been earmarked for the Funding Scheme. Of the \$2 million provision, \$1 million is allocated to women's groups and relevant NGOs through WoC for organising regional or territory-wide activities. The remaining \$1 million is allocated to women's groups and relevant NGOs through the 18 District Councils in organising district level activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0006

(Question Serial No. 2054)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (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 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 583)

Reply:

In the financial year 2015-16, the expenditure on the salary of the Secretary is \$3.58 million. The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2016-17 is \$3.58 million.

No expenditure has been incurred for regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Secretary in 2015-16 and no provision for such has been reserved for 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0007

(Question Serial No. 2055)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (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 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 585)

Reply:

In the financial year 2015-16, the expenditure on the salary of the Under Secretary is \$2.33 million. The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2016-17 is \$2.33 million.

No expenditure has been incurred for regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Under Secretary in 2015-16 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0008

(Question Serial No. 2056)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (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 2015-16, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 586)

Reply:

In the financial year 2015-16, the expenditure on the salary of the Political Assistant to the Secretary is \$1.25 million. The salary provision earmarked for the position in 2016-17 is \$1.25 million.

No expenditure has been incurred for regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Political Assistant to the Secretary in 2015-16 and no provision for such has been reserved in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0777)

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 Government states that it will facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community. Please provide details of the programmes for 2016-17 and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Government will allocate an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$173 million for the enhancement of various rehabilitation services on residential care services, special transport services and community support services for persons with disabilities and the provision of support services for children with special needs and their families. These measures include:

- (a) an additional recurrent funding of about \$130 million for the additional provision of 1 110 places for rehabilitation services, including 350 places for residential care services, 400 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 210 places for pre-school rehabilitation services and 150 places under the Bought Place Scheme for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs);
- (b) an additional recurrent funding of \$18.2 million for the additional provision of drivers and the enhancement of bus services for Day Activity Centres (DACs) cum Hostels for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMHs) and Community Rehabilitation Day Centres (CRDCs). The Government will also apply for a funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for procurement of 73 buses for DACs cum HSMHs and CRDCs to enhance the transport services provided by these service units to ageing service users. Furthermore, the Government will allocate an additional capital expenditure of about \$18.8 million for procuring 9 new rehabuses and replacing 10 rehabuses of higher vehicle age and allocate an annual funding of

\$67.85 million for subsidising the recurrent expenditure of rehabuses to enhance rehaus services;

- (c) an additional recurrent funding of about \$9.5 million for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme to enhance the primary medical and support services for ageing service users at RCHDs;
- (d) an additional recurrent funding of about \$3.6 million for providing a medical social services unit in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital to provide patients and their families with suitable psycho-social intervention and assistance; and
- (e) an additional recurrent funding of about \$11.8 million for increasing the training hours per month under the Training Subsidy Programme for eligible children on the waiting list for special child care centres.

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the introduction of a number of measures to support the employment for persons with disabilities. These include implementing a pilot scheme through the Labour Department to engage a non-governmental organisation to provide counselling services for person with disabilities; and inviting the Community Care Fund to fund pilot schemes to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities, raising the maximum level of disregarded earnings for recipients with disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, and providing additional subsidy for eligible persons with disabilities who are receiving higher Disability Allowance and engaged in paid employment; and preparing early for the regularisation of the pilot scheme on peer supporters for ex-mentally ill patients in accordance with the recommendations of the Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance. Meanwhile, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to take forward the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme to mobilise the Government, business sector as well as public and subvented bodies to promote the employment of persons with disabilities.

The LWB earmarked about \$13.5 million in 2016-17 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society and the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0010

(Question Serial No. 0778)

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 regard to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Government, what are the expenditure involved, and the details and effectiveness of implementation in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Member Question No. 32)

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 continuously from \$16.6 billion. In the past 3 financial years, the relevant expenditures were \$24.2 billion, \$26.5 billion and \$28.6 billion respectively. It is estimated that the relevant expenditure will continue to rise to \$30.1 billion in 2016-17. Meanwhile, to promote to the public the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention and the message of building a barrier-free and inclusive society, the Government has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from \$2 million to about \$13.5 million.

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

LWB(WW)0011

(Question Serial No. 0780)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, it is stated that the Government will continue to facilitate Government-wide efforts to provide a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities. Please advise on:

- (a) the expenditure on improving barrier-free facilities and services in various Government departments in the past 3 years;
- (b) the specific implementation progress and details of the work to provide barrier-free facilities in Hong Kong in 2015-16; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure on the work in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (Member Question No. 30)

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 retrofitting programme 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 public housing estates under HA 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's website. The Government will continue to enhance the barrier-free facilities in Government and HA premises having regard to the views and suggestions of stakeholders.

Moreover, the Government has for years been installing barrier-free access facilities at public walkways (i.e. public footbridges, elevated walkways and pedestrian subways maintained by the Highways Department (HyD)) where technically feasible (known as "the Original Programme"^{Note}). HyD continues to implement the 150 items under the Original

Programme. It is anticipated that most of the items are scheduled for completion by 2018. As at end February 2016, the works of 29 items have been completed, 91 are under construction and 13 are anticipated to commence in 2016-17. The construction works for the remaining 17 will commence as soon as possible upon completion of design and after obtaining support from the District Councils (DCs).

In August 2012, the Government launched the Universal Accessibility Programme under which more barrier-free access facilities will be installed for existing public walkways maintained by HyD. Lift installations at about 250 public walkways were proposed by the public. HyD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department invited the 18 DCs in the first half of 2013 to prioritise the proposed new items. A total of 57 public walkways/locations were selected by the DCs for priority implementation. It is anticipated that most of the retrofitting projects will be completed by phases from 2017 to 2018. As at end February 2016, 49 priority items are under construction, 7 are anticipated to commence in 2016-17 and the remaining 1 will commence as soon as possible upon completion of the design and after obtaining support from the DCs.

The expenditures on the Universal Accessibility Programme for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were \$232.2 million, \$554.3 million and \$720.9 million (estimated) respectively, covering the costs for technical feasibility studies/investigation studies, design, construction works and supervision of construction. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$788.7 million.

Note: The retrofitting works under the “Original Programme” include the provision of lifts or standard ramps to existing public walkways which are not equipped with standard barrier-free facilities and where there are no proper at-grade crossing facilities available within about 100 metres.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0012****(Question Serial No. 0582)**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:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), would the Government advise of the following:

- What were the respective numbers of trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities benefitted from the Scheme in the past 3 years?
- What was the total amount of reimbursement involved in the past 3 years?
- On the extension of the Scheme to green minibuses, what is the exact timetable?
- Has the Government put in place any measures to tackle abuse of the Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- The Scheme was introduced in phases starting from June 2012, and the Government undertakes to conduct a comprehensive review of the Scheme 3 years after its full implementation. What is the exact timetable for the review?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 36)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- The average daily passenger trips taken under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2013, 2014 and 2015 are listed below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 1)	
		Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 3)
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
	2015	290 000	46 000

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 1)	
		Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 3)
Franchised bus operators	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
	2015	437 000	60 000
Ferry operators	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600
	2015	5 900	700
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2013	Not yet covered by the Scheme	
	2014		
	2015	160 000	22 000

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering MTR service. 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 of ferries and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited. Since 29 March 2015, the Scheme has been extended to GMBs in phases.

(Note 2) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

- (b) The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Scheme in the financial years of 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively is shown in the table below:

Public transport operator	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
MTRCL	148,371	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	340,725	385,961	418,427
Ferry operators	16,918	21,087	28,293
GMB operators	-	492	238,907
Total	506,014	581,169	890,206

- (c) The Scheme has been extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March 2015. Up to end March 2016, there are 154 participating GMB operators running 496 routes, accounting for 96% of both the total number of GMB operators and routes. These routes include all 98 routes serving Hong Kong Island, 123 routes serving Kowloon, 237 routes serving the New Territories and 38 inter-district routes. The information

on the GMB routes and operators covered by the Scheme has been uploaded onto the websites of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Transport Department (TD).

- (d) The Government has attached great importance to the monitoring work of the Scheme. The TD has required public transport operators to perform ticket inspection and passenger status verification work and arranged investigations to monitor the situation. All public transport operators are also required to remind passengers through publicity that they must honestly pay the fares payable for land/sea transport. If ineligible passengers are found to enjoy the concessionary fare, public transport operators will generally require the passengers concerned to pay back the payable fare or pay a surcharge. Operators can also make prosecutions against them or refer the cases to the Police for action. Besides, the TD has commissioned major independent consultants to conduct large-scale monitoring surveys on a regular basis.

As regards the monitoring of operators, the TD will examine the reports submitted by operators and Octopus Cards Limited under the Scheme, including checking their daily records, which cover, inter alia, the patronage, transactions, differential fare, abuse cases and abnormal settlement. If anomalies are found, investigations will be conducted immediately and the cases will be followed up with the public transport operators concerned. The TD will refer any suspected cases to the Police for follow-up action. The TD will also implement other relevant monitoring measures, including the establishment of a set of audit and assurance standards to strengthen the internal control system, and require public transport operators to submit to the Government regular reports prepared by independent auditors in accordance with the standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Besides, the TD will deploy staff to conduct check on public transport operators from time to time, including on-site inspections and tests on their internal control procedures.

- (e) During the early stage of implementation of the Scheme, the Government has undertaken to conduct a comprehensive review three years after its full implementation. The Scheme was extended to cover the general MTR lines, franchised bus routes, ferry routes during 2012-2014. Therefore, it was expected that the comprehensive review would be conducted in 2016-17. Subsequently, the Government decided to extend the Scheme to cover GMB routes in phases starting from March 2015. Therefore, the comprehensive review will only be conducted three years after the full implementation of the extension to GMB routes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0013

(Question Serial No. 1364)

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 Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services, please advise on the following:

(a) What are the details of the Scheme? What are the details of the provision? How many persons have participated in the Scheme so far? How many of them have joined the care services upon completion of the Scheme?

(b) Apart from the Scheme, has the Government 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. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has selected 5 welfare non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at the end of December 2015, 3 of the NGOs had enrolled about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 NGOs are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

- (b) To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to organise a two-year Enrolled Nurses (General)/Enrolled Nurses (Psychiatric) Training Programme. A total of 14 classes have been organised so far, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Another 920 training places will be provided by SWD in the coming few years, involving an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by SWD. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 11 classes, over 90% have joined the social welfare sector.

Furthermore, training courses for Health Workers are offered by different training bodies including NGOs, self-financed institutes and tertiary institutions. As at the end of December 2015, there were 37 training bodies organising approved training courses for health workers for residential care homes for the elderly. In the past few years, about 1 500 persons registered as health workers each year after taking these approved courses. Since the training bodies organise the health worker training courses themselves and do not involve government provision, they are not required to report to the Government the numbers of participants and persons joining the care services upon completion of the courses.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0014****(Question Serial No. 1777)**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 Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) aims at encouraging and facilitating women to pursue continuous learning. What was its participation rate in the past 3 years? How much government funding was allocated for the CBMP in each of the past 3 years? Will the Government conduct a review on the CBMP?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 31)Reply:

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP), 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), is designed to encourage persons, in particular women, of different backgrounds and education levels to pursue lifelong learning. The CBMP also equips them with a positive mindset and perspective so that they can cope with different challenges in life. At present, the CBMP has over 70 tailor-made courses for students, covering topics relating to health, financial management, interpersonal relationship and communication, and daily lives. Students can choose to learn through three modes, namely face-to-face classroom lesson, e-learning on the Internet and radio broadcast. More than 80 collaborating NGOs spreading over 18 districts offer face-to-face courses and supplementary learning activities.

Since its implementation in 2004, the cumulative number of enrolments on CBMP has exceeded 84 000. The number of enrolments per year in the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Enrolment
2013	6 354
2014	7 647
2015	8 896

The Government provided the CBMP with an annual funding of around \$8 million from 2012-13 onwards. The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Women's Commission will continue to collect the views of CBMP students, and monitor the enrolment, the work of relevant organisations and the progress of the CBMP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0015****(Question Serial No. 1778)**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:

The manpower shortage problem in the elderly care service sector has existed for many years. It is understood that the Government has launched a number of programmes, including the importation of workers and stepping up efforts in manpower training, in this regard. Will the Government advise of the following:

(a) How many workers will be/were imported to work in the elderly care service sector this year and in each of the past 3 years? What is the average monthly salary of these imported workers?

(b) Please set out in the table below how the Government increased the number of professionals joining the elderly care service sector through different training programmes this year and in the past 3 years.

Year

Programme name	No. of persons joining the Nurse grade	No. of persons joining the Care Worker grade

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 29)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) Employers in the elderly care service sector were allowed to import 651, 1 377 and 1 035 care workers under the Supplementary Labour Scheme (SLS) in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. The corresponding figure for 2016 will be computed after the end

of the full year. According to SLS, the wages of imported workers must not be lower than the median monthly wages of relevant job titles as published by the Census and Statistics Department. The median monthly wage of the job title concerned at the end of the above 3 years stood at \$9,750, \$10,560 and \$11,100 respectively.

- (b) To encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly. The Pilot Project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places. In addition, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD has selected 5 organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at 31 December 2015, 3 of the organisations enrolled about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has collaborated with the Hospital Authority (HA) since 2006 to organise a 2-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (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 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 continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 11 classes, over 90% have joined the social welfare sector after graduation.

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 two programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental welfare organisations to offer tuition fee sponsorship to students whom they recruited. Students obtaining the sponsorship have to work for the non-governmental organisations concerned for not less than 2 years. The first and second cohorts of 59 and 56 students graduated in January 2014 and January 2016 respectively. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will co-operate with SWD again to implement the third batch of the Master in Physiotherapy programme and Master in Occupational Therapy programme in 2016-17, with an initial total capacity of 72 places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0016

(Question Serial No. 1779)

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 Government stated that the Funding Scheme for Women's Development would be implemented to encourage the community in organising programmes and activities conducive to women's development. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the details of the Funding Scheme? What is the amount involved? Please provide the number of participants of the Funding Scheme if it has been implemented for years.
2. In recent years, the community is concerned about how to unleash the working potential of women so that more women can take up part-time employment. Will the Government consider introducing similar support programmes? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Since 2012, the Women's Commission (WoC) has implemented the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (the Funding Scheme), under which women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing women services can apply for funding to organise programmes and activities that promote women's development. An annual provision of \$2 million is earmarked under the Funding Scheme. Of the provision, \$1 million is allocated by WoC to women's groups and relevant NGOs for organising regional or territory-wide activities, while the remaining \$1 million is distributed by the 18 District Councils (DCs) to women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising district level activities. The table below sets out the information on funded projects, organisers and participants involved under the Scheme:

	WoC Stream			DC Stream		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
No. of funded projects	20	22	23	22	25	25
No. of organisers	22	22	22	22	25	24
No. of participants	20 000	27 000	57 000	15 000	25 000	25 700

2. In 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to make provision for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme under the theme of “Women Employment”. Under the Funding Scheme, 18 DCs and women’s groups may implement various programmes relating to the women employment. The Funding Scheme will make provision of about \$2 million for some 40 programmes which promote women employment on either a full-time or a part-time basis.

Apart from these, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) will continue in 2016-17 to organise courses under the “Modular Certificates Accumulation Scheme” to facilitate trainees to flexibly arrange their time for study and acquire graduation certificates with qualification equivalent to corresponding full-time courses. ERB will also explore the extension of the “First-Hire-Then-Train Pilot Programme” to cover other training courses with market demand. To support new arrivals (mainly women) to undertake part-time employment, ERB will put in place a part-time job referral platform under the “Smart Starter Pilot Scheme”. The platform will provide free referral to part-time non-home related job vacancies and follow-up services for new arrival trainees who have completed courses offered by ERB.

In 2016-17, LD will continue to actively assist women who want to take up part-time employment to find jobs, including on-going provision of a dedicated webpage on part-time job vacancies at the Interactive Employment Service website and holding part-time job fairs. Separately, LD will also continue to widely promote the adoption of family-friendly employment practices among the public and encourage employers to help employees, including women, achieve a balance between work and family life through various channels, a range of educational and promotional activities, and the production of a new set of television and radio Announcement in the Public Interest.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2160)

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:

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 Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Secretariat in 2016-17.

- Secretary General
- Assistant Secretary General (Project Management)
- Assistant Secretary General (Strategic Development)
- Senior Project Officer
- Project Officer
- 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. 2017)

Reply:

In 2016-17, 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 \$8.7 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 \$0.8 million and \$0.22 million respectively, and no separate breakdown is made for the above staff members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2161)

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 2016-17.

- Secretary
- Under Secretary
- Administrative Assistant
- Press Secretary
- Political Assistant
- Senior Executive Officer (POO)
- Permanent Secretary and Deputy Secretary
- Permanent Secretary
- Deputy Secretary
- Commissioner for Rehabilitation
- Principal Assistant Secretary
- Executive Officer
- Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Executive Officer
- Research and Project Officer
- Publicity and Project Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Clerical Officer
- 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. 2018)

Reply:

There are a total of 121 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 2016-17, as tabulated below:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Permanent Secretary	1
Deputy Secretary	2
Commissioner for Rehabilitation	1
Administrative Assistant/Principal Assistant Secretary	8
Senior Administrative Officer	9
Administrative Officer	6
Principal Executive Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	5
Senior Executive Officer	7
Executive Officer I	5
Executive Officer II	4
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	10
Personal Secretary II	3
Confidential Assistant	2
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	4
Assistant Clerical Officer	21
Clerical Assistant	4
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 2016-17 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively. The emolument provision earmarked for the posts in the establishment is \$91.32 million.

The LWB has not reserved any provision for housing allowance for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary in 2016-17. 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 2016-17 is not available.

The amounts of funding set aside by the LWB for overseas duty visits and official entertainment in 2016-17 are \$0.8 million and \$0.22 million respectively, and no breakdown of estimates is made for individual posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0019****(Question Serial No. 0758)**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:

Please provide information on the number of children in families living below the poverty line in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 as follows:

	Number of Children in Families Living Below the Poverty Line
2011-12	
2012-13	
2013-14	
2014-15	
2015-16	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 20)Reply:

The Government announced the first official poverty line in September 2013, which was set at 50% of the median monthly household income before government policy intervention (i.e. before tax and social benefits transfers). According to the data from the General Household Survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, the numbers (rounded to the nearest thousand) of children (below the age of 18) in families with household income below 50% of the median monthly household income after recurrent cash policy intervention from 2010 to 2014 are as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of children (below the age of 18) in families with household income below 50% of the median monthly household income	211 000	207 000	209 000	190 000	182 000

The relevant statistics for 2015 will be provided in the "Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2015" to be released later this year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0020****(Question Serial No. 1336)**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:

Please provide the following information regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) since it was regularised in 2012:

- a) The actual number of service users and persons on the waiting list, and the waiting time each year.
- b) The amount of allocation for the IDSP each year and the average monthly cost per case.
- c) Is there a time limit for using the IDSP services? If yes, what is it?
- d) If there is a time limit, how will the case be handled if the elderly person concerned still needs the services after he has used them up to the time limit?
- e) The number of places of respite service for the elderly under the IDSP offered in each type of institutions.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) In 2012-13 and 2013-14/2014-15/2015-16, about 25 300 and 33 000 people participated in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) each year respectively. There is no waiting mechanism for IDSP.
- (b) The amount of provisions for IDSP each year and the cost per case are as follows:

Year	Provision (\$ million)	Cost per case (\$)
2012-13 (actual expenditure)	156.246	6,175
2013-14 (actual expenditure)	163.063	4,818
2014-15 (actual expenditure)	171.593	5,070
2015-16 (revised estimate)	176.227	5,207

- (c) IDSP mainly formulates personalised discharge plans for high-risk elderly patients who are discharged from hospitals but may be re-admitted as an emergency , and offers transitional integrated support services to those elderly patients in need. In general, more intensive and personal support is provided for 6 to 8 weeks after discharge (i.e. the golden period of recovery) to meet the special needs of newly-discharged elderly patients and their carers.
- (d) For elderly patients who need long-term care and support services at the end of IDSP, social workers may apply to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for assessments under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services. SWD will arrange appropriate subsidised care and support services for the elderly according to the assessment results.
- (e) Under IDSP, if elderly patients suitable for discharge need transitional residential care services so that their families or carers can prepare for their return to home and home care, they can be admitted to non-subsidised residential places in the district with assistance from non-governmental organisations commissioned by the Hospital Authority. A total of 444 places are available each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0021

(Question Serial No. 1337)

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 was mentioned in the 2014 Policy Address that the Elderly Commission would be asked to prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan (Programme Plan) within 2 years. The Programme Plan commenced in mid-2014 and the relevant consultation work would be carried out in 3 stages. Please advise:

- (a) What is the progress of the Programme Plan? What follow-up actions are taken?
- (b) When and how will the second stage consultation report be issued? If the report will not be issued, please provide the reasons.
- (c) What will be the arrangements for the third stage consultation?
- (d) Will the Programme Plan conduct study on and put in place any indicators for development and waiting time in response to the ageing population? If it will not, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The Elderly Commission (EC) commenced the formulation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan (ESPP) in July 2014 and structured the formulation process into three stages, namely Scoping, Formulation and Consensus Building.

The EC has so far completed the Scoping Stage and the public engagement exercise of the Formulation Stage. The EC is now proceeding with the Formulation Stage, which will be concluded in July 2016 at the earliest and followed by the tasks and public engagement exercise of the Consensus Building Stage to be commenced in August 2016 for completion around January 2017. The EC will be able to submit the report on the ESPP to the Government in the second quarter of 2017.

The information on the ESPP is made available at the dedicated website where the Scoping Stage report has been uploaded. As regards the release of the second stage (i.e. Formulation Stage) report and the public engagement exercise of the third stage (i.e. Consensus Building Stage), the arrangements will be made in due course.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0022****(Question Serial No. 2722)**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. Regarding the overseas duty visits made by officials of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and staff of departments under its purview over the past 5 years, please list each of them by year in the table below, providing details of the place of visit, purpose of visit, number of participating officials and expenditure involved:

Year	Work item and place of visit	Purpose of visit	Number of participating officials	Expenditure involved

2. For each of these overseas duty visits, please list by year the data of total carbon footprints (including those made by flight to and from the place of visit as well as in-town transportation) in the table below, providing the method of estimation:

Year	Work item of visit	Total carbon footprints	Carbon footprints made by flights	Carbon footprints made by in-town transportation

3. Has carbon offsetting for the above overseas duty visits been met by public funds or private money of the Secretary or officials? If yes, please list by year the data for the past 5 years in the table below:

Year	Work item of visit	Carbon dioxide emission offset	Method of carbon offsetting	Expenditure involved

Asked by: Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Member Question No. 3.22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The duty visits of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and departments under its purview in 2011-12 to 2015-16 (up to 11 March 2016) are detailed below:

LWB

Year	Places visited	Purpose of visit	No. of visits	No. of officials	Expenditure (\$'000)
2011-12	Mainland China, Macao, Canada,	Visits, experience sharing, seminars / conferences and study tours on matters relating to social welfare, labour, women's interests, manpower development and rehabilitation	10	19	742
2012-13	Germany, South Korea, Singapore,		4	8	344
2013-14	Switzerland,		10	32	534
2014-15	Thailand, United Kingdom, United States and		9	19	1,067
2015-16	Vietnam		2	7	99

Labour Department

Year	Places visited	Purpose of visit	No. of visits	No. of officials	Expenditure (\$'000)
2011-12	Mainland China, Macao, Belgium,	Meetings and experience sharing on issues relating to labour, employment, labour relations, employees' rights, policy support, and occupational safety and health	11	52	1,866
2012-13	Canada, Japan, New Zealand,		11	44	1,167
2013-14	Singapore, Switzerland, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam		4	14	684
2014-15			12	40	1,105
2015-16			6	21	653

Social Welfare Department

Year	Places visited	Purpose of visit	No. of visits	No. of officials	Expenditure (\$'000)
2011-12	Mainland China, Taiwan, Macao,	Visits, seminars / conferences, experience sharing and study tours on issues relating to social welfare	13	48	502
2012-13	Australia, Austria, Canada, South Korea, Malaysia,		10	23	285
2013-14	Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States		9	11	275
2014-15			6	9	211
2015-16			7	14	99

2. The carbon footprint of duty visits carried out by officers of the LWB and departments under its purview in 2011-12 to 2015-16 (up to 11 March 2016) is detailed below:

Year	Carbon footprint of air flights (CO ² emission) (approximate tonnage)			Carbon footprint of in-town transportation
	LWB	Labour Department	Social Welfare Department	
2011-12	26	54	13	Calculation of carbon footprint of in-town transportation cannot be made because details of the means of transport involved are not available.
2012-13	11	32	8	
2013-14	21	16	8	
2014-15	34	36	7	
2015-16	4	18	6	

3. There is currently no requirement set by the Government for officials to arrange for carbon offsetting for their duty visits.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2242)

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 in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Shine Skills Centres will develop new courses and modify existing ones to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities.

(1) Will the Government advise on the data and information based on which it has decided to develop new courses and modify existing ones and taken the view that this will enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities?

(2) What are the estimated expenditure and manpower for developing new courses and modifying existing ones, the number of courses involved and their content, and the performance indicators?

Asked by: Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The Shine Skills Centres regularly review and assess the effectiveness of their vocational training courses. The Centres will, when necessary, optimise and enhance existing courses or develop new ones in consultation with the employers, the industries and the Committee on Vocational Training for People with Disabilities of Vocational Training Council which comprises representatives from relevant government departments, parents and various sectors of the community.
- (2) The Centres develop new courses and modify existing ones through deployment of resources, and therefore no additional manpower or expenditure is involved. The effectiveness of the courses will be assessed based on the feedback from the curriculum committees, instructors and parents, performance of trainees, completion rates and employers' opinion survey.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0024

(Question Serial No. 2534)

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 Bureau will "enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies". Could the Government please provide the following information:

1. the respective total number and proportion of male and female non-official members of all government advisory and statutory bodies (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 number and proportion of male and female members in the past 3 years;
3. a list of ASBs which currently have no female non-official members and that of ASBs with female members accounting for less than 30% of the total number of non-official members, and the number of ASBs which have failed to meet the 30% gender benchmark for more than 2 terms;
4. the number and growth rate of women's curricula vitae in the Central Personality Index in the past 5 years;
5. in last year's Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that starting from 2015-16, the gender benchmark for appointing women as members of government ASBs should be raised from 30% to 35%. How many ASBs have met the benchmark and how many have failed to do so in the past year?
6. ways for the Bureau and other bureaux to promote women's participation in ASBs in the coming year, ways for the Government to increase the number of women's curricula vitae in the Central Personality Index, and the expenditure involved in these efforts.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

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

	Number of appointed non-official members (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)
2014	4 154 (68.0%)	1 951 (32.0%)
2015	4 434 (68.9%)	1 999 (31.1%)

The Government sincerely hopes that the proportion of female non-official members appointed to ASBs will increase concurrently with the number of appointed female non-official members, the target of which is 35%.

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

	Number of appointed non-official members serving 3 or more ASBs (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2013	323 (61.1%)	206 (38.9%)
2014	338 (61.8%)	209 (38.2%)
2015	372 (64.5%)	205 (35.5%)

In the past 3 years, the number of appointed female non-official members who served on 3 or more ASBs accounted for around 10.5% of all appointed female non-official members whereas the figure stood approximately at 8.1% for appointed male non-official members. Details are tabulated as follows :

	Percentage (%) of appointed male non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed male non-official members	Percentage (%) of appointed female non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed female non-official members	Percentage (%) of appointed non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed non-official members
2013	7.9%	10.6%	8.9%
2014	8.1%	10.7%	9.0%
2015	8.4%	10.3%	9.0%

(Note: figures as at 31 December each year)

- As at end March 2015, the list of ASBs with no appointed female non-official members, and the list of ASBs with less than 30% of appointed members being female are at Annex I and Annex II respectively. The Government does not keep statistics on those ASBs which cannot meet the gender benchmark target in 2 consecutive terms of appointment.
- The number and growth rate of curriculum vitae (CV) provided by female data subjects in the Central Personality Index (CPI) of the Government for the past 5 years are set out below:

	Number of CV of female data subject	Growth rate
2011	7 593	5.6%
2012	8 117	6.9%
2013	8 382	3.3%
2014	8 704	3.8%
2015	8 920	2.5%

5. In 2015-16 (as at December 2015), among all the ASBs with appointed non-official members, 205 met the latest 35% gender benchmark for appointing female non-official members to Government ASBs and 225 did not.
6. The Government will continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and continue to invite women's associations and professional organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the CPI administered by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). The expenditure involved will be absorbed by HAB and is not separately accounted for.

The Government makes appointments to 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 to the statutory provisions of statutory bodies. The Labour and Welfare Bureau will remind bureaux and departments from time to time to consider the appointments to ASBs under their purviews in accordance with the said principle and meet the latest 35% gender benchmark as far as possible. Justifications are required when the gender benchmark is not met.

ASBs with No Appointed Female Non-official Members
(As at 31 March 2015)

Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities
Asbestos Administration Committee
Board of Directors of the 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
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Risk Management Committee of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Road Safety Council
Secondary Four Placement Committee
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 Less Than 30% of Appointed Members Being Female
(As at 31 March 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 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 Registration Committee Panel
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 the 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
Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
Chinese Medicine Development Committee
Chinese Temples Committee
Commission on Strategic Development
Commission on Youth
Committee on Community Support for Rehabilitated Offenders
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 Sustainable Development
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
Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel
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
Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee
Hospital Authority
Independent Police Complaints Council
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Innovation and Technology Support Programme Assessment Panel under the Innovation & Technology Fund
Inspectors Registration Committee Panel
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 Advisory 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
Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Appeals Tribunal
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee
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
Registration of Persons Tribunal
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
Secondary Four Placement Committee
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 (QF) Fund
Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology in Education
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel
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
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
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0025

(Question Serial No. 1964)

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 were the details of and expenditure on the Government's work in facilitating the promotion of guide dog services in the past 5 years? Would the Government consider setting aside a fund for social welfare organisations to provide guide dog services? If yes, what are the amount and details of the funding scheme? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

At present, guide dog services provided by non-profit-making organisations in Hong Kong are mainly operated on a self-financing basis. In 2011-12, 2013-14 and 2015-16, two such organisations applied for funding from the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) to organise promotional activities on guide dog services and their applications met with LWB's approval. Future requests from organisations providing guide dog services for resources or other forms of government support in their promotion of guide dog services will continue to be considered in the light of the actual circumstances, and assistance will be offered as appropriate.

The Government has been promoting guide dog services through various channels. Operators and front-line staff of restaurants and public transport services have been reminded to allow visually impaired persons to bring their guide dogs to restaurants or on board public transport. Signs of "Guide Dogs are Welcome" are displayed at the entrances of all public housing blocks to promote the policy of allowing entry of guide dogs into the public housing blocks. In 2016-17, LWB will set aside \$500,000 for the production of announcements in the public interest and organisation of related promotional activities to help the public better understand how guide dogs can help in the daily life of the visually impaired.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0026****(Question Serial No. 1721)**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:

In 2016-17, 3 additional non-directorate posts will be created and 1 directorate post be deleted under this Programme. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of the posts involved.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

In 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will reduce 1 time-limited directorate post which is responsible for planning and steering the implementation of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme. The post, which is of the Senior Principal Executive Officer rank, has a notional annual mid-point salary value of \$1.97 million. At the same time, there will be a net increase of 3 non-directorate posts in the LWB. The details are set out in the following table:

Nature of work	Rank	No. of post	Salary(\$)*
Providing support to the implementation of the LIFA Scheme	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	-1	1,309,080
	Executive Officer I (EO I)	-1	681,240
	Personal Secretary I (PS I)	-1	390,720
	Assistant Clerical Officer (ACO)	-1	243,660
Providing support to the Special Duties Team under the LWB	Executive Officer II	1	451,080
Providing support to the social security issues of the poverty alleviation policy	CEO	1	1,309,080
	Senior Executive Officer (SEO)	1	931,800
	ACO	1	243,660

Providing support to the formulation of rehabilitation policy	Administrative Officer	1	851,460
	SEO	1	931,800
Providing administrative support to the LWB	SEO	1	931,800
	Clerical Assistant	1	190,140
	EO I	-1	681,240
	Total	3	2,534,880

*Calculated on the basis of notional annual mid-point salary value.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0027

(Question Serial No. 1726)

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 Commission on Poverty is conducting a public engagement exercise on how retirement protection can be improved. What is the expenditure involved in conducting this exercise? Please give a detailed breakdown of expenditure.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

To gauge public views on how to improve Hong Kong's retirement protection system, a six-month public engagement exercise on retirement protection was launched on 22 December 2015. Public education and publicity activities are carried out through various channels, including distributing the consultation document and its executive summary at the Public Enquiry Service Centres (PESCs) of District Offices (DOs), displaying posters at public places such as government buildings, public rental housing (PRH) estates and bus stops, distributing leaflets at different places (including the PESCs of DOs, at the venues of the public engagement activities, as well as PRH estates and private housing estates), broadcasting Announcements of Public Interest on television and radio, producing short educational videos, as well as setting up a thematic website and Facebook Page, with a view to reaching out to the community widely. We have also placed advertisements on the Facebook to publicise the thematic website, Facebook Page and posts, and hung broadview banner in MTR train compartments to encourage members of the public to make an informed discussion and to express their views on the subject. The estimated expenditure on public education and publicity is \$2.32 million.

To promote public participation and establish consensus in the community, we are also conducting different types of public engagement activities, including organising public forums, soliciting views from Legislative Council Members, visiting the 18 District Councils, holding consultation sessions with government advisory bodies, attending meetings of other organisations on invitation, conducting stakeholders' meetings, and attending youth exchange sessions and talks. The Labour and Welfare Bureau has commissioned an independent consultant to help make arrangements for various public engagement activities. The consultant is also required to record, collate and analyse the views collected through different means during the public consultation exercise. The estimated expenditure is \$3.68 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0028

(Question Serial No. 2265)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (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 of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon SIN Chung-kai (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The provisions for the salary in respect of the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2016-17 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0333)

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:

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, the Bureau will explore the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly. What is the expected timetable for the announcement and implementation of the scheme? As the regulation of private residential care homes for the elderly has been queried by the public, does the Administration have any measures to enhance public monitoring of their services before rolling out the scheme? If yes, how much expenditure will be involved?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

A working group under the Elderly Commission (EC) commenced the feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly in July 2014. The consultant team engaged put forward its preliminary recommendations of the feasibility study in January 2015 and organised public engagement sessions in February 2015 to consult stakeholders on the preliminary recommendations. The Government and the consultant team reported the progress and collected views from Members and deputations at the meetings of the Panel on Welfare Services in February and March 2015.

In view of the public concern about the service quality of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), the working group requested the consultant team in June 2015 to further examine its preliminary recommendations on the pilot scheme, especially on issues such as quality assurance, complaint handling, case management, etc. The consultant team has largely completed the study and is expected to report the findings to the EC and the working group shortly. The whole study is expected to complete in the middle of the year.

To strengthen the monitoring of RCHE services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to re-organise its Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17, by merging the two Offices into a new branch to be established for licensing and regulatory

purposes. Manpower will be significantly increased by about 50% so as to enhance inspection and monitoring of the residential care homes on all fronts. The SWD has proposed the creation of 1 Assistant Director post to head the branch and will submit the proposal to the Legislative Council in due course. The staff establishment of the branch will consist of 121 posts (of which 40 will be newly created time-limited posts), including the grades of Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse, as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional annual expenditure is about \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0030

(Question Serial No. 2272)

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 paragraph 179 of the 2016 Policy Address that in the coming year, additional resources will be provided for District Councils (DCs) to promote the building of age-friendly communities at the district level. It is also stated in Chapter 6 of the 2016 Policy Agenda that the Government will provide additional resources for the DCs to promote the building of age-friendly communities at the district level and encourage them to participate in the “age-friendly community” accreditation scheme of the World Health Organization (WHO).

1. What is the mechanism employed by the Government to provide additional resources for various districts so as to encourage the DCs to participate in WHO's “age-friendly community” accreditation scheme ?
2. What will be the resource allocation for various districts in 2016-2017?
3. What other means will the Government use to support the building of age-friendly communities at the district level through public funding?
4. Sai Kung, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan have been accredited as “age-friendly communities” by WHO. Will the Government allocate more resources to these 3 districts for continuing their efforts to promote age-friendly community?
5. How will the Government encourage the DCs to engage the elderly in promoting the building of age-friendly communities at the district level?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will launch the Funding Scheme on Age-friendly Community (Funding Scheme) to promote the building of age-friendly

communities at the district level. LWB will provide funding of \$53,000 for each of the 18 DCs to organise district level initiatives relating to age-friendly community.

LWB has invited the Elderly Commission to formulate funding guidelines for the Funding Scheme. In assessing funding applications, DCs should consider various factors including whether the project can facilitate the elderly people to participate in the building of age-friendly community, etc. The Government especially encourages DCs to participate in the WHO's "age-friendly community" accreditation scheme having regard to their own circumstances, and relevant initiatives may be supported under the Funding Scheme.

On the other hand, the Social Welfare Department provides funding for social service agencies, district organisations, etc. under the Opportunities for the Elderly Project in organising activities to promote a sense of worthiness among the elderly people and a spirit of caring for the elderly people. In 2016-2017, an amount of \$1.5 million will be set aside from the Project's annual estimated expenditure of \$7.3 million for funding activities with the theme of age-friendly community.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0031****(Question Serial No. 3296)****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:**

Please set out the following information in table form:

- (1) The expenditure incurred by the Labour and Welfare Bureau on publicity on the Internet/social media in 2015-16, the manpower involved and the percentage this item accounts for in the total expenditure. Please provide a breakdown by publicity channel.
- (2) The means to be adopted by the Bureau to assess the effectiveness and value for money of the above initiatives.
- (3) The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Bureau on the above initiatives in 2016-17 and the manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 52)**Reply:**

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) and (3) The expenditure in 2015-16 and estimated expenditure in 2016-17 of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on publicity on the Internet/social media are set out below:

Internet/ Social Media	Expenditure (\$'000)^{Note}	
	2015-16	Estimate for 2016-17
Mobile applications advertising	55	55
Webpage	408	250
Facebook	341	567
Youtube	No extra expenditure involved	
Total (Percentage in total expenditure of Head 141)	804 (0.1%)	872 (0.1%)

(Note: The expenditure listed has excluded expenditure items on Internet/social media publicity which cannot be separated from the total sums of contract fees.)

The manpower required for the above publicity work of the LWB is absorbed by the existing provision.

- (2) The LWB will evaluate the effectiveness of various publicity channels with reference to the Internet/social media publicity data, such as the number of visitors, of the projects concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0032

(Question Serial No. 0039)

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 2016-17 that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme). Please advise of the following:

1. The numbers of the elderly persons and persons with disabilities who participated in the Scheme in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by modes of transport.
2. The amounts of subsidies allocated to the Scheme in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by operators.
3. The Government has publicly stated that it is willing to consider extending the Scheme to trams, but has not yet reached consensus with Hong Kong Tramways Limited on the amount of subsidies. Does the Government have an idea of the annual expenditure involved if subsidies are provided under the Scheme for beneficiaries to enjoy free tram rides? Will the LWB continue to follow up on the extension of the Scheme in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2013, 2014 and 2015 are listed below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 1)	
		Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 3)
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
	2015	290 000	46 000
Franchised bus operators	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
	2015	437 000	60 000
Ferry operators	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600
	2015	5 900	700
Green minibus operators	2013	Not yet covered by the Scheme	
	2014		
	2015	160 000	22 000

(Note 1) The Scheme was implemented in phases. Phase 1 of the Scheme was launched on 28 June 2012 covering MTR service. 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 Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited. Since 29 March 2015, the Scheme has been extended to green minibuses in phases.

(Note 2) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 3) Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance 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 participating public transport operators under the Scheme in the financial year of 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively is shown in the table below:

Public transport operator	2013-14 Actual (\$'000)	2014-15 Actual (\$'000)	2015-16 Revised estimate (\$'000)
MTRCL	148,371	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	340,725	385,961	418,427
Ferry operators	16,918	21,087	28,293
Green minibus operators	-	492	238,907
Total	506,014	581,169	890,206

- (3) The Scheme is designed to allow elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on specified modes of public transport and use their services at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip. If the fare for elderly people and eligible 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. Currently the tram fare for the elderly is \$1.1, which is lower than the concessionary fare of \$2. If the Scheme is extended to tram service, eligible persons with disabilities would enjoy a reduced fare of \$2 from \$2.3 per ride with government subsidies, a decrease of \$0.3. The Government is willing to consider extending the Scheme to tram service, but according to the understanding of the Transport Department, the Hong Kong Tramways Limited has requested government subsidies to allow free ride for elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities. Such practice is not consistent with the arrangements under the Scheme. The Government does not have an estimate of the annual expenditure involved if the Scheme offers free rides on trams to eligible beneficiaries.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0033

(Question Serial No. 0040)

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 2016-17 that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the review on the Disability Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme. As the review is now completed, when will the new improvement measures be fully implemented? What is the estimated increase in applications for Disability Allowance from people with loss of one limb after introduction of the new improvement measures? How much additional expenditure will it involve?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The Chief Executive (CE) announced in his 2013 Policy Address that the Labour and Welfare Bureau would establish an Inter-departmental Working Group (Working Group) to follow up on the subject of allowing people with “loss of one limb” to apply for the Disability Allowance (DA) as mentioned by the CE in his Manifesto. As stated in the 2016 Policy Address announced by the CE in January 2016, the Working Group had completed its work and the Government would implement the recommendations of the Working Group.

The Working Group put forward a total of nine recommendations, encompassing five areas, including improving the existing assessment mechanism for the DA, encouraging persons with disabilities to engage in employment, providing financial assistance to carers of persons with disabilities who are in need, etc. Under one of the recommendations relating to improving the existing assessment mechanism for the DA, doctors will conduct medical assessment on DA applicants on the basis of the applicant's disabling condition without external rehabilitation or mechanical devices (under the proposed arrangements, external devices include external devices (e.g. prosthesis) and partly implanted devices (e.g. artificial cochlea)). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to follow up with relevant

parties (e.g. the Hospital Authority) on the above recommendation, with a view to implementing the relevant arrangements within this year.

SWD will closely monitor the number of medical assessment conducted after the implementation of the improvements to the existing assessment mechanism for the DA and the number of DA applications approved, in order to estimate the additional financial implications involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0034****(Question Serial No. 2678)**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 Government raised the target percentage of women's participation in its advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) from 30% to 35% in April 2015. It is stated in this Programme that the Government will enhance women's participation in the ASBs. In this connection, please provide the respective numbers and proportions of female and male members of these ASBs in each of the past 3 years. How many ASBs failed to meet the target? Please set out in table the ASBs which have yet to meet the 35% gender benchmark for appointing female non-official members to ASBs in 2015-16.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 11)Reply:

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

	Number of appointed non-official members (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)
2014	4 154 (68.0%)	1 951 (32.0%)
2015	4 434 (68.9%)	1 999 (31.1%)

The Government sincerely hopes that the proportion of female non-official members appointed to ASBs will increase concurrently with the number of appointed female non-official members. The Government's target is that the proportion can reach 35%.

The ASBs which have yet to meet the 35% gender benchmark for appointing female non-official members to ASBs in 2015-16 are set out at Annex.

**ASBs which Have Yet to Meet the 35% Gender Benchmark for
Appointment Female Non-official Members to ASBs
(As at 31 December 2015)**

Names of ASBs
Action Committee Against Narcotics
Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance
Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals
Advisory Committee on Barrier Free Access
Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities
Advisory Committee on Cruise Industry
Advisory Committee on Innovation and Technology
Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants
Advisory Committee on Water Resources and Quality of Water Supplies
Advisory Committee under the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance
Advisory Council on the Environment
Air Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel
Airport Authority
Animal Welfare Advisory Group
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 the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance)
Appeal Board Panel under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
Appeal Board Panel under the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance
Appeal Board Panel under the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance
Appeal Panel (Housing)
Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings)
Asbestos Administration Committee
Authorized Persons Registration Committee Panel
Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel
Aviation Development and Three-runway System Advisory Committee
Banking Advisory Committee
Banking Review Tribunal
Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee
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 Governors, the Prince Philip Dental Hospital
Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries
Board of Directors of the Ocean Park Corporation
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
Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
Chinese Medicine Development Committee
Chinese Temples Committee
Commission on Poverty
Commission on Strategic Development
Commission on Youth
Committee on Community Support for Rehabilitated Offenders
Committee on Research and Development of Chinese Medicines
Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education
Committee on Slot Complaints
Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education
Communications Authority
Competition Commission
Construction Industry Council
Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland
Consumer Council
Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Copyright Tribunal
Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee
Council for Sustainable Development
Council for the AIDS Trust Fund
Council of the City University of Hong Kong
Council of Lingnan University
Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Council of the Open University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong University
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
Dental Council of Hong Kong
Design-Business Collaboration Scheme Assessment Panel
Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey)
Disciplinary Board Panel under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (Electricity)
District Council, Central & Western
District Council, Eastern
District Council, Islands
District Council, Kowloon City
District Council, Kwun Tong
District Council, Northern
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, Yau Tsim Mong
District Council, Yuen Long
Dogs and Cats Classification Board
Economic Development Commission
Education Committee
Electoral Affairs Commission
Electrical Safety Advisory Committee
Employees' Compensation Insurance Levies Management Board
Energy Advisory Committee
Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
Environment and Conservation Fund Investment Committee
Environmental Campaign Committee
Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
Expanded Building Committee
Expert Committee on Food Safety
Fight Crime Committee
Film Development Council
Financial Reporting Council
Financial Services Development Council
Fire Safety Committee
Gas Safety Advisory Committee
Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Harbourfront Commission
Health and Medical Development Advisory Committee
History Museum Advisory Panel
Home Purchase Allowance Appeals Committee Panel
Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS
Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications
Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification
Advisory Board of Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation
Hong Kong Housing Authority
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
Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Appeal Board

Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee
Hospital Authority
Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the District Councils of the HKSAR
Independent Police Complaints Council
Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme Project Assessment Panel under the Innovation and Technology Fund
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Innovation & Technology Support Programme Assessment Panel
Inspectors Registration Committee Panel
Insurance Advisory Committee
Independent Insurance Authority
Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund Investment Committee
Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector
Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission
Land and Development Advisory Committee
Lantau Development Advisory Committee
Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
Leveraged Foreign Exchange Trading Arbitration Panel
Lift and Escalator Safety Advisory Committee
Liquor Licensing Board
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
Market Misconduct Tribunal
Minimum Wage Commission
Minor Works Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Municipal Services Appeals Board
National Verification Committee for Measles Elimination in Hong Kong
Noise Control Appeal Board Panel
Occupational Safety and Health Council
Operations Review Committee of the ICAC
Witness Protection Review Board
Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Appeals Tribunal
Pensions Assessment Board under the Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions Ordinance
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board
Post-Release Supervision 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
Quality Education Fund Steering Committee
Radiological Protection Advisory Group
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Registration of Persons Tribunal
Research Council
Research Grants Council
Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
Review Panel under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
Road Safety Council
Secondary Four Placement Committee
Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal
Securities and Futures Commission
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Investment Committee
Sir David Trench Fund Committee
Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee
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 Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee for Research Themes under the Research Endowment Fund
Steering Committee of Pilot Green Transport Fund
HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund Steering Committee
Steering Committee on eHealth Record Sharing
Steering Committee on Qualifications Framework Fund
Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology in Education
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Steering Group on Financial Technologies
Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Supplementary Medical Professions Council
Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund Advisory Committee
Technical Committee on the Minor Works Control System
Textiles Advisory Board
Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund
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

Vetting Committee of the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme
Vocational Training Council
Water Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0035

(Question Serial No. 2682)

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) Please explain in detail the justifications for the 10.7% increase of provision under this Programme in the 2016-17 Estimates. Please also set out the detailed plans of the Women's Commission (WoC) and the expenditure involved.

(b) Will the Government consider upgrading the WoC so that it becomes independent of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and has its own secretariat? Will the Government conduct a study on this proposal to compare, as against placing the responsible body under the LWB, which approach is more effective in promoting women's interests?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The estimate for 2016-17 is 10.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. This 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.

The Government has announced in the 2016 Policy Address that a pilot scheme will be implemented to encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the social welfare sector to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating policies and programmes. In 2016-17, LWB will continue its efforts in promoting gender mainstreaming to various sectors of the community. On empowerment of women, LWB will continue to support WoC to implement the Capacity Building Mileage Programme, make provision for WoC to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development, and provide funding for

women's groups and NGOs to implement projects under the theme of "Women Employment".

On the other hand, LWB and WoC will carry out public education and publicity activities to raise society's awareness of gender issues, including producing and promoting a television series on women issues and publishing a report to introduce the work of WoC to enhance public understanding of the situation of women in Hong Kong. In addition, LWB and WoC will continue to enhance liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions, including participating in and organising activities and sharing research results.

WoC will organise a conference in 2016-17 to provide a platform for various sectors of the community to discuss and exchange views on issues related to the development of women, so as to raise public understanding and awareness of women issues. Women's groups, NGOs and social services agencies will be invited to participate in the activities of the conference with a view to bringing together their efforts to fully realise the potential of women.

The resources involved in undertaking the above work will be absorbed by LWB. The provisions for subheads are as follows:

Subheads	Provision (\$'000)
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	8,000
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and carrying out other tasks on encouraging women employment	2,100
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	3,300
Enhancing liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions	400
Salaries, allowances and other personnel related expenses	14,700
Others (including the expenses of organising the fifth conference)	4,500
Total	33,000

- (b) Established in 2001 and appointed by the Chief Executive, WoC is tasked to take a strategic overview over women's issues, develop a long-term vision and strategy, and advise the Government on policies and initiatives which are of concern to women. LWB provides secretariat support for WoC and takes follow-up actions in collaboration with relevant bureaux and departments. The existing arrangement has been working well.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0036

(Question Serial No. 2683)

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 in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Bureau will promote the implementation of the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" and gender mainstreaming concept within the Government and in the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) sector. Please provide the following information:

- (a) A list of NGOs which will be the major targets of the promotion programme in 2016-17, the expenditure involved and details of the programme, the names of the responsible officers, the implementation timetable and the expected outcome.
- (b) A list of government departments that will implement the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in 2016-17, the expenditure involved and details of the programme, the names of the responsible officers, the implementation timetable and the expected outcome.

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) plans to implement a pilot scheme in 2016-17 to encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the social welfare sector to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating policies and programmes. LWB has also encouraged social welfare organisations to designate a Gender Focal Point (GFP) to promote the Checklist and gender mainstreaming concept within the organisations and serve as the contact point with LWB. At the beginning of 2016, each District Council nominated a GFP for the district to promote the Checklist and gender mainstreaming concept within the district and serve as the contact point between the district and LWB on gender-related issues.

Moreover, LWB will provide support for the Women's Commission (WoC) in its work to promote gender mainstreaming to various sectors, including the production of the TV series *Women with Dreams*.

The resources required for the above work are absorbed within the provisions of LWB.

- (b) In 2016-17, all bureaux and departments are required to continue to refer to the Checklist revised by WoC in 2009 and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and measures. They are also required to continue to liaise with LWB through their GFPs in the promotion of gender mainstreaming. Furthermore, LWB will collaborate with WoC to provide training for government officers on a regular basis for enhancing their understanding of gender-related issues.

The resources required for the above measures are absorbed within the provisions of LWB.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0037

(Question Serial No. 2685)

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 list in detail the various support measures to facilitate women's employment under the Programme. What are the resources to be allocated for these measures in 2016-17 and what are the expected results?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to make provision for the Women's Commission (WoC) to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development, which has adopted the theme of "Women Employment" to support the implementation of different women employment projects by the 18 District Councils and women's groups. An estimate of about 40 projects will be granted funding of about \$2 million in total under the funding scheme.

LWB will also continue to make provision of \$8 million in 2016-17 for 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.

Moreover, LWB will update regularly the Women Employment website. The website is an information portal providing employment services, child and elderly care support services and training programmes for working women and women who are ready to join the labour market. LWB does not have the breakdown of the estimated cost of this initiative.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0038

(Question Serial No. 1887)

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 set out the estimated full-year expenditure on the emoluments of the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 12)

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 2016-17 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3224)

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 stated that the Government would allocate a recurrent provision of \$2.9 billion to implement the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme starting this year. In this regard:

1. What is the estimated distribution of expenditure for the coming year?
2. What are the estimated administrative expenses incurred in conducting the means test and the staffing involved?
3. Besides LIFA, there are alternative allowances available for application under other social welfare units. Is there any mechanism in place to prevent multiple applications from the same family for different allowances, so that those with genuine needs can obtain financial assistance more speedily?
4. Will the Government consider assigning a single computer system or department to handle allowances or subsidies so as to provide convenience for the recipient families?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 351)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows --

1. The provision of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme for 2016-17 is \$2.9 billion, all of which is the expenditure for the allowance to be disbursed.
2. The LIFA Scheme is implemented by the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. The WFAO will have 375 civil service posts, including 3 time-limited posts, and 160 non-civil service time-limited contract staff members to handle applications and provide related support for the LIFA Scheme. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$153.7 million.

3. The purposes of the LIFA Scheme are distinct from other allowance schemes managed by the other social service units. The eligibility criteria and target recipients are different either. In respect of the LIFA Scheme, families applying for LIFA cannot receive the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, or the LIFA applicant cannot receive the household or individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS) concurrently. If any family member is receiving the individual-based WITS, Old Age Living Allowance or Carer Allowance for the Elderly during the claim period of LIFA, the allowance/subsidy received will be counted as family income under LIFA's income test. The WFAO will cross-check with relevant departments the data and records when processing the LIFA applications to ensure effective verification of the above eligibility.
4. The Efficiency Unit has commissioned a consultancy study to examine the feasibility of providing a more user-friendly one-stop service. The assessment is under way.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0040

(Question Serial No. 3225)

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:

Amidst the problems of population ageing, Hong Kong faces a severe shortage of care workers for elderly people and a “succession gap” because of the large number of experienced care workers going on retirement. Moreover, many residential institutions only hire “leave relief” workers of varying standards to fill vacancies, at the risk of affecting the health and safety of the elderly.

1. Will the Government consider following the Japanese government's example of setting up training schools for elderly care to train more health workers for elderly care? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Will the Government consider providing more subsidies for training bodies to organise training courses for health workers? If yes, what are the details?
3. In the long run, will the Government consider developing an incremental pay and assessment system of the care service for health workers and setting up a qualifications framework to attract new entrants?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 352)

Reply:

The Government has all along been keeping a close watch on the manpower situation of the elderly care service industry, and has implemented measures to increase manpower supply and enhance their professional skills. To encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people 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 places. In addition, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation

Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD has selected 5 organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at 31 December 2015, 3 of the organisations enrolled about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

Further, training courses for health workers are offered by different training bodies including non-governmental organisations, self-financing institutes and tertiary institutions. As at end-December 2015, there were 37 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.

The Education Bureau established the Elderly Care Service Industry Training Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) in 2012 to facilitate the implementation of qualifications framework (QF) in the elderly care service industry. The Advisory Committee has 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. In particular, the Advisory Committee encourages training institutions to develop training programmes based on SCS and formulate appropriate articulate ladders between different levels of qualifications. The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) mechanism for the elderly care service industry was launched in September 2015 to enable practitioners to receive formal recognition of the experience, knowledge and skills already acquired at the workplace. The Assessment Agency of RPL for the elderly care service industry is the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology. With the implementation of QF, industry workers will have better prospects for development and a clearer path for advancement. This should help attract more entrants to the elderly care service industry.

Regarding the planning of elderly services, the Elderly Commission (EC) is formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan and has completed 2 stages of public engagement. EC is expected to submit its report to the Government in the second quarter of 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0041

(Question Serial No. 1835)

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 are the expenditure and manpower involved in the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme);
- (2) what are the expenditure and manpower involved in the promotion of the above Scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked about \$147 million for implementing the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years. The funding covers the operating expenses of the operators for the implementation of the Navigation Scheme and their expenditure for the promotion of the scheme. Moreover, the expenditure and manpower required for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to coordinate and promote the Navigation Scheme will be absorbed within SWD's existing provision.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1652)

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:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Government will continue to oversee the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme).

Please provide a breakdown by district the expected additional places for various social services, the number of participating organisations and the amount of funding under the scheme in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The Government has received a total of some 60 preliminary proposals from around 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of places by district under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 applications under the Special Scheme, 5 projects are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 places for elderly services (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 places for subvented rehabilitation services. The remaining proposals which are at different planning stages are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18 depending on their technical feasibilities.

As at February 2016, the Lotteries Fund had provided funding support to the project costs for 2 projects and the costs for technical feasibility studies for another 4 projects under the Special Scheme. According to the latest estimation, the estimated expenditure for the above funding in 2016-17 is about \$77 million.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme
Distribution 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
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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	250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	4	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

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

LWB(WW)0043

(Question Serial No. 1653)

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 pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17. What are the details of the pilot project? What are the estimated provisions involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

In March 2016, the Government launched a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project and the expenditure of some \$3.3 million incurred will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from the Social Welfare Department and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0044

(Question Serial No. 1654)

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 in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Government will continue to oversee the provision of additional subsidised residential and community care places for the elderly. Please provide, by district and service item, the number of existing service places and the number of additional places in the coming year, the number of operating organisations and the amount of provision involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The expenditure on subsidised residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate is \$4,253.3 million and \$2,174 million respectively. The expenditure in the 2016-17 Estimate is \$4,702.9 million and \$2,218.1 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-December 2015 is set out in the Annex. The above residential care places for the elderly are provided by 183 non-governmental organisations (NGOs)/private organisations, whereas places for community care service for the elderly are provided by 41 NGOs/private organisations.

Information on additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2016-17 is as follows –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Annual expenditure (\$ million)
Newly constructed contract homes ^[Note 1]	232	54
Making better use of space in subvented homes ^[Note 2]	66	8
Newly constructed residential care homes under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses ^[Note 3]	72	11
Converting some of the non-subsidised places in existing contract homes into subsidised residential care places for the Elderly ^[Note 4]	23	5
EBPS ^[Note 2]	300	41
Total	693 ^[Note 5]	119

^[Note 1] The newly constructed contract homes will be provided in Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan districts.

^[Note 2] The additional residential care places will be provided across all districts in the territory.

^[Note 3] The newly constructed residential care home will be provided in Tsuen Wan district.

^[Note 4] The contract homes involved are located in Eastern, Kwai Tsing, Sham Shui Po, Islands, Central and Western and Kwun Tong districts respectively.

^[Note 5] As some of the residential care places are still under planning, the number of operating organisations is not available.

In 2016-17, 70 additional day care places for the elderly will be provided by 3 NGOs/private organisations for applicants living in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts.

**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								
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 1]	EBPS places	DE/DCU places	EHCCS places (district basis)	EHCCS places (cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) places	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) places [Note 2]
Central & Western	-	257	188	521	129	171	174	40	552
Eastern	-	459	133	303	246	206		80	1 383
Wan Chai	-	462	-	54	72	154		30	487
Southern	-	1 420	-	497	108	158		80	929
Islands	67	322	63	-	40	89	-	20	240
Kwun Tong	-	1 135	434	579	407	421	497	150	1 805
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 060	464	177	290	406	769	100	1 316
Sai Kung	-	986	290	-	205	228		30	343
Kowloon City	-	658	90	1 435	158	290	535	30	1 218
Yau Tsim Mong	-	124	239	747	152	188		40	880
Sham Shui Po	-	732	314	320	280	255		90	1 537
Sha Tin	-	1 273	54	-	313	192	394	120	1 265
Tai Po	-	1 200	-	98	64	129		30	609
North	-	911	299	306	44	141	766	30	1 037
Yuen Long	-	939	66	670	115	178		90	1 147
Tuen Mun	-	934	243	479	110	160		30	1 109
Tsuen Wan	-	520	388	889	84	235		40	349
Kwai Tsing	-	1 695	345	924	194	336		90	997
Total	67	15 087	3 610	7 999	3 011	7 245		1 120	17 203

[Note 1] 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.

[Note 2] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of service places for the elderly as at end-December 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0045****(Question Serial No. 1655)**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:

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

1. the numbers 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. the number of urgent referrals made by the Police through the 24-hour hotline for outreaching service provided by SWD in each of 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. the types of cases, the age and gender of the service recipients in cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) as well as the number of successfully resolved cases in each of the past 3 years; and
4. the number of social workers in FCPSUs and 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. 27)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to information provided by the Police, the numbers of domestic dispute cases reported to the Police in the past 3 years were as follows –

	2013	2014	2015
Domestic Violence (Crime)	1 870	1 669	1 464
Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous)	676	623	548
Domestic Incidents	12 097	11 510	11 733

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

	2013	2014	2015
Number of referrals	7 474	7 326	6 511

2. SWD has established a 24-hour designated hotline to facilitate the Police in referring emergency domestic violence cases. In the past 3 years, the number of emergency domestic violence cases referred by the Police through the designated hotline and the support services provided were as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (April to December 2015)
Number of referral calls from the Police	149	118	91
Immediate welfare support services (including referrals to refuge centres/temporary shelters and counselling)	27	29	20
Required immediate outreaching services by social workers	11	2	1

3. In the past 3 years, the numbers of cases handled by FCPSUs broken down by case nature are provided in the table below –

Case nature	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (April to December 2015)
Child abuse	2 466	2 265	2 101
Spouse/cohabitant battering	5 070	4 877	4 182
Child custody	254	241	222
Multi-nature	247	262	250
Total	8 037	7 645	6 755

SWD does not keep statistics on the age and gender of the service recipients and the number of successfully resolved cases.

4. The number of social workers in FCPSUs and the average number of supervision cases per social worker in 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as follows –

	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
Number of social workers	168	168
Average number of supervision cases per social worker	27	28

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1656)

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 Programme, the Government will “continue to develop the new computer system to replace the existing Computerised Social Security System (CSSS)”. It is understood that the new system has not been developed after being delayed for years. Would the Government please advise –

1. The manpower and expenditure of the CSSS Project Development Office, which is responsible for developing the system, last year and coming year, and the latest progress in developing the new computer system;
2. The number of years the existing system has been in use after reaching its expected serviceable lifespan; and the annual expenditure for maintaining this obsolete system since the expiration of the serviceable lifespan;
3. How are the Department, its staff and the recipients being affected by the delay in the replacement of CSSS?
4. Have staff members been consulted about the new system? Will new functions be added?
5. Please provide the latest cost-benefit analysis of the new system;
6. What are the estimates and expenditure for the CSSS? Has there been any overspend in relation to the whole project? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) established the CSSS Project Development Office in October 2014 for developing a new computer system. System analysis and design for the project were completed in September 2015, while programming and procuring hardware and software for the computer system have already started. The new system is expected to be rolled out in

early 2018. There are 47 civil servants (including the social security grade and the technical grade) in the CSSS Project Development Office. The revised estimate involved for 2015-16 and the estimated expenditure involved for 2016-17 are \$31.59 million and \$32.16 million respectively.

2. & 3. The delay in rolling out the new system will not affect existing social security services, frontline staff or recipients. In April 2015, SWD also completed the upgrade of the backend infrastructure and communication network of the existing system in order to ensure its stability and sustainability. The expenditure required for the maintenance of the existing system in 2015-16 was about \$24 million.
4. SWD has collected views from its staff on the design and functions of the system through different channels from time to time. Designed to be more flexible and more adaptable to changes, the new system will feature new functions which will include e-services, such as online eligibility check and application for social security schemes via the internet.
5. The CSSS is a mission-critical computer system supporting the operation of various social security schemes and serving more than 1.1 million recipients. The system also provides management information to facilitate service monitoring as well as policy analysis and review, in addition to supporting the implementation of policy changes. Since the CSSS has been in use beyond its serviceable lifespan of 10 years, a new system must be developed to replace it in order to support the sustained provision of social security services for financially vulnerable individuals and families, and to support continuous service enhancement.
6. On 16 January 2009, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved a funding of \$386.14 million from the Capital Works Reserve Fund for SWD's computer system replacement project. As at 31 March 2015, the expenditure for the project was \$74.83 million under the Subhead A012ZG Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System of Head 710 Computerisation under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. Using the balance of \$311.31 million, SWD will continue to develop the new computer system.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0047

(Question Serial No. 1657)

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 the following –

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. The Government will further enhance the short-term food assistance service. In this regard, what are the details? Will the Government regularise this project?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 29)

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 region (including food distribution points), and the total number of service users served by the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by service area in the past 3 years are set out in the Annex.
2. Out of the 28 433 service users served in 2015-16 (up to end-January 2016), 14 681 used the service more than once. The operating NGOs made a total of 2 552 referrals to other service units for follow-up services on their long-term welfare needs.

3. In 2015-16 (up to end-January 2016), 17 774 service users received assistance for the maximum period of 8 weeks.
4. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$70 million, with about 85% of which 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, reviewing the types and nutrition of food items, and will further increase the proportion of food/hot meal coupons and fresh food. As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Government has earmarked an additional \$200 million for the short-term food assistance service to continue for 2 more years until end-2017. SWD will keep in view the need to regularise the Projects and consider in due course the arrangements to be made after 2017.

Table 1 — Number of Service Point by Region

Region	Service points by region ^[Note]		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-January 2016)
Hong Kong & Islands	39	40	37
Kowloon ^[Note]	197	218	223
New Territories	208	221	239
Total	444	479	499

^[Note] Service points include food distribution points.

Table 2 — Number of Service Recipients by Service Area

Service Area served	Number of service recipients		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-January 2016)
Hong Kong Island, Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	5 278	4 724	4 134
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	5 050	5 481	4 755
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	3 003	4 031	4 208
Sham Shui Po	5 871	5 038	3 256
Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong	5 097	5 482	5 176
Tuen Mun	3 404	2 625	2 237
Yuen Long & Tin Shui Wai	4 275	3 979	4 667
Total	31 978	31 360	28 433

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0048

(Question Serial No. 1658)

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 2016-17” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will monitor the implementation of the enhanced after-school care programme. Would the Government 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 2015-16.
2. Please list by constituency the places under the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme and the utilisation rate of the full fee-waiving and half fee-reduction quotas in the past 2 years.
3. Apart from the SWD's ASCP, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has also 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. How are the places being utilised? Will ASCPS be regularised in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The utilisation of ASCP in 18 districts (as at end-December 2015) is set out in Annex 1.
2. The full fee-waiving quotas under the Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme and the utilisation rates of full fee-waiving quotas and half fee-reduction quotas in the past 2 years (2014-15 and 2015-16) by 18 districts are set out in Annex 2.
3. With funding from CCF, the ASCPS was launched in the 2012/13 school year. Under ASCPS, schools and NGOs would collaborate to provide after-school care to

needy primary one to secondary three students from low-income families. With the approval of the Commission on Poverty, ASCPS was extended into the 2013/14, 2014/15 and finally the 2015/16 school year. With reference to the needs of the students, schools and NGOs participating in ASCPS worked out details of their after school care services including service hours and service quota. In the 2015/16 school year, a total of 89 schools and NGOs participate in ASCPS, benefiting some 10 400 students.

Apart from ASCPS, the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes (SALSP) run by the Education Bureau (EDB) as regular programmes feature school-based grant and community-based projects for application by schools and NGOs. Since the 2014/15 school year, the Government has set aside some \$240 million each year for SALSP. This means SALSP gets an additional \$35 million. This additional funding roughly equals the average annual funding of \$34 million for ASCPS during the school years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

As announced in the 2014 Policy Address, the Government will explore ways to consolidate various after-school learning and assistance schemes in the long run to optimise the use of resources and to achieve greater effectiveness of after-school support. New elements attempted in ASCPS and confirmed to be effective have been integrated gradually into EDB's regular SALSP since the 2014/15 school year. These include –

- (1) Added flexibility for school-based grant under SALSP with school's discretionary quota raised from 10% to 25% so as to benefit more ineligible students from needy families who need more after-school care;
- (2) incentive funding for schools with utilisation rate of school-based grant at 80% or above to encourage schools to fully utilise the grant to, coupled with more flexible deployment of school resources, provide added opportunities for students from needy families to join after-school activities; and
- (3) schools may spend part of the school-based grant on procuring necessary supplies and equipment and subsidising travelling expenses for individual students from needy families to join after-school activities.

In the 2016/17 school year, schools and NGOs may carry on serving needy students through school-based grant and community-based projects under SALSP. They may also continue to provide support for students to join after-school activities by making use of various funds and assistance schemes run by EDB and other government departments.

Service places and Utilisation of ASCP by District

District	No. of Places (as at end-December 2015)	No. of Children Using the Service (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	95	88
Southern	293	265
Islands	257	232
Eastern	487	451
Wan Chai	170	148
Kowloon City	216	207
Yau Tsim Mong	179	164
Sham Shui Po	274	241
Kwun Tong	430	378
Wong Tai Sin	440	394
Sai Kung	116	114
Sha Tin	546	530
Tai Po	185	175
North	298	267
Yuen Long	422	397
Tsuen Wan	141	138
Kwai Tsing	563	509
Tuen Mun	440	404
Total	5 552	5 102

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

	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
District	Number of Fee-Waiving Quotas	Utilisation Rate		Number of Fee-Waiving Quotas	Utilisation Rate	
		Full Fee-waiving Quotas	Half Fee-reduction Quotas		Full Fee-waiving Quotas	Half Fee-reduction Quotas
Central & Western	25	100%	94%	26	100%	96%
Southern	101.5	100%	89%	103	100%	100%
Islands	47.5	100%	100%	52.5	100%	83%
Eastern	175.5	100%	79%	170.5	100%	100%
Wan Chai	27.5	100%	100%	33	100%	32%
Kowloon City	55	100%	100%	65	100%	44%
Yau Tsim Mong	68.5	100%	95%	69.5	100%	95%
Sham Shui Po	106	100%	83%	113.5	100%	86%
Kwun Tong	108	100%	100%	129.5	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	101	100%	100%	98.5	100%	100%
Sai Kung	38.5	100%	100%	52	100%	50%
Sha Tin	142.5	100%	75%	140	100%	78%
Tai Po	43	100%	100%	49	100%	100%
North	61.5	100%	100%	59.5	100%	100%
Yuen Long	169	100%	42%	161	100%	65%
Tsuen Wan	31.5	100%	91%	34	100%	75%
Kwai Tsing	184.5	100%	71%	188.5	100%	85%
Tuen Mun	173.5	100%	71%	178.5	100%	82%
Total	1 659.5	100%	88%	1 723.5	100%	90%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0049****(Question Serial No. 1659)**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 total number of elderly persons in each of the District Council districts and Guangdong as well as the latest and total numbers 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 Social Security Allowance Scheme in the various districts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

As at end-December 2015, the numbers of cases of OAA, OALA, NDA and HDA by district were as follows –

District	Number of cases			
	OAA	OALA	NDA	HDA
Central & Western	12 200	7 631	3 073	699
Eastern	28 909	35 300	10 085	1 999
Islands	3 123	6 092	1 794	221
Kowloon City	18 212	21 610	5 493	1 111
Kwai Tsing	12 911	42 649	9 157	1 329
Kwun Tong	17 149	55 207	10 061	2 430
North	6 200	15 743	5 151	863
Sai Kung	9 103	21 877	5 676	1 131
Sha Tin	16 855	40 913	11 419	2 417
Sham Shui Po	13 335	24 258	6 086	1 227
Southern	9 540	17 331	5 435	922
Tai Po	6 781	15 636	5 398	894
Tsuen Wan	9 731	16 321	3 758	746
Tuen Mun	8 382	28 430	8 922	962
Wan Chai	9 809	3 830	1 644	534
Wong Tai Sin	12 685	38 264	7 136	1 284
Yau Tsim Mong	13 736	12 581	3 788	666
Yuen Long	10 801	25 347	8 868	1 063
Total	219 462	429 020	112 944	20 498

Based on Planning Department's information, the population aged 65 or above as at mid-2015 by District Council district were as follows –

District Council district	Population ^{Note}
Central & Western	41 300
Eastern	107 300
Islands	17 800
Kowloon City	73 500
Kwai Tsing	87 200
Kwun Tong	114 900
North	39 300
Sai Kung	49 600
Sha Tin	92 700
Sham Shui Po	72 200
Southern	45 700
Tai Po	39 400
Tsuen Wan	46 200
Tuen Mun	63 500
Wan Chai	27 600
Wong Tai Sin	79 100
Yau Tsim Mong	53 300
Yuen Long	66 500
Total	1 117 300

^{Note} Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

There were 16 199 cases under the Guangdong Scheme as at end-December 2015. In addition, based on the Census and Statistics Department's information, there were about 46 000 Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above residing in the Guangdong province of China in 2011.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0050

(Question Serial No. 1660)

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 “medical social services” (MSS) under the Indicators, would the Government please advise –

1. Despite a significant increase of over 6 000 cases from 2014-15 to 2015-16, the number of cases as specified in the Indicators for the coming year will increase only by 1 800. Is it too conservative?
2. I had pointed out the rising trend in last year's Budget exercise. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) replied at the time that it was due to the “the medical social services unit (MSSU) of the North Lantau Hospital being newly set up”, and that “the projected increase in the number of cases to be served in 2015-16 is relatively small”. However, in the revised estimate for 2015-16, the increase is again over 6 000 cases. Has the Government seriously underestimated the actual service demand or intentionally lowered the figure so as to reduce the increase in expenditure?
3. 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.
4. What is the average number of cases served by each MSW and the average time for handling a case for the past 3 years?
5. In view of the increasing demand for MSS due to the ageing population, will the Government allocate more manpower and resources to such services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

1. & 2. The 2015-16 Revised Estimate drawn up by SWD for the number of cases has been projected from the information available at the time, including the actual number of cases served in the first half of 2015-16 and the distribution of past cases. The estimated number of cases to be served in 2016-17 is mainly based on the 2015-16 Revised Estimate and has reflected the increase in the overall

number of cases served for that year. Nevertheless, the actual number of cases served by medical social workers is affected by a number of factors, including the nature and complexity of different cases, the service measures taken by the Hospital Authority (HA), etc. The increase in the number of cases in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate as compared with the original estimate is mainly due to the launch of a pilot scheme by HA in the mental health clinics in the Kowloon West Cluster in July 2015, which caused the rising number of cases served by medical social workers. SWD will keep in view the actual service needs and provide appropriate medical social services. Where necessary, SWD will deploy or allocate additional relevant expenditure based on the actual caseload.

3. The breakdown of the number of MSWs of SWD and the number of cases served is set out in the Annex.

4. The average caseload per MSW in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	Average caseload per MSW
2013-14 (Actual)	63
2014-15 (Actual)	63
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	63

SWD does not have information on the average time for medical social workers to handle a case.

5. In 2016-17, SWD will provide an MSSU in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital to provide patients and their families with suitable psycho-social intervention and assistance, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$3.6 million. Moreover, SWD will increase the manpower of MSWs in Child Assessment Centres and strengthen MSS for children with special needs and their parents, involving a full-year expenditure of \$1.1 million.

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

Name of MSSU	Number of MSWs	Percentage of the number of cases served to the total number of cases (The accumulated figures from April 2015 to February 2016)
Hospital Authority		
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	15	4.02%
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (Psychiatric Department)	29	3.49%
Queen Mary Hospital	29	6.70%
Wong Chuk Hang Hospital	2	0.14%
Western Psychiatric Centre	16	2.10%
Yung Fung Shee Memorial Centre	26	4.17%
East Kowloon Psychiatric Centre	12	2.09%
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	6	1.66%
North Lantau Hospital	4	0.44%
Hong Kong Eye Hospital	5	0.41%
Kowloon Hospital Rehabilitation Building	2	0.85%
Kowloon Hospital	9	1.16%
Kowloon Hospital Psychiatric Department	20	3.95%
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	22	8.41%
Princess Margaret Hospital	17	6.40%
Lai King Building of Princess Margaret Hospital	5	1.09%
Prince of Wales Hospital	14	5.12%
Prince of Wales Hospital (Psychiatric Unit)	14	2.46%
Sha Tin Hospital	13	2.49%
Tai Po Hospital	20	4.16%
North District Hospital	16	3.96%
Kwai Chung Hospital	19	2.90%
Yau Ma Tei Child Psychiatric Centre	3	0.27%
West Kowloon Psychiatric Centre	29	4.95%
Castle Peak Hospital	40	5.41%
Siu Lam Hospital	2	0.08%
Tuen Mun Hospital	31	14.44%
Department of Health		
Central Kowloon Child Assessment Centre	2	1.12%
Pamela Youde Child Assessment Centre (Kwun Tong)	5	1.17%
Ha Kwai Chung Child Assessment Centre	4	1.14%
Tuen Mun Child Assessment Centre	2	0.94%
Pamela Youde Child Assessment Centre (Shatin)	2	0.99%
Fanling Child Assessment Centre	1	0.74%
Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre	2	0.58%
Total	438	100%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0051****(Question Serial No. 1661)**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 “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families” under this Programme –

1. Please provide the age of the participating carers with a breakdown by age group and by the number of elderly persons they have to take care of.
2. How many carers have withdrawn from the scheme since its introduction because of various reasons? Please provide a breakdown by various reasons. Are the vacancies being filled?
3. How many elderly persons participating in the scheme are also beneficiaries of other subsidised community care services?
4. In the future, what other support measures will be in place to assist the carers, in particular those who have to take care of demented elderly persons? For example, will there be training support, emotional support or travelling expense support? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved for each support item?
5. Will there be a review on the scheme in the coming year? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 33)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. As at end-February 2016, the accumulated number of eligible carers participating in the “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families” (Pilot Scheme) with a breakdown by age group and by the number of elderly persons under their care were as follows –

Age of carers	Number of carers	
	1 elderly person under care	2 elderly persons under care
39 or below	137	5
40 to 49	387	19
50 to 59	695	39
60 to 69	490	18
70 or above	207	-
Total	1 916	81

2. There is no mechanism under the Pilot Scheme to fill the vacancies left by the withdrawn carers. As at end-February 2016, a total of 566 carers had left the Pilot Scheme, with the reasons provided as follows –

Reasons for leaving the Pilot Scheme	Number of carers
Elderly persons under care starting to use residential care services	289
Decease of elderly persons under care	192
Carers starting to receive the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance/Old Age Living Allowance	35
Change of circumstances regarding the carers/elderly persons under care	50
Total	566

3. As at end-February 2016, 1 176 eligible elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme were also receiving of other subsidised community care services.
4. The Government has been providing 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 (SWD) is providing additional designated residential respite places in new contract RCHEs commencing service from 2015-16.

Since October 2007, the District-based Scheme on Carer Training 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. A full-year funding of some \$6.7 million is being provided by the Government to subvented elderly centres for organising training activities for carers.

A full-year funding of some \$22 million has also been provided by the Government since 2014-15 for 41 district elderly community centres to hire more social workers for enhancing support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

Apart from the above funding, it is mentioned in the 2016 Policy Address that the Hospital Authority and SWD will invite the Community Care Fund to launch a

two-year pilot scheme of dementia care service to provide appropriate services for elderly persons with mild or mild to moderate dementia through medical-social collaboration at District Elderly Community Centres, aiming to enhance community care services for dementia patients at the community level.

5. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the pilot scheme. COA will also be invited to submit preliminary reports on the second phase of the pilot scheme to be rolled out in October 2016 and the pilot scheme on living allowance for carers of persons with disabilities, with a view to assisting the Government in working out the way forward for these two schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0052****(Question Serial No. 1663)**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:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Government will oversee the enhancement of the services of refuge centres for women and crisis centres, including the provision of additional places for persons in need. Would the Government please provide the following information –

1. the total number of person-times enrolled and the average utilisation rate of the refuge centres and crisis centres in the past 3 years; and
2. the total number of cases of first-time service users (new admission cases) for the refuge centres and crisis centres in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The total number of person-times enrolled and the average utilisation rate of the 5 Refuge Centres for Women in the past 3 years are as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Total number of person-times enrolled	1 450	1 502	1 152
Average utilisation rate	103.0%	94.7%	97.1%

The total number of person-times enrolled and the average utilisation rate of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre in the past 3 years are as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Total number of person-times enrolled	509	502	284
Average utilisation rate	95.7%	89.0%	92.6%

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on the annual total number of person-times enrolled for the Family Crisis Support Centre. The average utilisation rate of the Centre in the past 3 years is as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Average utilisation rate	130.4%	126.6%	125.4%

2. The total numbers of new admission cases for the 5 Refuge Centres for Women, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and the Family Crisis Support Centre in each of the past 3 years are as follows –

Year	Number of new admission cases		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
5 Refuge Centres for Women	491	542	436
Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre	322	295	164
Family Crisis Support Centre	470	466	285

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0053****(Question Serial No. 1666)**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) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) under this Programme, would the Government please set out in the table below the numbers of various cases for the past 3 years –

Service user conditions	EHCCS	Persons waiting for EHCCS	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC)	IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC)	Persons waiting for IHCS
Living alone					
Living with family members					
Persons aged below 65					

- What are the costs per case for IHCS and EHCCS at present?
- What are the staffing levels of the teams engaged in providing care services in various districts in the past 3 years? Please provide the figures with a breakdown by 18 districts.

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

The information sought is provided as follow –

- The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of cases of IHCS and EHCCS with breakdown by household condition or age group of service users.
- The costs per case per month for IHCS and EHCCS were \$1,817 and \$4,430 respectively for 2015-16 (Revised Estimate).
- Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their ensuring service quality and achieving the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not capture the number of staff of the relevant teams engaged in providing care services in various districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0054****(Question Serial No. 1669)**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 residential care homes & 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 less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA & its percentage		
2011-12								
2012-13								
2013-14								
2014-15								
2015-16								

2. Regarding the above question, how many CSSA cases did not receive rent allowance? If no such statistical information is available, will relevant statistics be captured in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 30)

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 2011-12 to 2015-16 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	
2011-12	148 942	(98.0%)
2012-13	143 721	(97.6%)
2013-14	138 966	(97.9%)
2014-15	132 397	(96.4%)
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	128 800	(96.2%)

- (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 2011-12 to 2015-16 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	
2011-12	18 101	(48.6%)
2012-13	17 846	(50.9%)
2013-14	17 492	(55.1%)
2014-15	17 005	(54.6%)
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	14 260	(46.7%)

- (c) The number of CSSA cases in residential care homes 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 residential care homes and other types of housing receiving rent allowance from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (Percentage %)	
2011-12	48 142	(93.1%)
2012-13	48 973	(95.7%)
2013-14	50 981	(99.3%)
2014-15	50 305	(99.1%)
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	50 002	(98.9%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

- (d) The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with rent allowance	Expenditure on CSSA rent allowance (\$ million)
2011-12	240 881	2,978
2012-13	233 424	2,825
2013-14	224 992	2,902
2014-15	219 292	3,378
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	214 942	2,502

- (e) The Community Care Fund launched the assistance programme of “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” in October 2011, September 2013, September 2014 and September 2015 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 households benefited and the total amount of allowance for each of the 4 programmes launched are as follows –

	First time	Second time	Third time	Forth time (as at end-February 2016)
Number of households	22 605	17 769	14 992	14 904
Total amount of allowance (\$ million)	32.09	51.30	44.58	44.78

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)0055****(Question Serial No. 1675)**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:

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17" that the Government will continue to oversee the strengthening of manpower resources of Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) to enhance community support. Please list the staff establishment and the amount of subsidy for IFSCs and the ISCs in the past 3 years. How much manpower resources are expected to be added in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

The expenditure for IFSCs in 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate is \$838.8 million, \$889.7 million and \$939.2 million respectively. The number of staff of the 41 IFSCs run by SWD is provided below –

Year	Number of staff in IFSCs	
	Officers-in-charge & Social Work Officers	Frontline social workers
2013-14	65	738
2014-15	65	738
2015-16	65	748

As regards the 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs run by NGOs under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, the NGOs concerned have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The estimated expenditure for IFSCs in 2016-17 is \$961.1 million. For the IFSCs run by SWD, 2 frontline social worker posts will be added, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$1.1 million. IFSCs and ISCs run by NGOs under the LSG Subvention System will continue to have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0056

(Question Serial No. 1676)

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:

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, the Government will continue to 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). Please list the amount of grants under the Fund broken down by participating organisation in the past 3 years, and the total number of after-school learning and support programmes in each of the past 3 years under each of the following projects: “whole-person development activities and tutorial classes for primary and secondary school students from disadvantaged families”, “diversified interest classes”, “life planning activities” and “after-school care services”.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

PFD aims to promote tripartite cross-sectoral partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to donations made by the business partners to support non-governmental welfare organisations (NGOs) running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In 2015, the Government further injected \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which would 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 welfare NGOs and schools in the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families.

The number of PFD projects providing after-school learning and support programmes and the amount of grants by participating organisations in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Year	SWD-subvented organisations		Non-SWD-subvented organisations		Schools ^[Note 1]	
	No. of projects ^[Note 2]	Amount of grants (\$ million)	No. of projects ^[Note 2]	Amount of grants (\$ million)	No. of projectss ^[Note 2]	Amount of grants (\$ million)
2013-14	17	12	11	9	N.A.	N.A.
2014-15	36	23	24	13	N.A.	N.A.
2015-16	28	19	31	22	41	16

[Note 1] The Dedicated Fund was open to application by public sector primary and secondary schools (including government schools and aided schools etc.) when it was launched in 2015.

[Note 2] After-school learning and support programmes include such activities as whole-person development activities, tutorial classes, diversified interest classes, life-planning activities, after-school care services, etc. Each programme may cover one or more activities. SWD does not have a breakdown of individual activity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0057

(Question Serial No. 1677)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Government will continue to oversee the enhancement of child care services (including the enhancement of the Extended Hours Service (EHS)). Please provide the number of places of each service type and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

Child care services include standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergartens, occasional child care service (OCCS), EHS, mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). The numbers of places and the expenditures involved for various services in the past 3 years are set out in the Annex.

Number of places and expenditure of the standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to kindergarten, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP in the past 3 years

Type of Service	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	Number of places	Actual (\$million)	Number of places	Actual (\$million)	Number of places	Revised Estimate (\$million)
Standalone CCCs [Note 1]	2 885	5.2	2 850	5.7	2 874	6.7
CCCs attached to kindergarten [Note 1 and Note 2]	25 575	[Note 3]	27 012	[Note 3]	26 463	[Note 3]
EHS	1 230	15.9	1 230	17.6	2 204	30.3
OCCS	434	21.0	434	25.1	434	27.6
MHCCCs [Note 4]	314	-	314	-	303	0.4
NSCCP [Note 5]	720	24.4	954	36.1	954	32.8

[Note 1] Inclusive of both subsidised and non-subsidised places.

[Note 2] Information provided by the Education Bureau for September in each of the school years.

[Note 3] Kindergarten-cum-CCCs are regulated by the Education Bureau. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the expenditure involved.

[Note 4] MHCCC services are provided on a self-financing basis. SWD provides subsidies to service users of MHCCCs on an actual reimbursement basis.

[Note 5] The operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care service places 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)0058

(Question Serial No. 2413)

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 number of locations where the street sleepers are gathered in various districts;
3. the types of street sleeper cases receiving support from various Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs);
4. the number of cases in which the street sleepers have given up street sleeping and re-integrated into the community after services are provided;
5. the numbers of studies and surveys on this issue as well as their content;
6. whether the Government will in the future conduct review and improve the services, including inter-departmental action taken against street sleepers; and
7. the expenditure and manpower involved in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1 & 2. The number of street sleepers on the Street Sleepers Registry of SWD by age group and geographical distribution over the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.
3. SWD does not have the statistical information sought.
4. The number of cases of giving up street sleeping after the intervention of ISTs in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (from April 2015 to January 2016) was 160, 122 and 100 respectively.

5. SWD has always collected the data of the local street sleepers through units under SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) specialised in serving street sleepers, with a view to updating the figures and data on the registry.
6. Street sleeping is a complex social issue involving different policy bureaux and departments. Concerned about the welfare service needs of street sleepers all along, SWD has been liaising and collaborating closely with relevant departments and service units to jointly render support to street sleepers.
7. In 2016-17, the estimated subvention provided by SWD for NGOs specialised in serving street sleepers and urban hostels for single persons/emergency shelters is \$19.1 million.

Table 1 - Number of Registered Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age Group	Number of registered street sleepers		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-January 2016)
Unknown	24	25	24
29 or below	27	25	17
30 to 49	281	301	307
50 to 69	383	430	474
70 or above	31	44	52
Total	746	825	874

Table 2 - Number of Registered Street Sleepers by Geographical Distribution

Geographical Distribution	Number of registered street sleepers		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-January 2016)
Hong Kong & Islands	38	43	111
Kowloon	678	753	735
New Territories	30	29	28
Total	746	825	874

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0059

(Question Serial No. 2475)

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:

For district support centres for persons with disabilities, home care service for persons with severe disabilities, and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities, a case manager system is now in place. However, according to many service users, the case managers currently do not have the actual power to deploy resources. Could the Government respond to such queries? What are the current terms of reference for the case managers?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 136)

Reply:

Since 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented case management service for district support centres for persons with disabilities, home care service for persons with severe disabilities and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities, in order to provide support for persons with disabilities living in the community. Multi-disciplinary services are coordinated by the case manager in a one-stop approach to enable persons with disabilities to receive necessary rehabilitation and welfare services. Timely referrals are also made to other service units for appropriate support to persons with disabilities and their carers. In July 2014, SWD set up a working group on case management, with members comprising academics from universities as well as representatives from non-governmental organisations, groups for persons with disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The working group will draw up a manual on case management service in 2016-17 to give case managers a more lucid understanding of their roles and scope of work, and for them to be equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills for the provision of quality case management service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0060

(Question Serial No. 2505)

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 detailed cross-service coordination procedures among foster care service, small group homes (SGHs), residential homes for children (RHCs) and adoption service.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

Residential child care services (RCCS), which comprise foster care service, SGHs and RHCs, 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 comprise 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 require 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

LWB(WW)0061

(Question Serial No. 2506)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 12)

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 adoptable children are matched with the best 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, with a view to safeguarding the well-being of children.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0062****(Question Serial No. 2548)**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 135(d)) that the Social Welfare Department is piloting a new model of elderly services. Since September 2013, Government has launched, with \$1 billion from the Lotteries Fund, the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) which adopts the “money-following-the-user” and “co-payment” approaches. The Pilot Scheme will be extended to all 18 districts in the territory this year and the number of service vouchers will be increased to 3 000. Please provide the following information –

(1) The expenditure of the Pilot Scheme

Item	Total amount (\$)
Total expenditure of the first phase	
Total amount of subsidy for the vouchers (excluding operational costs such as administrative and promotional expenses, etc.)	
Administrative expenses (excluding service monitoring expenses)	
Promotional expenses	
Service monitoring expenses	
Other expenses (please list)	
Remaining funding (for use in the second phase)	
Total amount	\$1 billion

Item	Total amount (\$)
Estimated expenditure of the second phase	
Estimated total amount of subsidy for the vouchers (excluding operational costs such as administrative and promotional expenses, etc.)	
Estimated administrative expenses (excluding service monitoring expenses)	

Item	Total amount (\$)
Estimated promotional expenses	
Estimated service monitoring expenses	
Estimated other expenses (please list)	
Total expenditure including that of the first phase	
Total amount	\$1 billion

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 532)

Reply:

The amount of funding allocated by the Lotteries Fund for the first and second phases of the Pilot Scheme is provided as follows –

Item	Funding for first phase (\$ million)	Funding for second phase (\$ million)
Subsidy for the vouchers	278	558.7
Seed money ^[Note]	102	80
Promotion	-	0.5
Total	380	639.2
Total for 2 phases	Around \$1 billion	

^[Note] Seed money is granted to recognised service providers to purchase vehicles and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was rolled out in September 2013. The cumulative expenditure was about \$74 million as at end-March 2015, and the 2015-16 Revised Estimate is about \$79 million. It is expected that the second phase of the Pilot Scheme will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2016. Upon the completion of the whole Pilot Scheme, any unspent funding will be returned to the Lotteries Fund.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0063

(Question Serial No. 2550)

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, the unit cost and the service places for the past 4 years regarding various services for persons with disabilities, including the integrated vocational training centres (IVTC), 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), small group homes (SGH), supported hostels (SHOS), private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS), day activity centres (DAC), early education and training centres (EETC), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCC), occasional child care service (OCCS), 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 60)

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, DAC, SW and private RCHDs participating in BPS in the past 4 years are set out in Annex 4.

Number of applicants waiting for rehabilitation services and average waiting time

Type of service	Number of persons on waiting list				Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1]			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
HMMH	1 533	1 694	1 784	1 943	84.4	83.8	119.5	39.0
HSMH	2 190	2 200	2 205	2 220	81.6	86.4	105.6	96.5
HSPH	459	516	565	600	37.4	26.6	142.2	27.6
C&A/SD	425	468	421	443	31.2	48.0	48.0	47.8
C&A/AB	120	120	131	127	6.0	5.4	8.4	9.0
SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 2]	80	80	94	79	7.2	12.4	18.8	9.7
SHOS	1 173	1 340	1 500	1 644	31.5	26.0	16.5	19.4
Private RCHDs in BPS ^[Note 3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DAC	1 257	1 293	1 289	1 189	44.4	57.6	57.6	61.8
SW	2 515	2 724	2 750	2 482	16.8	12.6	16.1	19.7
SE	79	96	76	50	2.2	2.1	2.2	3.1
IVRSC ^[Note 4]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IVTC ^[Note 5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OJT ^[Note 5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunnyway ^[Note 5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EETC	3 878	3 945	3 853	3 823	15.7	15.2	19.0	19.6
IP	1 779	1 784	1 764	1 643	12.2	12.7	14.1	13.0
SCCC	1 404	1 335	1 437	1 419	16.8	16.9	18.5	17.3
OCCS ^[Note 5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figure for 2015-16 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.

^[Note 2] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group homes.

^[Note 3] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for long stay care home and HMMH in the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated according to the applicants' preference by SWD to those who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

^[Note 4] There is no central waiting list for IVRSC and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

^[Note 5] 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

Legend

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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

SHOS – supported hostel

RCHDs – residential care homes for persons with disabilities

BPS – Bought Place Scheme

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

SE – supported employment

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

IVTC – integrated vocational training centre

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Sunnyway – Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities

EETC – early education and training centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
SCCC – special child care centre
OCCS – occasional child care service

Table 1a: Number of places for various types of residential services for persons with disabilities in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC)	SHOS	Private RCHDs in BPS
Central/Western / Southern & Islands	333	547	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	-	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	-	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	8	76	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	20	-	52	-	29	132
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	-	78	-	30	50
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	-	20	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	-	32	70	-
Yuen Long	187	106	50	100	80	-	46	21
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	-	83	-
Tuen Mun	364	431	67	67	240	-	20	42
Total	2 292	3 382	573	959	825	40	554	245

Table 1b: Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT ^[Note]	Sunnyway ^[note]	IVTC (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.	-
Total	4 801	5 051	1 633	4 257	432	311	453

^[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 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SGH (MMHC)	SHOS	Private RCHDs in BPS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	547	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	-	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	-	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	8	76	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	20	-	52	-	29	144
Sham Shui Po	60	104	-	-	78	-	30	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	-	62	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	-	32	70	-
Yuen Long	187	106	50	100	80	-	46	27
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	-	83	51
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	54
Total	2 364	3 382	573	959	825	40	596	341

**Table 2b: Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services
in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT ^[Note]	Sunnyway ^[note]	IVTC (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.	-
Total	4 801	5 111	1 633	4 257	432	311	453

^[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 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SGH (MMHC)	SHOS	Private RCHDs in BPS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	-	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	-	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	8	76	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	20	-	52	-	29	188
Sham Shui Po	80	156	-	32	78	-	30	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	-	62	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	-	32	70	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	46	27
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	-	83	116
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	54
Total	2 384	3 561	573	991	825	40	596	450

**Table 3b: Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services
in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)**

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT ^[Note]	Sunnyway ^[note]	IVTC (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	782	325	115	565	N.A.	N.A.	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	367	598	378	200	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kwun Tong	451	680	185	170	N.A.	N.A.	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	471	320	370	673	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	347	615	95	317	N.A.	N.A.	220
Sham Shui Po	322	535	120	210	N.A.	N.A.	-
Sha Tin	545	271	20	774	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tai Po/North	239	306	65	-	N.A.	N.A.	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	451	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	806	761	180	450	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tuen Mun	602	618	35	577	N.A.	N.A.	-
Total	5 146	5 276	1 633	4 387	432	311	453

^[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 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SGH	SHOS	Private RCHDs in BPS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	-	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	-	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	8	76	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	283	137	20	-	52	-	29	188
Sham Shui Po	80	156	-	32	78	-	30	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	-	62	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	-	32	70	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	46	27
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	-	83	116
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	54
Total	2 384	3 561	573	991	825	40	596	450

**Table 4b: Number of places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services
in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)**

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT ^[Note]	Sunnyway ^[note]	IVTC (Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	784	325	115	565	N.A.	N.A.	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	367	598	378	200	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kwun Tong	451	680	185	170	N.A.	N.A.	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	471	320	370	673	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	347	615	95	317	N.A.	N.A.	220
Sham Shui Po	322	535	120	210	N.A.	N.A.	-
Sha Tin	545	271	20	774	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tai Po/North	239	306	65	-	N.A.	N.A.	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	451	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	806	761	180	450	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tuen Mun	602	618	35	602	N.A.	N.A.	-
Total	5 148	5 276	1 633	4 412	432	311	453

Table 5: Number of places for pre-school services

District	EETC				SCCC				IP	
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2012-15 ^[Note] (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	199	199	199	199	132	132
Eastern/ Wan Chai	341	341	401	401	204	204	216	216	174	186
Kwun Tong	166	166	262	262	66	66	66	66	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	416	416	416	333	333	333	333	234	240
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	216	216	231	24	24	30	30	192	210
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	274	205	205	205	205	84	108
Sha Tin	191	191	291	291	138	138	138	138	156	168
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	192	192	192	192	168	168
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172	108	108	108	108	186	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	384	384	168	168	168	168	192	198
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	229	120	120	120	120	138	156
Total	2 613	2 628	2 991	3 070	1 757	1 757	1 775	1 775	1 860	1 980

[Note] There has been no change in the number of places for IP from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Table 6: Number of places for OCCS

District	Number of places for OCCS			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4
Eastern/ Wan Chai	8	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	4	4	6	6
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	13	13	13	13
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10	10
Sha Tin	7	7	12	12
Tai Po/North	8	8	8	8
Yuen Long	8	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	7	7	7	7
Total	77	79	86	86

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
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DAC – day activity centre
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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 – integrated vocational training centre
EETC – early education and training centre
SCCC – special child care centre
IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OCCS – occasional child care service

Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HMMH

District	Number of applicants waiting for HMMH			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	136	145	159	163
Eastern/ Wan Chai	165	176	184	198
Kwun Tong	162	176	196	212
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	156	190	190	225
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	125	141	201	148
Sham Shui Po	99	103	113	136
Sha Tin	135	146	150	161
Tai Po/North	140	150	168	180
Yuen Long	111	121	126	139
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	173	193	210	240
Tuen Mun	131	153	131	141
Total	1 533	1 694	1 784	1 943

Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HSMH

District	Number of applicants waiting for HSMH			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	153	151	137	125
Eastern/ Wan Chai	183	186	187	177
Kwun Tong	207	223	211	218
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	240	251	265	270
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	188	181	189	197
Sham Shui Po	164	159	159	156
Sha Tin	190	181	177	181
Tai Po/North	206	213	218	210
Yuen Long	185	186	195	203
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	236	233	240	247
Tuen Mun	238	236	227	236
Total	2 190	2 200	2 205	2 220

Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH

District	Number of applicants waiting for HSPH			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	43	49	52	56
Eastern/ Wan Chai	54	59	62	58
Kwun Tong	53	54	58	64
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	67	69	82	86
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	30	39	47	51
Sham Shui Po	30	31	31	34
Sha Tin	42	52	57	65
Tai Po/North	28	37	42	43
Yuen Long	33	37	38	38
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	48	49	52	58
Tuen Mun	31	40	44	47
Total	459	516	565	600

Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SD

District	Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SD			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	29	36	35	43
Eastern/ Wan Chai	38	31	37	38
Kwun Tong	41	46	35	36
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	59	63	56	56
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	39	43	27	37
Sham Shui Po	30	44	34	40
Sha Tin	27	28	33	32
Tai Po/North	44	41	42	37
Yuen Long	44	42	38	40
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	37	56	50	50
Tuen Mun	37	38	34	34
Total	425	468	421	443

Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB

District	Number of applicants waiting for C&A/AB			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	20	12	9	14
Eastern/ Wan Chai	9	11	4	14
Kwun Tong	15	11	14	15
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	10	12	25	18
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	10	7	13	8
Sham Shui Po	4	7	14	9
Sha Tin	12	8	15	17
Tai Po/North	1	7	6	5
Yuen Long	11	14	8	9
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	15	20	13	12
Tuen Mun	13	11	10	6
Total	120	120	131	127

Table 6: Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC)

District	Number of applicants waiting for SGH(MMHC)			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	8	7	7
Eastern/ Wan Chai	7	9	11	7
Kwun Tong	11	12	13	10
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	13	7	9	9
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	5	3	4	3
Sham Shui Po	7	6	11	10
Sha Tin	4	3	3	2
Tai Po/North	8	8	12	9
Yuen Long	4	7	7	6

Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	7	7	9	8
Tuen Mun	9	10	8	8
Total	80	80	94	79

Table 7: Number of applicants waiting for SHOS

District	Number of applicants waiting for SHOS			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	71	92	107	120
Eastern/ Wan Chai	84	104	119	117
Kwun Tong	123	136	147	169
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	190	207	225	246
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	72	87	91	99
Sham Shui Po	80	91	101	124
Sha Tin	97	115	120	132
Tai Po/North	124	131	165	177
Yuen Long	106	116	135	144
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	95	127	153	173
Tuen Mun	131	134	137	143
Total	1 173	1 340	1 500	1 644

Table 8: Number of applicants waiting for DAC

District	Number of applicants waiting for DAC			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	86	90	82	63
Eastern/ Wan Chai	103	109	120	89
Kwun Tong	96	111	106	105
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	141	149	163	162
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	80	78	89	89
Sham Shui Po	107	103	94	83
Sha Tin	110	110	106	107
Tai Po/North	118	128	128	115
Yuen Long	142	151	136	124
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	110	107	120	118

Tuen Mun	164	157	145	134
Total	1 257	1 293	1 289	1 189

Table 9: Number of applicants waiting for SW

District	Number of applicants waiting for SW			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	172	190	176	173
Eastern/ Wan Chai	219	234	196	176
Kwun Tong	282	276	298	290
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	354	375	393	338
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	145	186	188	155
Sham Shui Po	141	150	157	159
Sha Tin	247	281	289	253
Tai Po/North	373	388	384	363
Yuen Long	192	233	238	213
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	159	175	183	178
Tuen Mun	231	236	248	184
Total	2 515	2 724	2 750	2 482

Table 10: Number of applicants waiting for SE

District	Number of applicants waiting for SE			
	2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	14	17	26	16
Eastern/ Wan Chai	6	10	5	3
Kwun Tong	7	11	8	4
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	15	10	13	10
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	5	1	1
Sham Shui Po	3	6	2	2
Sha Tin	3	2	2	3
Tai Po/North	2	6	3	3
Yuen Long	8	10	5	5
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	10	13	9	2
Tuen Mun	8	6	2	1
Total	79	96	76	50

Table 11: Number of applicants waiting for EETC

District	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	377	358	355	307
Eastern/ Wan Chai	427	441	400	402
Kwun Tong	419	391	310	327
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	590	558	506	484
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	369	453	478	453
Sham Shui Po	188	216	250	226
Sha Tin	464	472	409	414
Tai Po/North	337	350	321	337
Yuen Long	183	143	193	219
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	390	427	459	460
Tuen Mun	134	136	172	194
Total	3 878	3 945	3 853	3 823

Table 12: Number of applicants waiting for IP

District	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	82	118	109	81
Eastern/ Wan Chai	113	111	83	97
Kwun Tong	192	180	161	168
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	222	194	204	183
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	117	156	148	145
Sham Shui Po	88	89	87	71
Sha Tin	218	258	240	214
Tai Po/North	284	263	240	243
Yuen Long	156	125	190	199
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	196	183	135	128
Tuen Mun	111	107	167	114
Total	1 779	1 784	1 764	1 643

Table 13: Number of applicants waiting for SCCC

District	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	103	105	99	98
Eastern/ Wan Chai	126	122	110	96
Kwun Tong	136	121	118	143
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	191	185	172	150
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	131	135	167	135
Sham Shui Po	91	89	85	101
Sha Tin	157	140	156	161
Tai Po/North	134	104	138	147
Yuen Long	124	106	131	130
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	134	160	172	167
Tuen Mun	77	68	89	91
Total	1 404	1 335	1 437	1 419

Legend

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
 HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
 HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
 C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
 C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
 SGH(MMHC) –small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
 SHOS – supported hostel
 DAC – day activity centre
 SW – sheltered workshop
 SE – supported employment
 EETC – early education and training centre
 IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
 SCCC – special child care centre

Cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, DAC, SW & private RCHDs participating in BPS

Type of services	Cost per place per month			
	2012-13 (Actual) (\$)	2013-14 (Actual) (\$)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Rehabilitation residential services	11,004	11,906	13,174	13,857
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	6,840	7,044	7,613	7,767
DAC	7,263	7,751	8,812	9,543
SW	3,829	4,116	4,908	5,596
Private RCHDs participating in BPS ^[Note]	N.A.	N.A.	8,557	8,248

^[Note] SWD launched a four-year pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private RCHDs with funding support from the Lotteries Fund in 2010. The pilot BPS was completed in September 2014. The BPS was regularised by SWD in October 2014, hence the cost per place per month for the past 2 years is provided.

Legend

DAC – day activity centre

SW – sheltered workshop

RCHDs – residential care homes for persons with disabilities

BPS – Bought Place Scheme

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0064

(Question Serial No. 2554)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 under Programme (4) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “enhance the transportation service for service users of community rehabilitation day centres and day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons”, “set up a medical social services unit in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital” and “strengthen medical social services for children with special needs”. Please provide the details on these items, the relevant resource allocation, the estimated staffing establishment and the expected outcomes effectiveness.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 141)

Reply:

The Government proposes to allocate an additional full-year funding of about \$18 million in 2016-17 for community rehabilitation day centres and day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons to increase the number of motor drivers and enhance the centre bus services of these centres. The Government will also apply for funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for providing an additional 73 centre buses to the above centres so as to enhance the transportation service for service users of these service units.

SWD will set up 1 medical social services unit in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital, with the creation of 8 permanent posts, including 1 social work officer, 4 assistant social work officers, 1 assistant clerical officer, 1 clerical assistant and 1 workman II, for the provision of psychosocial intervention and assistance to patients and their families as appropriate, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$3.6 million.

Moreover, to tie in with the establishment of a new child assessment centre under the Department of Health, SWD will create 2 assistant social work officer posts to strengthen the medical social services for children with special needs and their parents. The additional manpower is expected to serve about 1 400 more new cases each year. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$1.1 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0065****(Question Serial No. 2841)**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:

Given that substantial reserves have been accumulated by many subvented organisations in the past, I would like to ask for the following figures –

- I. In the past 4 years, what was the total amount of reserves for organisations receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention and its percentage to the overall LSG subvention?
- II. Please provide the numbers of organisations receiving LSG subvention in the past 4 years by the percentage of cumulative surplus to the total subvention for the organisations concerned in categories of every 5 percentage points (i.e. 0%, 1-5%, 6-10% ... up to 51% or above).
- III. Please provide the numbers of organisations receiving LSG subvention that had to refund the Government their subvention due to excessive reserves in the past 4 years, and the amounts involved.
- IV. What is the maximum reserve ratio for the organisations currently set out by the Government? Will the Government consider adjusting that level? What strategies does the Government have for encouraging maximised use of the reserve and proper reserve management, in order to avoid excessive reserves to be persistently refunded to the Government?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 548)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- I. From 2011-12 to 2014-15, the total amount of cumulative reserve in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving LSG subvention and the cumulative reserve expressed as a percentage of the overall LSG subvention are shown below –

Year	Cumulative Reserve (\$ million)	Cumulative Reserve as a Percentage of Overall LSG Subvention
2011-12	2,620	28.4%
2012-13	2,649	26.3%
2013-14	2,701	25.1%
2014-15	Information not yet available	

- II. The numbers of NGOs receiving LSG from 2011-12 to 2014-15 listed by cumulative reserve as a percentage of LSG subvention are set out in the Annex.
- III. Information about NGOs having to refund the reserve because cumulative reserve exceeds 25% of the year's operating expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is as follows –

Year	Number of NGOs having to return the reserve	Total amount of reserve returned ^[Note] (\$ million)
2011-12	23	16.6
2012-13	17	10.8
2013-14	17	12.7
2014-15	Information not yet available	

[Note] Amounts derived from preliminary review of annual financial reports submitted by individual NGOs.

- IV. At the end of a financial year, the amount of an NGO's cumulative LSG reserve is capped at 25% of the year's LSG-related operating expenditure and any amount above the cap has to be returned to the Government. SWD will keep in view how NGOs utilise LSG subvention. On management of the reserve, the criteria and conditions in relation to investment of the reserve are set out in the LSG Manual. The Best Practice Manual issued in July 2014 requires NGOs to maximise use of the LSG reserve, determine appropriate level of reserve and disseminate information about the reserve. NGOs are also encouraged to keep in view the reserve, maximise use of them and carry out medium term and ongoing financial projection to examine its financial viability and long-term ability to meet their commitments on staff salaries and benefits.

**Numbers of NGOs Receiving LSG from 2011-12 to 2014-15
listed by Cumulative Reserve as a Percentage of LSG Subvention**

Cumulative reserve as a percentage of LSG subvention received by the NGO for the year ^[Note]	Number of NGOs			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
51% or above	29	24	23	Information not yet available
46% to 50%	9	8	7	
41% to 45%	9	9	7	
36% to 40%	10	10	9	
31% to 35%	12	12	13	
26% to 30%	9	14	15	
21% to 25%	11	12	18	
16% to 20%	14	15	11	
11% to 15%	18	17	16	
6% to 10%	11	11	10	
1% to 5%	12	9	10	
0%	20	24	26	
Total	164	165	165	

[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2843)

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. How are home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) being utilised? Please list by district the figures on the service types (nursing care, rehabilitation training, personal care service, escort service, carer support service, home respite service, social work service, out-of-office hour emergency support, meal service) utilised by the service users and the total number of cases.
2. Regarding the subsidy received by ISS service users, please list by district the level of subsidy and the number of cases.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 137)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. There are about 3 250 HCS places per year. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were a total of 2 612 cases receiving HCS. The volume of various services utilised by service users with a breakdown by district served by the 6 HCS service teams is set out at Annex 1 (Table 1).

There are about 900 ISS places per year. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were a total of 659 cases receiving ISS. The volume of various services utilised by service users with a breakdown by district served by the 2 ISS service teams is set out at Annex 1 (Table 2).

2. There were a total of 299 ISS cases receiving cash subsidy in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015). The subsidy level is set with reference to 150% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) published in the most updated

“Quarterly Report on General Household Survey” by the Census and Statistics Department at the time of application. Details are as follows –

- (a) Full-rate subsidy for eligible service users with a family household income at or below 100% of MMDHI (capped at \$2,500 per month)
- (b) Three-quarters subsidy for those with family household income above 100% to 125% of MMDHI (capped at \$1,875 per month)
- (c) Half-rate subsidy for those with family household income above 125% to 150% of MMDHI (capped at \$1,250 per month)

The numbers of ISS cases with different subsidy levels received by service users as at end-December 2015 with a breakdown by district served by the 2 ISS service teams are set out at Annex 2.

Table 1 – Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities
Volume of Various Services Utilised by Service Users

District served Service Type	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)					
	Central & Western, Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	Kuwn Tong, Wong Tai Sin	Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun	Sha Tin Tai Po & North, Sai Kung
Nursing Care (session) ^[Note]	1 394	3 333	2 103	608	2 174	797
Rehabilitation training (session) ^[Note]	4 613	1 899	5 577	1 863	3 425	3 858
Personal care service (hour)	2 339	4 838	10 280	3 744	2 861	2 575
Escort service (hour)	841	9 006	4 418	1 815	3 959	2 305
Carer support programme (number)	15	13	9	10	21	9
Home respite service (person)	56	123	157	31	26	60
Social work service (person)	446	434	462	382	378	510
Meal service (person)	-	2	3	4	1	-
After-office-hours emergency support service	No such information available					

[Note] 45 minutes per session

**Table 2 – Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities
Volume of Various Services Utilised by Service Users**

<div style="text-align: center;">District served</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Service Type</div>	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)					
	Central & Western, Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	Kuwn Tong, Wong Tai Sin	Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun	Sha Tin Tai Po & North, Sai Kung
Nursing Care (session) ^[Note]	2 978			314		
Rehabilitation training (session) ^[Note]	3 219			1 660		
Personal care service (hour)	5 178			592		
Escort service (hour)	553			409		
Carer support programme (number)	14			20		
Home respite service (person)	438			207		
Social work service (person)	320			339		
Meal service (person)	1			-		

[Note] 45 minutes per session

Number of Cases of Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities Receiving Cash Subsidy

District served Maximum level of subsidy per month	End-December 2015					
	Central & Western, Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	Kuwn Tong, Wong Tai Sin	Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun	Sha Tin Tai Po & North, Sai Kung
\$2,500 (no. of persons)	136			105		
\$1,875 (no. of persons)	-			7		
\$1,250 (no. of persons)	-			3		
Total number of cases	136			115		

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0067

(Question Serial No. 2845)

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 paragraph 135(d) of the Budget, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is piloting a new model of elderly services. Since September 2013, Government has launched, with \$1 billion from the Lotteries Fund, the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service (CCS) Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) which adopts the “money-following-the-user” and “co-payment” approaches. The Pilot Scheme will be extended to all 18 districts in the territory this year and the number of service vouchers will be increased to 3 000.

With reference to the Supplementary Information provided by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services meeting on 6 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)781/15-16(01)), the pool of recognised service providers (RSPs) will be expanded under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme to include private organisations. Please provide the following information –

- (a) How will private organisations be selected or invited by the Government to take part in the Pilot Scheme? How do you determine whether the private organisations can meet SWD's requirements? Does SWD currently have a list of eligible private organisations and their business addresses?
- (b) With reference to LC Paper No. CB(2)781/15-16(01), private organisations having 12 months of experience in providing CCS will be accepted by SWD to become RSPs. What are the reasons for drawing the line at 12 months? What are the grounds and justifications for that?
- (c) Residential care homes for the elderly are regulated under specialised legislation and required to obtain licences. As such, will codes of practice and licensing requirements for centre-based CCS and home care services be in place before the launch of the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme?
- (d) Will there be any profit control in place for CCS voucher services operated by private organisations?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 533)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) When implementing the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, SWD invited non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and non-profit-making organisations (including social enterprises (SEs)) with experience in providing CCS or residential care service (RCS) to apply to become RSPs. SWD accepted the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong, i.e. expansion of the service providers' pool to include more types of RSPs, including NGOs, SEs and private organisations, in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, for enhancing service quality and diversity. Eligible private organisations must have 12 months' or more experience in directly providing CCS for the elderly. Regarding experience in CCS, the organisations concerned must have experience in directly providing at least 2 types of services out of the 3 core care services, i.e. (a) rehabilitation exercises provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists; (b) special/basic care service provided by registered/enrolled nurses; and (c) personal care service provided by health workers/personal care workers.
- SWD will invite eligible organisations to apply to become RSPs in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. Applicant organisations will be required to submit documentation such as annual reports, service pamphlets, staff employment records, service records, etc to prove that they fulfil the requirement of service experience. SWD will set up a vetting committee to verify whether applicants meet the eligibility criteria. The list of eligible RSPs for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme is expected to be announced in the second or third quarter of 2016 after the committee has completed the vetting procedures.
- (c) Under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme, SWD will issue Service Specifications to prescribe the service and operational requirements for RSPs. All RSPs are required to sign an agreement on the provision of service and to comply with the terms and conditions set out in the Service Specifications. An RSP's status may be suspended or terminated in case of failure to deliver the agreed service scope, level, volume and quality, or rectify irregularities.
- (d) The Pilot Scheme aims to test the new funding mode of "money-following-the-user", promote flexibility and diversity in the market and provide incentive for service providers to improve service quality and be more responsive to the users' needs. While a mechanism to control profits will not be set up, SWD will strictly monitor the standard of the services provided by service providers (please refer to Part (c) above).
- Under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme, RSPs can only set prices for individual CCS items within the permitted ceiling prices recognised by SWD. The fees charged for the service items will also need to be approved by SWD. RSPs will be required by SWD to ensure information transparency by publicising and updating their service information, including service packages and the price lists for voucher service items, through public channels and platforms for users' reference and choice.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0068

(Question Serial No. 2855)

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:

As residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are places where those who are frail and in need of care are gathered, they are also places with higher risk of infections and outbreaks of influenza or other infectious diseases.

1. Please provide information and figures regarding cases in which over 10 people contracted infectious diseases in subvented and private RCHDs and RCHEs over the past 5 years, broken down 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 peak seasons of influenza or other infectious diseases?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

From 2012 to end-December 2015, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had received a total of 183 reports of outbreaks of infectious diseases in RCHDs, including 182 in subvented homes and 1 in a private home, and 839 such reports in RCHEs, including 318 in subvented homes, 47 in contract homes, 30 in self-financing homes and 444 in private homes. SWD does not capture detailed information broken down by scale of outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Pursuant to the circular letters and guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), the Licensing Office of RCHDs and the Licensing Office of RCHEs of SWD issue information on influenza or latest update on infectious diseases to RCHDs and RCHEs to remind them to implement adequate measures for infection control and prevention of infectious diseases. In collaboration with CHP of DH, SWD regularly organises training courses on infection control for RCHDs and RCHEs staff. In addition, SWD has been maintaining liaison with RCHDs and RCHEs to follow up on their measures taken to control infection and prevent infectious diseases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0069

(Question Serial No. 2857)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The increase in the cost per place for RCHDs in the 2016-17 Estimate as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16 is mainly due to increased recurrent funding by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2016-17 to enhance the centre bus services for DACs cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and to raise subventions for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme. In addition, SWD has enhanced the physiotherapy/occupational therapy services in hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons and increasing the care manpower of long stay care homes in the second half of 2015-16, with a view to enhancing the care and support for ageing service users. The resulting increase in relevant full-year funding and operating expenses has also contributed to the higher cost per place for RCHDs in the 2016-17 Estimate as compared with that of 2014-15.

The increase in the cost per place for DACs in the 2016-17 Estimate as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16 is mainly due to increased recurrent funding by SWD in 2016-17 to enhance the centre bus services for DACs cum HSMHs and an increase in operating expenses.

The increase in the cost per place for pre-school services for children with disabilities in the 2016-17 Estimate as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16 is mainly due to an increase in operating expenses.

As compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16, there is no increase in the cost per place for SWs in the 2016-17 Estimate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0070

(Question Serial No. 2858)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1., 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/, for details of such services.

Please refer to the SWD website for details of the financial assistance for persons with disabilities under the CSSA and Social Security Allowance Schemes –

http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_socsecu/sub_comp rehens/

http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_socsecu/sub_ssallowance/

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

Persons with disabilities aged 60 or above ^[Note 1]	Standard Rates (\$ per person per month)	
	Singletons	Family Members
50% disabled	3,200	3,015
100% disabled	3,870	3,425
Requiring constant attendance	5,450	5,000

Adults with disabilities aged below 60 ^[Note 1]	Standard Rates (\$ per person per month)	
	Singletons	Family Members
50% disabled	3,200	3,015
100% disabled	3,870	3,425
Requiring constant attendance	5,450	5,000

Children with disabilities ^[Note 1]	Standard Rates (\$ per person per month)	
	Singletons	Family Members
50% disabled	3,600	3,140
100% disabled	4,270	3,820
Requiring constant attendance	5,840	5,395

(2) Supplements

Long-term Supplement ^[Note 2]	Amount of Supplement (\$)	
	Families with 1 eligible member	Families with 2 or more eligible members
	2,000	4,010

Community Living Supplement ^[Note 3]	Amount of Supplement (\$)
	300

Transport Supplement ^[Note 4]	Amount of Supplement (\$)
	255

Residential Care Supplement ^[Note 5]	Amount of Supplement (\$)
	300

The amounts of CSSA payments and supplements above have not reflected the increase of 4.4% as proposed by the Government according to the established mechanism with effect from 1 February 2016. The amounts adjusted will be paid subject to the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016.

(3) Special Grants

Subsidy for travelling to/ from hospitals/clinics and other necessary travelling expenses	Actual expenses incurred (normally 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: \$1,050 per month Low amount: \$555 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 Projects for People with Disabilities and their Families and grants to cover costs of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	Usually actual expenses incurred (excluding the cost of meals to be paid by the applicant). Usually this supplement is not payable to persons who receive higher standard rates because of their need for constant attendance.

[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 residential care homes.

[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-subvented 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 subvented residential care homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0071

(Question Serial No. 2859)

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. Please provide the details, including the name and address of the residential care home, offence, date of conviction and punishment, of the prosecution actions successfully taken under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (the Ordinance) or Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (the Regulation) in the past 4 years.
2. Please provide the records and reasons for refusal to renew licence or cancellation of licence under the Ordinance or the Regulation in the past 4 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 126)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Information about the residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), including their names and addresses, offences, dates of conviction and penalties, against which prosecution actions had been successfully taken under the Ordinance or the Regulation in the past 4 years is set out at the Annex.
2. No RCHEs have had their licence cancelled under the Ordinance or the Regulation in the past 4 years. In the same period, 2 RCHEs were refused licence renewal by the Director of Social Welfare under Section 10 of the Ordinance.

**Records of the prosecution actions successfully taken under
the Ordinance or the Regulation ^[Note 1]
(From 2012-13 to 2015-16)**

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalties (\$)
1	THE PERFECT HARMONY HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	FLATS A-F, 2/F, TIN PO BUILDING, 74 HAU TEI SQUARE, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	20 April 2012	3,500
2	CHEONG LOK HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	1/F WANG WAH MANSION, NOS. 57-65 TEXACO ROAD, NO. 1 TAI HA STREET AND NOS. 1-9 TAI WO HAU ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	2 May 2012	3,500
3	CHEONG LOK HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	1/F WANG WAH MANSION, NOS. 57-65 TEXACO ROAD, NO. 1 TAI HA STREET AND NOS. 1-9 TAI WO HAU ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	2 May 2012	3,500
4	CHEONG LOK HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	1/F WANG WAH MANSION, NOS. 57-65 TEXACO ROAD, NO. 1 TAI HA STREET AND NOS. 1-9 TAI WO HAU ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	2 May 2012	3,500
5	GUARDIAN HOME (CHUN SHEK) INTEGRATED NURSING HOME	SHOP NO. 301, 3/F, CHUN SHEK SHOPPING CENTRE, CHUN SHEK ESTATE, SHATIN, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	12 June 2012	5,000
6	SUN MAN FOOK AGED HOME (TAI KOK TSUI) LIMITED	1/F-2/F, GREENFIELD GARDEN, 2-20 PALM STREET, TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	11 July 2012	2,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalties (\$)
7	TAK CHEONG NURSING CENTRE (KWAI HING BRANCH) LIMITED	1/F, UNIT F OF G/F, CHEONG NIN BUILDING, 1013-1033, KWAI CHUNG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	15 August 2012	2,500
8	TAK CHEONG NURSING CENTRE (KWAI HING BRANCH) LIMITED	1/F, UNIT F OF G/F, CHEONG NIN BUILDING, 1013-1033, KWAI CHUNG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	15 August 2012	2,500
9	[Note 2]	[Note 2]	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	5 September 2012	2,000
10	HONG FOOK SANATORIUM FOR THE AGED HOME	FLAT E, 3/F, MAYLUN APARTMENTS, 23 SHU KUK STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	18 January 2013	5,000
11	SANG FAI HOME OF AGED CO. LIMITED	1/F & 2/F, SUNNY COURT, NOS. 118, 120 & 122 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHAMSHUIPO, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	24 April 2013	2,000
12	COMFORT & GRATIFICATION NURSING CENTER	G/F, NO.42-44 JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	14 May 2013	2,500
13	COMFORT & GRATIFICATION NURSING CENTER	G/F, NO.42-44 JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	14 May 2013	2,500

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalties (\$)
14	TANG TAT HOME FOR ELDER	SHOP B G/F, 1/F - 3/F, RICHLAND HOUSE, 77B-77C WATERLOO ROAD, MONGKOK, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	22 May 2013	3,000
15	ON FUK NURSING HOME LIMITED	SHOP G ON G/F OF NO. 10, SHEK YI ROAD & 1/F - 3/F OF 21 SHEK YAM ROAD, KAM WAH BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	5 June 2013	4,000
16	WORLDTEX HOME FOR THE ELDERLY	1/F & 2/F, SHOP NO 30, SHOPPING CENTRE, KWAI SHING WEST ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	20 June 2013	12,000
17	SIU SIN NURSING CENTRE	1/F, SAM YING BUILDING, 19-23 TAI PO ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	24 July 2013	3,000
18	CHI OI HOME FOR THE AGED (2ND BRANCH)	1/F, FUK ON BUILDING, NO. 88 & 90 FUK WA STREET & NO. 116-116C PEI HO STREET, SHAMSHUIPO, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 August 2013	2,000
19	FU HONG HOME FOR THE ELDERLY (YUEN LONG)	G/F 43, 1/F 35-47, ON LOK ROAD, LEE KWAN BUILDING, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	20 December 2013	1,800
20	[Note 2]	[Note 2]	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	13 February 2014	3,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalties (\$)
21	SHUNG MING HOME FOR AGED	G/F, 1/F & 2/F BLK. A & B, DD130, LOT 2759 AND 2760, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, LAM TEI (ALSO KNOWN AS G/F, 1/F & 2/F, BLOCK A & B, PAK KIT GARDEN, 22.5 MILES, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.)	In contravention of Section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with directions given under Section 19 of the Ordinance	28 March 2014	4,000
22	SHUI HONG ELDERLY CARE HOME	2/F TAK WAH MANSION, 290-296 HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	14 April 2015	2,000
23	SHUI HONG ELDERLY CARE HOME	2/F TAK WAH MANSION, 290-296 HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG	In contravention of Section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	14 April 2015	2,000
24	CHI OI HOME FOR THE AGED	2/F, WING KEE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 156-162 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHAMSHUIPO, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 September 2015	2,000
25	CHI OI HOME FOR THE AGED	2/F, WING KEE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 156-162 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHAMSHUIPO, KOWLOON	In contravention of Section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 September 2015	2,000

[Note 1] There were 25 prosecution actions successfully taken from 2012-13 to 2015-16, involving a total of 17 RCHEs.

[Note 2] As the case involved the employee of the RCHE being convicted in his/her personal capacity, the name and address of the RCHE is not shown.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0072

(Question Serial No. 2860)

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 information on the successful prosecutions against residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) since the Ordinance took effect, including the names of the RCHDs, their addresses, offences, dates of conviction and penalties.
2. Please provide the records of, as well as the relevant reasons for, refusal to renewal or cancellation of licences under the Ordinance since it took effect.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 127)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Since the commencement of the Ordinance, no RCHDs have been prosecuted.
2. Since the commencement of the Ordinance, none of the RCHDs have been refused for the renewal of licences or have their licences cancelled.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0073

(Question Serial No. 2861)

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 under Programme (3) that the Government would allocate additional provision for strengthening the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Please provide the details about the initiatives, the allocation of resources, the estimated staff establishment and the expected outcomes.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 144)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will re-organise the Licensing Office of RCHEs and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the 2 offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0074

(Question Serial No. 2863)

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 under the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their households, age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 11, 12 to 14 and 15 or above) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in the past 4 years.
2. Please provide the respective numbers of CSSA old age cases with elderly recipients living with their families in each of the past 4 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 respective numbers of CSSA cases with recipients living with their families and having been granted approval for making the application on their own because of various reasons in each of the past 4 years. Please also provide the reasons for approval.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA cases with elderly persons living on their own or households consisting only of elderly persons aged 60 or above in HK over the past 4 years. Please also provide, among these cases, the number of cases with average monthly household earnings below the poverty line of households of the same size.
5. Please provide the number of CSSA cases receiving the community living supplement in HK over the past 4 years with a breakdown by case nature and age, as well as the total expenditure incurred.
6. Please provide the number of CSSA cases receiving the residential care supplement in HK over the past 4 years with a breakdown by case nature and age, as well as the total expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 186)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of CSSA SP recipients from 2012-13 to 2015-16 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

Age group	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18 to 24	8	355	363	8	340	348
25 to 29	54	1 058	1 112	47	1 108	1 155
30 to 39	513	7 369	7 882	437	7 466	7 903
40 to 49	1 307	11 466	12 773	1 176	10 997	12 173
50 to 59	1 824	2 993	4 817	1 645	2 932	4 577
60 or above	818	166	984	837	165	1 002
Total	4 524	23 407	27 931	4 150	23 008	27 158

Age group	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18 to 24	11	393	404	10	401	411
25 to 29	38	1 144	1 182	36	1 123	1 159
30 to 39	424	7 564	7 988	394	7 499	7 893
40 to 49	1 057	10 825	11 882	993	10 526	11 519
50 to 59	1 520	2 811	4 331	1 381	2 612	3 993
60 or above	860	178	1 038	826	172	998
Total	3 910	22 915	26 825	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 2: The number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2012-13			2013-14		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Single	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
Total	4 524	23 407	27 931	4 150	23 008	27 158

Marital status	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Single	138	2 208	2 346	128	2 304	2 432
Married/ Cohabited	930	2 690	3 620	858	2 873	3 731
Separated	703	3 668	4 371	663	3 518	4 181
Divorced	1 890	11 093	12 983	1 783	10 732	12 515
Widowed	249	3 256	3 505	208	2 906	3 114
Total	3 910	22 915	26 825	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 3: The number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/ kindergarten	1 871	1 671	1 460	1 254
Primary	11 346	10 838	10 320	9 613
Lower secondary	8 677	8 559	8 673	8 616
Higher secondary	5 815	5 857	6 101	6 193
Post-secondary	222	233	271	297
Total	27 931	27 158	26 825	25 973

Table 4: The number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	16 649	15 937	15 739	15 244
2	9 153	9 059	8 905	8 635
3	1 773	1 797	1 788	1 736
4	297	296	316	284
5 or above	59	69	77	74
Total	27 931	27 158	26 825	25 973

Table 5: The number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children

Age of children	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
4 or below	5 072	5 435	5 921	6 017
5 to 9	9 321	9 610	9 934	10 006
10 to 11	5 030	5 030	5 100	5 033
12 to 14	9 561	9 004	8 497	8 081
15 to 21	13 056	9 017	8 288	7 942
Total	42 040	38 096	37 740	37 079

Table 6: Total monthly income of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly income

Type of monthly income	2012-13 (\$ '000)	2013-14 (\$ '000)	2014-15 (\$ '000)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (\$ '000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	23,751	22,303	20,655	18,091
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,217	1,431	1,763	1,978
Meals provided by other parties	64	62	74	62
Maintenance payment	3,568	3,976	4,509	4,799
Pension	139	143	121	120
Other income	155	214	250	217
Total	28,895	28,127	27,372	25,267

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

2. (i) The numbers of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients aged 60 or above living with at least 1 CSSA recipient aged below 60 from 2012-13 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2012-13	23 628
2013-14	21 940
2014-15	20 916
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	20 105

- (ii) According to the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), the number of households with elderly persons aged 60 or above^[Note] and with monthly household earnings less than the average monthly CSSA payment from 2011 to 2014 was as follows –

Year	All household members are elderly persons		With at least 1 elderly household member and at least 1 non-elderly household member
	1 elderly person	2 or more elderly persons	
	(Number of households)		
2011	99 900	73 700	75 900
2012	104 600	78 600	72 400
2013	110 400	83 400	67 700
2014	116 300	86 300	78 400

[Note] Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

At present, C&SD does not have the number of households for 2015.

3. The numbers of CSSA cases with elderly recipients living with their families but having been granted discretionary approval for making the application on their own were as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2012-13	17
2013-14	25
2014-15	13
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	9

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information about the reasons for approval.

4. The numbers of cases consisting only of elderly recipients aged 60 or above from 2012-13 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Cases with 1 recipient	Cases with 2 or more recipients
	(Number of cases)	
2012-13	112 296	21 871
2013-14	110 880	21 114
2014-15	109 630	20 483
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	109 080	20 096

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2014, there were about 15 700 CSSA households consisting only of household members aged 65 or above living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy interventions in 2014.

5. & 6. SWD does not have the information required.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0075****(Question Serial No. 2864)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide information on reported abuse cases and non-compliance cases involving residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) over the past 4 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 543)Reply:

The Licensing Office of RCHDs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received the following abuse and non-compliance cases in the past 4 years –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-February 2016)
Abuse case	2	4	4	5
Non-compliance case	-	-	1	4

According to the records of the Licensing Office of RCHEs of SWD, abuse and non-compliance cases involving RCHEs in the past 4 years are as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-February 2016)
Abuse case	3	6	2	5
Non-compliance case	348	364	320	297

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0076****(Question Serial No. 2865)**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 were in need of foster care and residential care homes in the past 4 years. What were the numbers of families and individuals involved in domestic violence? What was the average waiting time for the services? How many of them had required psychiatric or other services?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 607)Reply:

The number of child abuse or suspected child abuse victims ^[Note 1] admitted to residential child care services (RCCS) (including foster care service, small group homes and residential homes for children) in the past 4 years is provided as follows –

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of child victims admitted to emergency placement of RCCS ^[Note 2]	160	116	117	116
Number of child victims admitted to long-term placement of RCCS ^[Note 2]	243	198	156	128

[Note 1] There is no statistical information on the number of children admitted to RCCS due to spouse/cohabitant battering of their parents.

[Note 2] Child victims may be admitted to emergency and/or long-term placements of RCCS.

The average waiting time for child victims' admission to long-term placement of RCCS in the past 4 years was as follows –

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Average waiting time for admission (month)	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.8

For urgent cases, the social worker responsible for case referral can arrange emergency placement of residential care services for the child 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 4 years was as follows –

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of domestic violence cases	3 628	4 799	4 773	4 256

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

LWB(WW)0077

(Question Serial No. 2866)

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 4 years –

1. The number of cases of adult probationers requiring residential care.
2. What types of residential homes/hostels have the adult probationers been admitted into 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 are made for 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? How are these cases being followed up?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 679)

Reply:

Probation service is a community-based counselling and supervision programme. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0078

(Question Serial No. 2872)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare,
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please explain and provide information about the policy on providing support to parents with disabilities?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 132)

Reply:

SWD has been attaching great importance to the service needs of parents with disabilities and their carers/families and has provided a range of appropriate support services to help alleviate the pressure and facilitate their integration into the community.

The 65 Integrated Family Service Centres, 2 Integrated Services Centres and the medical social services units under SWD over the territory offer parents with disabilities a spectrum of preventive, supportive and remedial family and medical social services, which include counselling service, child care, after school care and referrals for support services, etc., with a view to assisting and empowering these parents to take care of their young children.

In addition, SWD provides various community care services through non-governmental organisations to support parents with disabilities and their carers/families. As for parents with disabilities who need home care services, SWD provides them with a range of integrated home-based services through home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), including personal care, nursing and rehabilitation training, with a view to relieving the pressure on their families/carers and improving their quality of life. ISS also provides special subsidies to support eligible parents with severe physical disabilities who need constant attention and care, so as to relieve their burden in meeting the cost of medical equipment and medical consumables.

Parents with disabilities who need other community care services may use the services provided by Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities (DSC) and Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, as well as short-term day and residential services, so that these parents, their children with special needs and their carers/families can receive appropriate support. Moreover, SWD has introduced the case management service into HCS, ISS and DSC to provide one-stop support services for parents with disabilities and their carers, so as to plan and coordinate inter-disciplinary services for parents with disabilities to receive timely and necessary rehabilitation and welfare services at different stages of their lives.

To provide financial assistance for needy carers of parents with disabilities, the Chief Executive announced in the 2016 Policy Address that the Government would invite the Community Care Fund to allocate funding for introducing a pilot scheme to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0079

(Question Serial No. 1104)

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 paragraph 4.11 of Chapter 4 to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual that “Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should establish their channels of disclosure of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the public and disclose the AFR to the public upon their submission of the AFR to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year, including: (a) posting up a copy of the AFR to their notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office; (b) uploading the AFR to their website; (c) placing the AFR in their Annual Report; or (d) providing the content of the AFR through special circulars, newsletters or whatever means, which should be made available to the public upon request”. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. How does the Government monitor the disclosure of AFR to the public by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention? Which branches under SWD were responsible for monitoring the disclosure of AFR to the public by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention in the past 5 years? What were the staffing arrangement and expenditure on monitoring the disclosure of AFR to the public by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention in the past 5 years?
2. Has the Government set up an open mechanism for receiving enquiries or complaints from the public regarding the aforesaid “implementation of the disclosure of AFR to the public by NGOs receiving LSG subvention”? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. How many enquiries and complaints of different types were received respectively by the Government regarding the implementation of the disclosure of AFR to the public by NGOs receiving LSG subvention in each of the past 5 years?
4. What was the number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention that had disclosed their AFR to the public through the 4 methods mentioned above in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In March 2010, SWD wrote to all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to understand how they were disclosing their AFRs, and since 2014-15, SWD has required NGOs to report to the Subventions Branch of SWD each year. There is no breakdown of the staffing arrangement and expenditure specifically for the monitoring work.
2. The LSG Manual has set out the requirements of AFR disclosure to the public by NGOs, with a view to enhancing transparency. Complaints, if any, can be lodged with the NGOs or the LSG Independent Complaints Handling Committee set up by SWD.
3. SWD received 1 complaint regarding the disclosure of AFR by NGOs in the past 5 years. SWD does not capture the information on such enquiries nor the number of such enquiries.
4. NGOs have been required to report to SWD how they disclosed AFR to the public since 2014-15. The relevant information is set out in the Annex.

**Disclosure of AFR to the public as reported by NGOs receiving LSG subvention
in 2014-15**

Channel of disclosure	Number of NGOs ^[Note]
Posting up a copy of the AFR to notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office of the NGO	139
Uploading the AFR to the website of the NGO	50
Placing the AFR in the Annual Report of the NGO	31
Providing the content of the AFR through special circulars, newsletters or other means	11
Others (such as displaying the AFR in all service units, placing the AFR at the reception area, etc.)	3
Number of NGOs involved	164

^[Note] Some of the NGOs disclosed their AFRs through more than 1 channel.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0080

(Question Serial No. 1106)

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 the 2014-15 Budget, "it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)", and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I asked SWD for the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR on the number of staff with their annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 for NGOs receiving LSG subvention, SWD replied that "SWD does not have the information sought". In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: according to the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR of 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. 4)

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0081

(Question Serial No. 1107)

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 the 2014-15 Budget, "it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)", and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0766 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I asked SWD for the information set out in the table of expenditure in Part B on page 1 of the AFR, SWD replied that "SWD does not have the information sought". In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: according to the information set out in the table of expenditure in Part B on page 1 of the AFR of 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)?

Expenditure	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Personal Emoluments (Salaries)				
Personal Emoluments (Provident Fund)				
Personal Emoluments (Allowances)				
Sub-total of Personal Emoluments				
Other Charges				
Central Items				
Rent and Rates				
SOG				
Total expenditure				

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

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0082****(Question Serial No. 1108)**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 the 2014-15 Budget, "it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)", and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0767 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I enquired with SWD on the information set out in the item of surplus/deficit for the year in Part C on page 1 of the AFR of LSG subvention, SWD replied that "SWD does not have the information sought". In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: 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 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. 7)

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0083****(Question Serial No. 1109)**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 the 2014-15 Budget, "it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)", and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0768 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I asked SWD for the information set out in Note 7 of the AFR on Other Charges, SWD replied that "SWD does not have the information sought". In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: according to the information set out in Note 7 of the AFR of 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				

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Repair and Maintenance				
Special Allowances				
Programme Expenses				
Transportation and Travelling				
Insurance				
Miscellaneous				
Total amount				

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

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0084****(Question Serial No. 1110)**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 the 2014-15 Budget, "it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)", and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0769 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I asked SWD for the information set out in Note 7a of the AFR on the expenditure involved in the Special One-off Grant (SOG), SWD replied that "SWD does not have the information sought". In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: according to the information set out in Note 7a of the AFR of LSG subvention submitted by NGOs to SWD, what was the expenditure involved in SOG by 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	2012-13
Voluntary Retirement Scheme					
Compensation Scheme					
Staff Training and Development					

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Other staff-related Initiative					
Total amount					

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

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0085

(Question Serial No. 1111)

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 2016-17 Estimates that the Department “provided additional manpower for integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and integrated services centres (ISCs) to enhance community support services for families”. In respect of this initiative, would the Government inform this Committee of –

- a) the overall additional number of staff and their ranks allocated to IFSCs and ISCs respectively;
- b) the additional expenditure involved;
- c) the additional number of staff and their ranks provided to each of the government IFSCs and subvented IFSCs and ISCs respectively; and
- d) the additional funding allocated to each of the government IFSCs, subvented IFSCs and ISCs respectively.

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

Reply:

It is stated in the 2015-16 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “provide additional manpower for IFSCs and ISCs to enhance community support services for families”. In 2015, the 41 IFSCs operated by SWD were provided with a total of 10 additional frontline social worker posts, while the 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were provided with a total of 6 additional frontline social worker manpower resources. The initiative involved a full-year provision of \$8.2 million.

In addition, the Government has earmarked a provision of some \$1.1 million for 2016-17 to provide IFSCs operated by SWD with a total of 2 additional frontline social worker posts.

Regarding the 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs operated by NGOs under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, relevant NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing in order to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0086

(Question Serial No. 1112)

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:

Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please inform this Committee of the numbers of visually impaired persons (VIPs), carers and members of the public respectively who made use of the Community Support Service for VIPs and their Families (including “Life Beyond Vision” Programme, Carers Support Programme, and Escort Service) operated by the Hong Kong Blind Union in the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16)? What are the details of the expenditure involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

Since 2009, SWD has been funding the Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities, with each of the projects lasting for 3 years. In the past 5 years, SWD has funded 2 programmes operated by the Hong Kong Blind Union, namely “Life Beyond Vision” Programme implemented from January 2009 to December 2014, and the Community Support Service for VIPs and their Families implemented from January 2015 to December 2017. The number of VIPs participating in the above 2 programmes is set out at Annex (Table 1). SWD does not keep the numbers of carers of VIPs and members of the public participating in “Life Beyond Vision” Programme. Regarding the Community Support Service for VIPs and their Families, while a total of 45 carers of VIPs have received the service, SWD does not have the number of members of the public receiving this service. The details of funding for the 2 programmes above are set out at Annex (Table 2).

Table 1 - Number of VIPs participating in the Programmes

Financial year	Name of the programme	Number of VIPs participating in the programme
2011-12	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	20
2012-13	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	20
2013-14	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	20
2014-15	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	20
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	Community Support Service for VIPs and their Families ^[Note]	110

Table 2 - Details of funding for the Programmes

Year of funding	Name of the programme	Total funding in the 3-year programme (\$ million)
January 2009 to December 2011	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	0.389
January 2012 to December 2014	“Life Beyond Vision” Programme	0.428
January 2015 to December 2017	Community Support Service for VIPs and their Families ^[Note]	2.224

^[Note] Including Life Beyond Vision” Programme, Carers Support Programme, and Escort Service

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0087

(Question Serial No. 1118)

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 (the Pilot Scheme), please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of elderly persons issued with the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of elderly persons using the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the number of elderly persons who have not used the vouchers issued to them in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme after having used the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16 and their cumulative total in these years; and
- (e) the respective numbers of service places, cases handled, cases recorded, service users and the average expenditure in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme, the number of places for day care (DC) service, the cumulative number of elderly persons issued with the service vouchers, the number of elderly persons currently using the service vouchers, the number of elderly persons who have not used the service vouchers, cumulative number of persons who have left the Pilot Scheme and the amount of subsidy per month per service voucher holder in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

	No. of places for DC service	Cumulative number of participants	Number of existing service voucher holders who		Cumulative number of persons who have left the Pilot Scheme		Amount of subsidy per month per service voucher holder (\$)
			had used the service vouchers	had not used the service vouchers	after having used the service vouchers	without having used the service vouchers	
As at end-March 2014	881	1 251	539	604	34	74	5,123
As at end-March 2015	923	2 092	972	232	351	537	5,236
As at end-December 2015	993	2 794	1 178	210	681	725	5,179

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0088

(Question Serial No. 1119)

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 the Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the respective number of elderly persons issued with the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 and 2015-16, broken down by individual recognised service provider (RSP);
- (b) the number of elderly persons using the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by individual RSP;
- (c) the respective number of elderly persons who did not use the service vouchers despite having been issued with the vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by individual RSP;
- (d) the respective number of elderly persons who had withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme despite having used the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16 and the cumulative total number of such people, broken down by individual RSP; and
- (e) the respective number of service places, cases handled, cases recorded, persons currently receiving services and the average expenditure in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by individual RSP.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a), (b) & (e)

The number of day care places provided and the number of users served by the 62 RSPs in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the amount of subsidy per service voucher holder per month broken down by individual RSP. The amount of subsidy per

service voucher holder per month regarding all RSPs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

	Amount of subsidy per service voucher holder per month (\$)
2013-14	5,123
2014-15	5,236
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	5,179

(c) & (d)

SWD does not capture the number of persons who do not use the service vouchers despite having been issued with the vouchers in a year, nor the number of persons who have left the Pilot Scheme after having used the service vouchers in a year broken down by individual RSP.

**Table 1: Number of Day Care Places Provided and
Number of Users Served by Various RSPs as at end-March 2014**

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
1.	Eastern 1	53	2
2.	Eastern 2	10	3
3.	Eastern 3	10	24
4.	Eastern 4	12	12
5.	Eastern 5	3	-
6.	Eastern 6	20	15
7.	Eastern 7	10	13
8.	Eastern 8	10	8
9.	Eastern 9	20	25
10.	Kwun Tong 1	6	3
11.	Kwun Tong 2	14	-
12.	Kwun Tong 3	15	21
13.	Kwun Tong 4	20	11
14.	Kwun Tong 5	15	7
15.	Kwun Tong 6	20	5
16.	Kwun Tong 7	12	8
17.	Kwun Tong 8	14	11
18.	Kwun Tong 9	10	-
19.	Kwun Tong 10	10	-
20.	Kwun Tong 11	20	6
21.	Kwun Tong 12	10	4
22.	Wong Tai Sin 1	20	15
23.	Wong Tai Sin 2	20	7
24.	Wong Tai Sin 3	10	16
25.	Wong Tai Sin 4	10	7
26.	Wong Tai Sin 5	5	5
27.	Wong Tai Sin 6	10	4
28.	Sham Shui Po 1	24	9
29.	Sham Shui Po 2	6	-
30.	Sham Shui Po 3	12	12
31.	Sham Shui Po 4	10	2
32.	Sham Shui Po 5	5	6
33.	Sham Shui Po 6	5	8
34.	Sham Shui Po 7	13	3
35.	Sham Shui Po 8	20	3
36.	Sham Shui Po 9	10	5
37.	Sha Tin 1	10	6
38.	Sha Tin 2	20	15
39.	Sha Tin 3	10	13
40.	Sha Tin 4	40	43

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
41.	Sha Tin 5	10	8
42.	Sha Tin 6	6	3
43.	Sha Tin 7	20	9
44.	Sha Tin 8	20	2
45.	Sha Tin 9	10	8
46.	Sha Tin 10	15	13
47.	Sha Tin 11	6	2
48.	Tai Po 1	20	8
49.	Tai Po 2	24	8
50.	Tai Po 3	13	5
51.	Tai Po 4	20	15
52.	Tai Po 5	12	10
53.	Tai Po 6	12	5
54.	Tsuen Wan 1	20	10
55.	Tsuen Wan 2	10	9
56.	Tsuen Wan 3	10	9
57.	Tsuen Wan 4	10	5
58.	Tuen Mun 1	20	15
59.	Tuen Mun 2	10	14
60.	Tuen Mun 3	16	6
61.	Tuen Mun 4	8	-
62.	Tuen Mun 5	15	18
	Total:	881	539

^[Note] In the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, day care centre service is of part-time nature (i.e. a day care place may be used by more than 1 service voucher holder at different dates/sessions and so the number of elderly service users may be larger than the number of service places provided by a RSP.

**Table 2: Number of Day Care Places Provided and
Number of Users Served by Various RSPs as at end-March 2015**

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
1.	Eastern 1	53	5
2.	Eastern 2	10	6
3.	Eastern 3	10	27
4.	Eastern 4	12	28
5.	Eastern 5	3	3
6.	Eastern 6	20	31
7.	Eastern 7	10	17
8.	Eastern 8	10	10
9.	Eastern 9	20	27
10.	Kwun Tong 1	6	3
11.	Kwun Tong 2	14	1
12.	Kwun Tong 3	15	27
13.	Kwun Tong 4	20	31
14.	Kwun Tong 5	15	11
15.	Kwun Tong 6	20	15
16.	Kwun Tong 7	24	28
17.	Kwun Tong 8	14	14
18.	Kwun Tong 9	10	4
19.	Kwun Tong 10	10	7
20.	Kwun Tong 11	20	7
21.	Kwun Tong 12	10	16
22.	Wong Tai Sin 1	25	33
23.	Wong Tai Sin 2	20	25
24.	Wong Tai Sin 3	20	29
25.	Wong Tai Sin 4	10	20
26.	Wong Tai Sin 5	5	9
27.	Wong Tai Sin 6	10	18
28.	Sham Shui Po 1	24	20
29.	Sham Shui Po 2	6	-
30.	Sham Shui Po 3	12	12
31.	Sham Shui Po 4	10	5
32.	Sham Shui Po 5	5	9
33.	Sham Shui Po 6	5	10
34.	Sham Shui Po 7	13	10
35.	Sham Shui Po 8	20	17
36.	Sham Shui Po 9	10	12
37.	Sha Tin 1	10	8
38.	Sha Tin 2	20	21
39.	Sha Tin 3	10	21
40.	Sha Tin 4	40	53

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
41.	Sha Tin 5	10	10
42.	Sha Tin 6	6	5
43.	Sha Tin 7	20	11
44.	Sha Tin 8	20	3
45.	Sha Tin 9	10	8
46.	Sha Tin 10	15	11
47.	Sha Tin 11	6	11
48.	Tai Po 1	20	19
49.	Tai Po 2	24	10
50.	Tai Po 3	13	11
51.	Tai Po 4	12	8
52.	Tai Po 5	35	26
53.	Tai Po 6	12	12
54.	Tsuen Wan 1	20	18
55.	Tsuen Wan 2	10	22
56.	Tsuen Wan 3	10	33
57.	Tsuen Wan 4	10	9
58.	Tuen Mun 1	20	25
59.	Tuen Mun 2	10	18
60.	Tuen Mun 3	16	11
61.	Tuen Mun 4	8	14
62.	Tuen Mun 5	15	27
	Total:	923	972

^[Note] In the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, day care centre service is of part-time nature (i.e. a day care place may be used by more than 1 service voucher holder at different dates/sessions and so the number of elderly service users may be larger than the number of service places provided by a RSP.

**Table 3: Number of Day Care Places Provided and
Number of Users Served by Various RSPs as at end-December 2015**

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
1.	Eastern 1	53	22
2.	Eastern 2	10	8
3.	Eastern 3	10	29
4.	Eastern 4	12	28
5.	Eastern 5	8	4
6.	Eastern 6	20	36
7.	Eastern 7	10	18
8.	Eastern 8	10	13
9.	Eastern 9	24	32
10.	Kwun Tong 1	6	6
11.	Kwun Tong 2	14	7
12.	Kwun Tong 3	15	33
13.	Kwun Tong 4	20	38
14.	Kwun Tong 5	15	15
15.	Kwun Tong 6	20	24
16.	Kwun Tong 7	24	39
17.	Kwun Tong 8	26	23
18.	Kwun Tong 9	10	4
19.	Kwun Tong 10	10	4
20.	Kwun Tong 11	20	12
21.	Kwun Tong 12	30	18
22.	Wong Tai Sin 1	40	44
23.	Wong Tai Sin 2	20	35
24.	Wong Tai Sin 3	20	35
25.	Wong Tai Sin 4	10	20
26.	Wong Tai Sin 5	5	10
27.	Wong Tai Sin 6	12	18
28.	Sham Shui Po 1	24	17
29.	Sham Shui Po 2	6	-
30.	Sham Shui Po 3	12	16
31.	Sham Shui Po 4	10	8
32.	Sham Shui Po 5	5	10
33.	Sham Shui Po 6	5	10
34.	Sham Shui Po 7	13	15
35.	Sham Shui Po 8	20	24
36.	Sham Shui Po 9	10	15
37.	Sha Tin 1	10	11
38.	Sha Tin 2	20	22
39.	Sha Tin 3	10	23
40.	Sha Tin 4	40	60

	RSP	Number of Day Care Places	Number of Service Users ^[Note]
41.	Sha Tin 5	10	10
42.	Sha Tin 6	6	4
43.	Sha Tin 7	20	16
44.	Sha Tin 8	20	6
45.	Sha Tin 9	10	6
46.	Sha Tin 10	15	30
47.	Sha Tin 11	6	5
48.	Tai Po 1	20	18
49.	Tai Po 2	24	10
50.	Tai Po 3	13	11
51.	Tai Po 4	12	7
52.	Tai Po 5	35	40
53.	Tai Po 6	12	12
54.	Tsuen Wan 1	20	16
55.	Tsuen Wan 2	10	14
56.	Tsuen Wan 3	15	43
57.	Tsuen Wan 4	10	6
58.	Tuen Mun 1	20	35
59.	Tuen Mun 2	12	23
60.	Tuen Mun 3	16	15
61.	Tuen Mun 4	8	15
62.	Tuen Mun 5	20	30
	Total:	993	1 178

^[Note] In the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, day care centre service is of part-time nature (i.e. a day care place may be used by more than 1 service voucher holder at different dates/sessions and so the number of elderly service users may be larger than the number of service places provided by a RSP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0089

(Question Serial No. 1120)

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 the Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Scheme), please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the respective number of persons issued with the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 and 2015-16, broken down by the age distribution of eligible elderly persons;
- (b) the respective number of persons using the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by the age distribution of eligible elderly persons;
- (c) the respective number of persons who did not use the service vouchers despite having been issued with the vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by the age distribution of eligible elderly persons;
- (d) the respective number of persons who had withdrawn from the Scheme despite having used the service vouchers in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16 and the cumulative total number of such people, broken down by the age distribution of eligible elderly persons; and
- (e) the respective number of service places, cases handled, cases recorded, persons currently receiving services and the average expenditure in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, broken down by the age distribution of eligible elderly persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (d) A breakdown by age of the cumulative number of elderly persons issued with the service vouchers, the number of persons currently using the service vouchers, the number of persons who did not use the service vouchers, and the number of persons who had left the Scheme in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out in the Annex.

- (e) The number of places of day care services, the cumulative number of participants in the Scheme, the number of persons currently receiving services, and the average monthly amount of subsidy for each voucher holder in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

	Number of places of day care services	Cumulative number of participants in the Scheme	Number of persons currently receiving services	Average monthly amount of subsidy for each voucher holder (\$)
As at end-March 2014	881	1 251	539	5,123
As at end-March 2015	923	2 092	972	5,236
As at end-December 2015	993	2 794	1 178	5,179

Table 1: Age distribution of elderly persons who were participating in and those who had left the Scheme as at end-March 2014

Age	Cumulative number of participants in the Scheme	Number of current voucher holders		Cumulative number of persons who had left the Scheme	
		Using Vouchers	Not using Vouchers	Vouchers used	Vouchers never used
60 to 69	113	52	54	2	5
70 to 79	332	142	163	8	19
80 to 89	647	274	315	20	38
90 or above	159	71	72	4	12
Total	1 251	539	604	34	74
		1 143		108	

Table 2: Age distribution of elderly persons who were participating in and those who had left the Scheme as at end-March 2015

Age	Cumulative number of participants in the Scheme	Number of current voucher holders		Cumulative number of persons who had left the Scheme	
		Using Vouchers	Not using Vouchers	Vouchers used	Vouchers never used
60 to 69	189	90	28	26	45
70 to 79	553	262	53	87	151
80 to 89	1 069	495	114	184	276
90 or above	281	125	37	54	65
Total	2 092	972	232	351	537
		1 204		888	

Table 3: Age distribution of elderly persons who were participating in and those who had left the Scheme as at end-December 2015

Age	Cumulative number of participants in the Scheme	Number of current voucher holders		Cumulative number of persons who had left the Scheme	
		Using Vouchers	Not Using Vouchers	Vouchers used	Vouchers never used
60 to 69	269	119	27	59	64
70 to 79	750	326	53	158	213
80 to 89	1 405	596	99	353	257
90 or above	370	137	31	111	191
Total	2 794	1 178	210	681	725
		1 388		1 406	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0090

(Question Serial No. 1121)

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 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 respective numbers of inspections conducted, residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) inspected and complaints received by LORCHE in the administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department over the past 3 years;
- (b) the respective numbers of advisory letters issued, warning letters issued and prosecution actions taken by the Government against various types of non-compliant RCHEs in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of RCHEs;
- (c) the reasons why there was no record of any cancellation of RCHEs licences in 2014-15;
- (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 the RCHEs being licence holders.

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of all licensed RCHEs inspected by LORCHE broken down by district is set out at Annex. LORCHE does not capture the number of inspections on RCHEs, nor the number of complaints broken down by district. The numbers of inspections conducted and complaints investigated by LORCHE over the past 3 years are set out as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
No. of inspections	5 254	5 445	3 949
No. of complaints investigated	257	217	205

- (b) The numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to various types of RCHEs over the past 5 years are set out as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at December 2015)
No. of advisory letters	3 097	3 042	3 204	3 028	2 028
No. of warning letters	377	348	364	320	297

A total of 30 prosecution actions were taken by LORCHE against various types of RCHEs over the past 5 years.

- (c) There was no cancellation of licence or refusal to renew the licence of RCHEs in 2014-15.
- (d) In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there was no cancellation of licence of RCHEs but 1 RCHE was refused renewal of licence.

Number of RCHEs Inspected by LORCHE by District

District	Number of RCHEs inspected by LORCHE by District		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	80	78	78
Eastern/Wan Chai	86	83	83
Kwun Tong	37	38	39
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	45	44	44
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	115	112	117
Sham Shui Po	68	69	68
Sha Tin	38	39	39
Tai Po/North	82	82	80
Yuen Long	52	52	51
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	88	86	86
Tuen Mun	45	44	44
Total	736	727	729

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0091****(Question Serial No. 1122)**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 Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) rolled out by the Community Care Fund since June 2014, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the annual funding allocations for the Pilot Scheme from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year);
- (b) the number of carers of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme each year from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year);
- (c) the average amount of allowance for each case under the Pilot Scheme each year from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year);
- (d) the maximum amount of allowance per hour for each case under the Pilot Scheme;
- (e) the number of staff responsible for the Pilot Scheme;
- (f) what is the average time required for eligible elderly persons to benefit from the Pilot Scheme each year from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year)? Please set out the information in the table below –

Time	Number of people (2014-15)	Number of people (2015-16)	Percentage (Total)
14 days or less			
15 days - 30 days			
Over 30 days			
Matching in progress			
Total			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 42)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) was rolled out in June 2014 for a period of 2 years and the number of beneficiaries is 2 000. The total funding allocation for the Pilot Scheme is \$126 million, with no breakdown by year.
- (b) Under the Pilot Scheme, invitation letters were issued in phases to invite applications from carers of elderly persons who were likely to be eligible for the Scheme. The application closing date was 31 January 2015, and a total of 1 997 carers of elderly persons were assessed to be eligible. The number of persons participating in the Pilot Scheme broken down by year is not captured. As at end-February 2016, a total of 1 431 carers of elderly persons were receiving the allowance.
- (c) & (d) Under the Pilot Scheme, a monthly allowance of \$2,000 is granted to each eligible carer of elderly persons. Carers who have to take care of more than one elderly person will receive a maximum allowance of \$4,000 per month. The payment of allowance to each carer will last for a maximum of 24 months. Carers participating in the Pilot Scheme are required to provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month to the elderly person under care; or not less than a total of 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one elderly person.
- (e) The manpower deployed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme is about 77 man-months.
- (f) SWD does not have information about the average time required for providing living allowance to eligible carers of elderly persons each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0092****(Question Serial No. 1125)**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 –

- among IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC), the full year and total numbers of cases served involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs, and the respective numbers of persons on the waiting lists from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- among IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC), the respective and total numbers of cases involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs respectively from 2013-14 to 2015-16; and
- the full year and total numbers of IHCS (FC) cases served and the number of people on the waiting lists from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 37)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The numbers of cases served yearly involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs, the numbers of cases currently receiving services and the respective numbers of persons on the waiting lists for IHCS(OC) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Financial year	Number of cases served yearly				Number of cases currently receiving services (As at the end of financial year)				Number of persons on waiting list ^[Note]		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs	Total	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs	Total	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs
2013-14	23 356	1 951	431	25 738	17 265	1 491	290	19 046	4 971	271	95
2014-15	23 483	1 780	424	25 687	17 359	1 364	266	18 989	4 372	252	86
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	21 831	1 586	370	23 787	17 203	1 353	272	18 828	3 754	212	85

[Note] The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations currently operating the service.

- (b) IHCS(FC) provide services to elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The numbers of cases of elderly persons and persons with disabilities who received IHCS(FC) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Financial year	Number of cases currently receiving services (As at the end of financial year)		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Total
2013-14	924	122	1 046
2014-15	958	106	1 064
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 004	106	1 110

- (c) The numbers of cases served yearly involving elderly persons and persons with disabilities, the numbers of cases currently receiving services and the respective numbers of persons on the waiting lists for IHCS(FC) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out below –

Financial year	Number of cases served yearly	Number of cases currently receiving services (As at the end of financial year)	Number of persons on waiting list [Note 1]
2013-14	1 455	1 046	2 185 [Note 2]
2014-15	1 441	1 064	2 698 [Note 3]
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 374	1 110	2 708 [Note 4]

[Note 1] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS).

[Note 2] 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).

[Note 3] The figure does not include 80 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme.

[Note 4] The figure does not include 83 elderly persons classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0093

(Question Serial No. 1126)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of places and the number of IHCS teams in each district and cluster broken down by District Council district from 2014-15 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of places under IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) and the number of persons waiting for IHCS(FC) in each district broken down by District Council district in the past 5 years;
- (c) the number of places under IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) and the number of persons waiting for IHCS(OC) in each district broken down by District Council district in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The geographical distribution of IHCS places and IHCS teams by District Council district from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 1.
- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of applicants waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services by District Council district. The geographical distribution of IHCS(FC) places by District Council district in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 2.
- (c) SWD does not have the number of applicants under IHCS(OC) by District Council district in the past 5 years. The geographical distribution of IHCS(OC) places by District Council district in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 3.

**Number of IHCS Teams and IHCS Places
(2014-15 to 2015-16)**

Financial year	2014-15			2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)		
District	No. of IHCS teams	No. of IHCS(OC) places ^[Note 1]	No. of IHCS(FC) places	No. of IHCS teams	No. of IHCS(OC) places ^[Note 2]	No. of IHCS(FC) places
Central & Western	3	567	40	3	595	40
Eastern	5	1 584	80	5	1 491	80
Wan Chai	2	505	30	2	518	30
Southern	2	1 028	80	2	1 012	80
Islands	1	245	20	1	248	20
Kwun Tong	4	1 946	150	4	1 939	150
Wong Tai Sin	6	1 433	100	6	1 477	100
Sai Kung	3	388	30	3	398	30
Kowloon City	3	1 328	30	3	1 291	30
Yau Tsim Mong	3	918	40	3	916	40
Sham Shui Po	7	1 657	90	7	1 675	90
Sha Tin	4	1 394	120	4	1 419	120
Tai Po	3	698	30	3	685	30
North	3	1 203	30	3	1 127	30
Yuen Long	4	1 232	90	4	1 292	90
Tuen Mun	2	1 283	30	2	1 270	30
Tsuen Wan	2	425	40	2	378	40
Kwai Tsing	4	1 155	90	3	1 097	90
Total	60	18 989	1 120	60	18 828	1 120

^[Note 1] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of places as at end-March 2015.

^[Note 2] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of places as at end-December 2015.

**Number of IHCS(FC) Places
(2011-12 to 2015-16)**

District	Number of places (As at the end of financial year)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	40	40	40	40	40
Eastern	80	80	80	80	80
Wan Chai	30	30	30	30	30
Southern	80	80	80	80	80
Islands	20	20	20	20	20
Kwun Tong	150	150	150	150	150
Wong Tai Sin	100	100	100	100	100
Sai Kung	30	30	30	30	30
Kowloon City	30	30	30	30	30
Yau Tsim Mong	40	40	40	40	40
Sham Shui Po	90	90	90	90	90
Sha Tin	120	120	120	120	120
Tai Po	30	30	30	30	30
North	30	30	30	30	30
Yuen Long	90	90	90	90	90
Tuen Mun	30	30	30	30	30
Tsuen Wan	40	40	40	40	40
Kwai Tsing	90	90	90	90	90
Total	1 120	1 120	1 120	1 120	1 120

**Number of IHCS(OC) Places
(2011-12 to 2015-16)**

District	Number of places ^[Note] (As at the end of financial year)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	625	654	665	567	595
Eastern	1 622	1 652	1 681	1 584	1 491
Wan Chai	571	546	530	505	518
Southern	1 057	1 031	1 033	1 028	1 012
Islands	256	265	258	245	248
Kwun Tong	1 815	1 813	1 889	1 946	1 939
Wong Tai Sin	1 568	1 452	1 403	1 433	1 477
Sai Kung	413	410	374	388	398
Kowloon City	1 328	1 283	1 330	1 328	1 291
Yau Tsim Mong	955	871	870	918	916
Sham Shui Po	1 744	1 684	1 707	1 657	1 675
Sha Tin	1 410	1 427	1 417	1 394	1 419
Tai Po	856	755	735	698	685
North	929	972	1 094	1 203	1 127
Yuen Long	1 388	1 367	1 327	1 232	1 292
Tuen Mun	1 391	1 320	1 248	1 283	1 270
Tsuen Wan	416	438	434	425	378
Kwai Tsing	1 118	1 050	1 051	1 155	1 097
Total	19 462	18 990	19 046	18 989	18 828

^[Note] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1127)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of EHCCS cases served yearly by district teams and cluster teams broken down by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of EHCCS cases yearly by district teams and cluster teams broken down by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of EHCCS cases served yearly broken down by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 1.
- (b) The number of cases currently receiving EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 2.

**Number of EHCCS Cases Served Yearly
(2012-13 to 2015-16)**

District	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (As at end-December 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
Central & Western	208	205	228	225	217	294	216	444
Wan Chai	204		194		189		189	
Eastern	278		264		290		264	
Southern	203		207		212		184	
Islands	96		112		115		102	
Yau Tsim Mong	267	327	253	323	256	477	239	684
Kowloon City	403		401		389		349	
Sham Shui Po	337		362		330		321	
Wong Tai Sin	544	549	533	585	569	675	506	970
Sai Kung	301		308		288		285	
Kwun Tong	547	429	587	461	555	528	518	634
Sha Tin	260	312	279	311	244	345	254	512
Tai Po	175		181		175		162	
North	184		189		194		167	
Yuen Long	227	326	224	343	263	511	230	973
Tuen Mun	207		214		207		199	
Tsuen Wan	321		315		293		281	
Kwai Tsing	466		453		461		403	
Total	7 376		7 552		8 077		9 086	

**Number of Cases Currently Receiving EHCCS
(2012-13 to 2015-16)
(As at the end of financial year)**

District	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (As at end-December 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
Central & Western	170	152	167	156	169	212	166	343
Wan Chai	147		143		152		151	
Eastern	203		203		204		203	
Southern	156		156		156		154	
Islands	73		84		85		88	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	235	188	231	188	379	188	529
Kowloon City	285		285		286		287	
Sham Shui Po	252		254		254		254	
Wong Tai Sin	398	414	386	402	393	529	394	750
Sai Kung	219		214		220		220	
Kwun Tong	387	312	379	318	406	403	416	471
Sha Tin	188	202	186	202	187	263	188	384
Tai Po	128		126		126		128	
North	134		139		136		139	
Yuen Long	157	254	163	252	176	409	174	760
Tuen Mun	137		160		160		154	
Tsuen Wan	233		233		232		227	
Kwai Tsing	324		324		333		333	
Total	5 348		5 351		6 058		7 101	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0095

(Question Serial No. 1128)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of places and average waiting time under EHCCS broken down by District Council district each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of persons on the waiting list for EHCCS, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) could wait for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or EHCCS. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the average waiting time under IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS broken down by District Council district. The average waiting time under IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Financial year	Average waiting time (in months) (Based on the average for the past 3 months)
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	7
2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)	9
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	6

The number of places under EHCCS broken down by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

- (b) The number of persons on the waiting list for EHCCS, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting, the cost per place per month and the annual expenditure from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Year	No. of persons on the waiting list [Note 1]	No. of elderly persons who passed away while waiting [Note 1]	Cost per case per month (\$)	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	2 157 [Note 2]	33	3,687	237.1
2014-15 (Actual)	2 692 [Note 3]	33	3,875	255.1
2015-16 (Revised estimate)	2 704 [Note 4] (As at end-December 2015)	28 (As at end-December 2015)	4,430	375.9

[Note 1] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under SCNAMES could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 2] The figure does not include 63 elderly persons being classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme).

[Note 3] The figure does not include 80 elderly persons being classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

[Note 4] The figure does not include 83 elderly persons being classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

**Number of EHCCS Places
(2013-14 to 2015-16)**

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (As at December 2015)	
District	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster
Central & Western	171	174	171	347	171	347
Wan Chai	154		154		154	
Eastern	206		206		206	
Southern	158		158		158	
Islands	89	-	89	-	89	-
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	535	188	535
Kowloon City	290		290		290	
Sham Shui Po	255		255		255	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	769	406	769
Sai Kung	228		228		228	
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	497	421	497
Sha Tin	192	212	192	394	192	394
Tai Po	129		129		129	
North	141		141		141	
Yuen Long	178	256	178	766	178	766
Tuen Mun	160		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	235		235		235	
Kwai Tsing	336		336		336	
Total	5 579		7 245		7 245	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0096

(Question Serial No. 1129)

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 Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the date on which the Centralised Team is planned to be established by the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- (b) the staff establishment of the Centralised Team;
- (c) the ranks of the staff in the Centralised Team;
- (d) the amount of funding for the Centralised Team each year;
- (e) the specific duties and responsibilities of the Centralised Team?

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

Reply:

- (a) to (d) 7 new posts will be created in the staff establishment of the Centralised Team, including social work officers and clerical grade staff, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$3.5 million. SWD will set up the Centralised Team in 2016-17 to tie in with the implementation of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Scheme).
- (e) The establishment of the Centralised Team is to step up the monitoring of the services provided by the recognised service providers (RSPs) under the Scheme as well as to provide assistance to voucher holders. In addition to monitoring the RSPs, the Centralised Team will also serve as the first contact point for elderly persons who are potential service voucher users and provide in collaboration with the responsible workers dedicated support and assistance to service voucher holders, including the provision of information about RSPs. Moreover, the Centralised Team will also assist elderly persons to decide whether to apply for service vouchers, select suitable RSPs and service package, and switch RSPs where necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0097

(Question Serial No. 1130)

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 Paragraph 16 under Brief Description of Programme (3): Services for The Elderly in Estimates 2016-17 that the Social Welfare Department “provided support to the Elderly Commission (EC) in exploring the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly.” In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the specific details and time frame of the initiative; and the dates when the Government will implement and evaluate the scheme;
- (b) the amount of funding for the scheme each year; the number of places to be provided yearly and the total number of places;
- (c) the eligibility criteria for the Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) of the scheme; the number of units expected to be participating in the scheme;
- (d) the amount of subsidy provided to each service user under the scheme;
- (e) the eligibility criteria for service users under the scheme and whether income test and asset test will be introduced;
- (f) whether the Social Welfare Department will monitor the service quality of the RSPs of the scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (g) the maximum amount of hourly subsidy per case under the scheme.

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

Reply:

In July 2014, a relevant working group under the Elderly Commission (EC) commenced a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly. The independent consultant team commissioned by the EC made preliminary recommendations in January 2015 with respect to the feasibility study, and conducted a public engagement exercise in February 2015 to consult stakeholders about their views on the preliminary recommendations. The Government and the consultant team also reported

relevant matters to the Welfare Services Panel and listened to the views of legislative councillors and relevant bodies in February and March 2015.

In response to the public concern over the service quality of residential care homes, the working group invited the consultant team in June 2015 to further examine the preliminary recommendations, especially on aspects including the quality assurance mechanism of the pilot scheme, complaints handling approaches and the arrangements for case management. It is expected that the entire study will be completed by the middle of this year.

The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for implementing the three-year pilot scheme, under which a total of 3 000 service vouchers will be issued in phases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0098

(Question Serial No. 1131)

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) which has been implemented by the Community Care Fund (CCF) since June 2014, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme;
- (b) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons who have participated in the Pilot Scheme without having made use of the services;
- (c) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons who have participated in the Pilot Scheme but whose service vouchers have expired without having made use of any services;
- (d) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of elderly persons having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme (please provide the number of persons and the percentage with a breakdown by reason for withdrawal);
- (e) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of applications found ineligible (please provide the number and percentage of ineligible applicants with a breakdown by reason of ineligibility);
- (f) in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year), the number of service users with a breakdown by age group of the eligible elderly persons;
- (g) the number of applications still being processed since the launch of the Pilot Scheme by CCF in June 2014.

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) to (c) The Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) was rolled out in June 2014 for a period of 2 years and the number of beneficiaries is 2 000. Under the Pilot Scheme, invitation letters were issued in phases to invite applications from carers of elderly persons who were likely to be eligible for the Scheme. The closing date for application was 31 January 2015, and a total of 1 997 carers of elderly persons were assessed to be eligible, involving 2 078 elderly persons under care. The number of elderly persons under care broken down by year is not captured under the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2016, the total number of elderly persons under care under the Pilot Scheme was 1 478. All elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme have been provided with support services and followed up by approved service providers. The Pilot Scheme does not involve the use of service vouchers.

(d) The number of elderly persons under care having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme and the reasons for withdrawal for 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Reasons for withdrawing from the Pilot Scheme	2014-15		2015-16 (As at end-February 2016)	
	No. of elderly persons	Percentage (%)	No. of elderly persons	Percentage (%)
Elderly persons under care starting to use residential care services	47	50	257	51
Elderly persons under care having passed away	38	40	173	34
Carers starting to receive the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)/Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)	4	4	31	6
Other circumstantial changes regarding the carers/elderly persons under care	6	6	44	9
Total	95	100	505	100

(e) The number of ineligible cases broken down by year is not captured under the Pilot Scheme. Regarding all the applications found ineligible, the reasons of ineligibility, the number and the percentage are set out in the table at Annex.

(f) The number of eligible elderly persons and their age groups broken down by year are not captured under the Pilot Scheme. As at end-February 2016, the number of elderly persons under care under the Pilot Scheme broken down by age group is set out as follows –

Age	No. of elderly persons under care
60 – 69	129
70 – 79	361
80 – 89	739
90 or above	249
Total	1 478

- (g) The closing date for application under the Pilot Scheme was 31 January 2015. Processing of all applications has been completed.

Reasons for Ineligibility under the Pilot Scheme and Number of Cases

Reason for ineligibility	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Carers receiving CSSA/OALA/Disability Allowance	404	50
Carers failing to provide sufficient/required information for processing	145	18
Elderly persons using residential care services	65	8
Carers being unable to provide the minimum hours of care-giving work to the elderly persons under care	45	6
Household income exceeding the median monthly domestic household income	29	4
Carers/elderly persons under care not residing in Hong Kong/not being Hong Kong residents	13	2
Others (Other circumstances regarding the carers/elderly persons under care)	102	13
Total	803	100

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0099

(Question Serial No. 1132)

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 funded by the Lotteries Fund in 2013. Under this “first-hire-then-train” project, young people were recruited to provide care services at residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). In 2014, the Government announced the extension of the “first-hire-then-train” project by launching the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) with the provision of 1 000 additional places and the rehabilitation services being covered as well. Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of training places having been provided for young people to participate in the project/scheme each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of trainees participating in the project/scheme with a breakdown by age group each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the turnover rate and the number of trainees having withdrawn from the project/scheme each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of trainees successfully registered as health workers each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16; and
- (e) the number of trainees successfully recruited to participate in the project/scheme with a breakdown by name of residential care home (elderly and rehabilitation services) each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 presented in table form.

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (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 in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people were recruited to take up care work in RCHEs. The pilot project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places with 211 trainees aged between 17 and 24 recruited at

different times. As at end-December 2015, there were 92 trainees under the pilot project and a total of 119 trainees had left the pilot project. The Government subsequently launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. Young persons aged between 18 and 25 are encouraged to join the elderly or rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2015, there were around 160 trainees under the Navigation Scheme, with 134 of them having been arranged to take up work in elderly/rehabilitation care service units.

- (c) &(d) As at end-December 2015, a total of 108 trainees had been registered as health workers under the pilot project. And the new trainees recruited under the Navigation Scheme are being arranged to work in elderly/rehabilitation care service units and enroll in relevant courses, with a view to obtaining necessary qualifications for registration as health workers.
- (e) As at end-December 2015, the names of elderly/rehabilitation care service units participating in the pilot project and the Navigation Scheme and the number of trainees participating in the project/scheme are set out at Annex.

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

	Name of RCHEs	No. of trainees
1	Kowloon Kam Wah Home for the Aged	1
2	Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	2
3	Culture Homes Two	1
4	On On Sanatorium Company Limited	1
5	Guardian Home (Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home	1
6	Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre	3
7	Pine Care (Po Tak Branch) Elderly Centre	2
8	Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre	1
9	Tai On Elderly Home Limited	1
10	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	1
11	Hong Shing Home for the Aged Company Limited	2
12	Chevron Professional Nursing Home Co., Limited	1
13	Oasis Nursing Home	4
14	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	2
15	New Pine Care Centre	2
16	Sun King Home for the Aged Limited	3
17	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	1
18	Ka-to Home for the Aged	2
19	Telford Nursing Centre	2
20	Lok Sin Kui (Caring Foundation) Elderly Care Limited	2
21	Fai-to Home for the Aged	1
22	Fai-to Home for the Aged (Tuen Mun) Branch	2
23	Fai-to Home for the Aged (On Lai) Branch	1
24	Hiu Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre	7
25	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre	2
26	Hiu Kwong (Hung Hom) Nursing Centre	3
27	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited	2
28	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited	1
29	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home	1
30	Tung Lum Buddhist Aged Home	1
31	Chi Lin Nunnery Chi Lin Care and Attention Home	1
32	Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior	2
33	Po Leung Kuk Fuk Wai Home for the Elderly	2
34	Po Leung Kuk Comfort Court for the Senior	4
35	Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit	1
36	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged	2
37	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Wan Wah Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
38	Hong Kong Christian Service Cheung Fat Home for the Elderly	1
39	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong - Grace Court	3
40	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Social Service Kwong Fuk	1
41	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
42	Oasis Nursing Home	6
43	Yuen Yuen Home for the Aged	2
44	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home for the Aged	1
45	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)	3
46	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Lei Muk Shue Estate)	2

	Name of RCHEs	No. of trainees
47	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged	1
Total		92

Table 2: Elderly/Rehabilitation Care Service Units and Number of Trainees Participating in the Navigation Scheme (As at end-December 2015)

	Name of elderly/rehabilitation care service units	No. of trainees
1	Kowloon Tong Wing Kin Elderly Home (Suffolk Road)	2
2	Culture Homes (Elderly Centre) limited.	2
3	Buddhist Li Ka Shing Care And Attention Home For the Eldelry	2
4	Fu Hong Society Lai Yiu House	2
5	Guardian(Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home	2
6	Mie King Home For Aged Limited (Branch 1)	1
7	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Yau Lai Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
8	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care & Attention Home for the Aged	4
9	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) HK Wong Fung Ting Hostel For the Eldelry	2
10	The Hong Kong Society for the Blind Kowloon Home for the Aged Blind	1
11	The Hong Kong Socehy for the Blind Jockey Club Tuen Mun Home for the Aged Blind	1
12	HK Baptist Mr & Mrs Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation and Health Care Home Ltd.	3
13	Hong Kong Christian Service Sham Shui Po Integrated Home Care Service	1
14	Shun Lee Home for the Elderly - HKCS	1
15	Le Grand Silver joy	7
16	Happy Luck Elderly Home Ltd	1
17	ELCHK, Shan King Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	6
18	ELCHK, Grace Rehabilitation Service	1
19	ELCHK, Tuen Mun Enhanced Home & Community Care Service	2
20	ELCHK, Shatin Enhanced Home and Comunnity Care Service	2
21	ELCHK, Sha Tin Home Support Team of the Integrated Discharge Support Program for Elderly Patients	3
22	ELCHK, Serene Court	4
23	ELCHK, Grace Court	6
24	ELCHK, Radiance Hub	1
25	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Kwong Fuk Home for the Elderly	2
26	Kei Tak(Tai Hang) Home For the Aged Limited	5
27	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po Nursing Home cum Day Care Service	6
28	Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities	2
29	Kowloon(1) Regional Home Care Service	4
30	Oasis Nursing Home	13
31	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home For The Aged	3
32	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)	4
33	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre for the	1

	Name of elderly/rehabilitation care service units	No. of trainees
	Elderly	
34	True Light Home for the aged	1
35	St. James' Settlement Rehabilitation Services Parkside Residence and Parkside Integrated Service Team	2
36	Senic Resort Nursing Home	1
37	Kwai Tsing Rehabilitation Home	3
38	Grace Nursing Home - (Kowloon Tong)	2
39	Kwong On Nursing Center Limited	2
40	Telford Nursing Centre	3
41	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited	1
42	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre(Hung Hom)	1
43	Harmony Home For The elderly	3
44	Wong Siu Ching Rhenish Home For the Elderly	1
45	Kwai Shing East Rhenish Care: Attention Home	2
46	Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Holistic Care Centre	3
47	Haven of Hope Hang Hau Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled	1
48	Haven of Hope Yee Ming Day Care Centre for the Elderly	3
49	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home	2
50	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
51	Haven of Hope Po Lam Day Activity Centre cum Hostel	1
52	Haven of Hope Nursing Home	3
Total		134

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0100

(Question Serial No. 1133)

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:

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

- (a) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Scheme for the reason of “Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service” with a breakdown by co-payment position of the service voucher holders each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Scheme for the reason of “No suitable service providers/service packages” with a breakdown by co-payment position of the service voucher holders each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Scheme for the reason of “Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers” with a breakdown by co-payment position of the service voucher holders each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Scheme for the reason of “Passed away” with a breakdown by co-payment position of the service voucher holders each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (e) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Scheme for the reason of “Others (e.g.: hospitalisation, out of town)” with a breakdown by co-payment position of the service voucher holders each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

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

Reply:

During the implementation of the first phase of the Scheme, service voucher holders need to pay according to affordability a co-payment amount set at 5 levels [i.e. \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V)]. The accumulated numbers of elderly persons having left the Scheme broken down by reason for leaving and co-payment category from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex –

Table 1: Accumulated Number of Elderly Persons having Left the Scheme by Co-payment Category as at end-March 2014

Reason for withdrawal	Accumulated no. of elderly persons having left the Scheme by co-payment category				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	34	4	3	3	4
No suitable service providers/service packages	18	5	1	-	-
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	8	1	-	-	1
Deceased	16	4	1	-	3
Others (e.g.: hospitalisation, out of town)	2	-	-	-	-
Total	78	14	5	3	8

Table 2: Accumulated Number of Elderly Persons having Left the Scheme by Co-payment Category as at end-March 2015

Reason for withdrawal	Accumulated no. of elderly persons having left the Scheme by co-payment category				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	243	33	29	5	29
No suitable service providers/service packages	204	22	23	3	22
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	77	10	13	1	16
Deceased	84	16	15	1	10
Others (e.g.: hospitalisation, out of town)	23	5	2	-	2
Total	631	86	82	10	79

Table 3: Accumulated Number of Elderly Persons having Left the Scheme by Co-payment Category as at end-December 2015

Reason for withdrawal	Accumulated no. of elderly persons having left the Scheme by co-payment category				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	396	59	58	13	56
No suitable service providers/service packages	270	27	27	4	28
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	142	26	23	4	23
Deceased	137	21	23	2	15
Others (e.g.: hospitalisation, out of town)	36	9	3	-	4
Total	981	142	134	23	126

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0101****(Question Serial No. 1997)**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 Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of single mode service users each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of mixed mode service users each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

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

The number of persons currently using single mode and mixed mode services under the Pilot Scheme from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

	No. of persons currently using the services	
	Single mode	Mixed mode
As at end-March 2014	330	209
As at end-March 2015	639	333
As at end-December 2015	818	360

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LWB(WW)0102

(Question Serial No. 1998)

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 (the Pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of single mode service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of mixed mode service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

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

Reply:

The cumulative numbers of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme who were previously single mode service users and mixed mode service users from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

	Cumulative numbers of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme who were	
	Previously single mode service users	Previously mixed mode service users
As at end-March 2014	21	13
As at end-March 2015	225	126
As at end-December 2015	459	222

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0103

(Question Serial No. 1999)

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 services provided by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of service users of DEs/DCUs by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The number of service users of DEs/DCUs by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Geographical Distribution of Service Users of DEs/DCUs
(2013-14 to 2015-16)

District	Number of service users		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	253	275	272
Eastern	393	386	434
Wan Chai	129	144	144
Southern	203	202	185
Islands	65	74	68
Kwun Tong	772	844	720
Wong Tai Sin	497	527	526
Sai Kung	267	307	362
Kowloon City	287	277	281
Sham Shui Po	442	501	504
Yau Tsim Mong	321	327	313
Sha Tin	481	589	584
Tai Po	126	117	121
North	80	88	72
Yuen Long	231	227	237
Tsuen Wan	127	123	152
Kwai Tsing	291	282	339
Tuen Mun	254	239	232
Total	5 219	5 529	5 546

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0104****(Question Serial No. 2000)**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 services provided by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places, the number of persons on the waiting lists and the average waiting time for the DEs/DCUs with a breakdown by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) district from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 35)Reply:

The number of places for the DEs/DCUs with a breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out in Annex.

The number of elderly persons on the waiting lists and the average waiting time for subsidised DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Financial year	Number of elderly persons	Average waiting time (month) (based on the average of the previous 3 months)
2013-14	2 097 ^[Note 1]	9
2014-15	2 289 ^[Note 2]	7
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2 829 ^[Note 3]	6

[Note 1] The figures do 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.

[Note 2] The figures do not include 289 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

[Note 3] The figures do not include 373 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

SWD does not have the number of elderly persons on the waiting list nor the average waiting time for DEs/DCUs broken down by district.

**Number of places for DEs/DCUs
(From 2013-14 to 2015-16)**

District	Number of Places		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	129	129	129
Eastern	216	216	246
Wan Chai	72	72	72
Southern	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	407	407	407
Wong Tai Sin	290	290	290
Sai Kung	145	205	205
Kowloon City	158	158	158
Sham Shui Po	248	280	280
Yau Tsim Mong	152	152	152
Sha Tin	236	313	313
Tai Po	64	64	64
North	44	44	44
Yuen Long	115	115	115
Tsuen Wan	64	64 ^[Note]	84 ^[Note]
Kwai Tsing	154	214 ^[Note]	194 ^[Note]
Tuen Mun	110	110	110
Total	2 752	2 981	3 011

^[Note] As a DE in Kwai Tsing has begun providing cross-district services for the elderly living in Tsuen Wan since 2015-16, the number of places as at end-December 2015 for these 2 districts are different from the figures for 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0105

(Question Serial No. 2200)

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 Pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Insufficient service output” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Lack of flexibility in service provision” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Lack of Recognised Service Providers in accessible locations” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Insufficient understanding of the community care service voucher by service users” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (e) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Unwilling to pay the co-payment amount” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (f) the number of service users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for the reason of “Unable to afford top-up services” each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

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

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end-December 2015, a total of 1 406 elderly persons had at different times left the Pilot Scheme. The accumulated number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme broken down by reason of leaving from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Reason	Accumulated number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme		
	As at end-March 2014	As at end-March 2015	As at end-December 2015
Will be/have been allocated subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care service	48	339	582
Taken care of by family members, domestic helpers, etc.	10	117	218
Deceased	24	126	198
No suitable service providers/service packages	24	274	356
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town)	2	32	52
Total	108	888	1 406

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought in (a) to (f).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0106

(Question Serial No. 2201)

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 –

- (a) the number of case Responsible Workers (RWs) each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the average time required by case RWs to follow up a case each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the number of cases in which the case RWs are required to assist the elderly persons in choosing alternative Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) within the first 3 months of service provision each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of cases in which the case RWs are required to assist the elderly persons in choosing alternative RSPs after the first 3 months of service provision each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (e) the maximum amount of hourly subsidy per case provided to RWs each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) to (d) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant information.
- (e) SWD does not provide additional subsidy to RWs for following up the cases of the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0107

(Question Serial No. 2490)

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 the 2014-15 Budget, “it is a pre-requisite for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to comply with the requirement regarding submission of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)”, and AFR of LSG subvention had been submitted by all NGOs receiving LSG subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the 4 years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. However, according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0765 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, when I asked SWD for the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR on the salary expenditure on staff with their annual personal emoluments exceeding \$500,000 for NGOs receiving LSG subvention, SWD replied that “SWD does not have the information sought”. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. Please provide a blank sample of the aforesaid AFR for perusal by this Committee.
2. The reasons for the Government claiming that AFR had been submitted by all subvented NGOs to SWD and also claiming at the same time that SWD did not have the information in AFRs.
3. How does the Government handle AFRs submitted by subvented NGOs? Are these AFRs properly kept?
4. If AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD have been properly kept by the Government, please reply again to my enquiry in Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0764 of Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget: according to the information set out in Note 6 of the AFR of 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)?

Salary expenditure	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. 5)

Reply:

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to submit to SWD their AFRs, a sample of which is at Annex 5 of the LSG Manual. The LSG Manual has been uploaded onto the website of SWD at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_lsgmanual/.

SWD examines AFRs submitted by each NGO receiving LSG subvention which have been reviewed by its external auditors, to review whether the requirements on the use of subvention have been complied with and whether the reserve has exceeded the cap, etc. SWD keeps the AFRs submitted by NGOs to SWD for the past 7 years.

Currently, SWD carefully reviews the AFRs submitted by each organisation, with a view to monitoring how it complies with the requirements of the LSG Manual with respect to the use of subventions and financial reporting. SWD does not collate the AFR data for all NGOs receiving LSG subvention. SWD also requires NGOs to disclose their AFRs to the public as required by the LSG Manual, with a view to enhancing transparency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0108

(Question Serial No. 2493)

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 mentally ill persons seeking medical treatment rose from 172 800 in 2011 to 213 300 in 2015, representing an increase of 23.4% in 5 years. This upward trend is likely to continue. Currently, the integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) are suffering from tight manpower, which is affecting the quality and implementation of services in ICCMWs. Please advise –

1. What amount of subsidy is received by each team in each ICCMW as planned by the Government? By what criteria is the amount of subsidy calculated?
2. Given the continuously rising demand for mental health services, what additional funding does the Government expect to provide to ICCMWs each year from 2016-17 to 2019-20?
3. Will the Government step up the planning and support for ICCMWs to reduce the staff turnover of social workers? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on ICCMW service is \$286.8 million. The team size and the population served by the 24 ICCMWs vary and the funding they obtain thus varies.
2. With a funding of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund, SWD launched in March 2016 the two-year “Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units”, which is run by 11 subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently operating ICCMWs to provide 32 peer supporter positions with a view to strengthening support for ex-mentally ill and other needy persons. SWD keeps in view the existing services and resources from time to time

and, taking into account the community needs, and development of Hospital Authority's mental health services, etc, makes suitable deployment or seeks new resources to meet changing service needs.

3. Joining hands with the representatives of NGOs operating ICCMWs, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and service users, SWD is reviewing ICCMW service as a whole, including service planning indicators, service scope, service team size, the proportion of casework, etc., to provide views on the future development and planning of ICCMW service. The review is expected to be completed in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2889)

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 Dementia Supplement (as attachment to the FSAs of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs)) (serial number 036), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 467)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Dementia Supplement has not been revised since 29 December 2003.
2. In line with the established practice, SWD will continue to regularly assess the service needs and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs on a service type basis onto its webpage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0110

(Question Serial No. 2890)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 469)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. After being revised in April 2008, 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 for carers of elderly persons, etc.
2. SWD has no plan to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0111

(Question Serial No. 3098)

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 (the Pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of staff of the Voucher Office of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) responsible for conducting unannounced visits and random checks in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (b) the number of review visits to all recognised service providers (RSPs) and the number of service units involved in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (c) the number of unannounced visits to all RSPs and the number of service units involved in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (d) the number of interviews conducted with voucher holders and the number of service units involved in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16;
- (e) the number of times for which receipts issued by RSPs to users were checked in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16; and
- (f) whether any discrepancy was found between the service and expenditure items and the RSP's proposed price list from 2013-14 to 2015-16; if yes, the number of RSPs that required rectification?

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

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows –

- (a) At present, there are altogether 6 officers of the Social Work Officer grade and Clerical grade in the Elderly Branch of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), including paying review visits to recognised service providers (RSPs) who participate in

the Pilot Scheme, and conducting random checks on the relevant records and files during the above review visits.

- (b) to (e) The number of review visits to RSPs, the number of interviews conducted with voucher holders and the number of checks on records and files issued by RSPs to voucher holders by SWD from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as follows –

	Review Visits (Including unannounced visits)		Interviews Conducted with Voucher Holders		Checks on Documents Issued by RSPs to Voucher Holders
	Number	Number of Service Units Involved	Number	Number of Service Units Involved	Frequency
2013-14	47	47	-	-	603
2014-15	125	61	37	25	7 938
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	107	61	29	23	12 927
Total	279		66		21 468

- (f) SWD has not found any discrepancy between the service and expenditure items of the RSPs from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0112

(Question Serial No. 3196)

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 Pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme because they will be/have been allocated subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care service;
- (b) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme due to no suitable service providers/service packages;
- (c) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme because they have been taken care of by family members or domestic helpers;
- (d) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme because they passed away;
- (e) in each of the years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of users having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme due to other reasons (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town).

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

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. As at end-December 2015, a total of 1 406 elderly persons had at different times left the Pilot Scheme. The accumulated number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme broken down by reason for withdrawal from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Reason	Accumulated number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme		
	As at end-March 2014	As at end-March 2015	As at end-December 2015
Will be/have been allocated subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care service	48	339	582
Taken care of by family members, domestic helpers, etc.	10	117	218
Deceased	24	126	198
No suitable service providers/service packages	24	274	356
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town)	2	32	52
Total	108	888	1406

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0113****(Question Serial No. 3197)**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) is allocated to eligible elderly homes by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the respective numbers of homes for the aged (H/A), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, C&A homes providing a continuum of care and private homes participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) eligible for DS as well as the number of their residential places in each of the past 5 years;
- (b) the amount of DS allocated to eligible elderly homes in each of the past 5 years;
- (c) the number of cases of allocating DS to eligible elderly homes and the total number of beneficiaries broken down by SWD district in each of the past 5 years.

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

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of homes and places provided with DS are as follows –

Year of providing DS	Number of homes	Number of places ^[Note]
2012-13	257	21 866
2013-14	256	22 164
2014-15	253	22 539
2015-16	261	22 723
2016-17	262	22 954

^[Note] In the fourth quarter of every year, SWD invites subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and private RCHEs participating in EBPS to apply for next year's DS by the end of the year. The numbers of places set out above are figures for end-December of the respective year.

- (b) The expenditure on DS for RCHEs is as follows –

Year of providing DS	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	190.7
2013-14 (Actual)	202.2
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note]	210.1
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note]	219.8
2016-17 (Estimate)	228.9

^[Note] Excluding the one-off “special grant for enhancing care for those with dementia”, which involved an expenditure of \$13.7 million for 2014-15 Actual, and \$41.4 million for 2015-16 Revised Estimate.

- (c) SWD invites applications from subvented RCHEs every year. The eligibility of elderly residents for DS in these RCHEs will be confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. As for private RCHEs participating in EBPS, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS based on the number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs as confirmed by PGTs. DS will then be given to these RCHEs according to the estimated number of demented elderly persons. The number of eligible cases receiving DS in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is provided as follows –

	Year of providing DS				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Subvented RCHEs	3 218	3 423	3 423	3 773	3 773
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	1 550	1 621	1 666	1 900	1 946
Total	4 768	5 044	5 089	5 673	5 719

The number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs broken down by district is set out at Annex. As for private RCHEs participating in EBPS, SWD does not have the number of eligible cases broken down by district.

Number of eligible cases receiving DS in subvented RCHEs from 2012-13 to 2016-17

District	Number of eligible cases in subvented RCHEs				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Eastern	38	41	41	57	57
Wan Chai	34	41	41	41	41
Central & Western	67	68	68	68	68
Islands	66	67	67	78	78
Southern	277	293	293	364	364
Sham Shui Po	132	127	127	136	136
Kowloon City	135	132	132	144	144
Yau Tsim Mong	19	20	20	8	8
Wong Tai Sin	296	294	294	285	285
Sai Kung	228	271	271	288	288
Kwun Tong	284	329	329	391	391
Sha Tin	289	323	323	358	358
Tai Po	317	322	322	333	333
North	254	271	271	283	283
Yuen Long	219	208	208	203	203
Tuen Mun	149	149	149	164	164
Tsuen Wan	104	121	121	117	117
Kwai Tsing	310	346	346	455	455
Total	3 218	3 423	3 423	3 773	3 773

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0114

(Question Serial No. 1476)

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:

The numbers of places in the occasional child care service (OCCS) units and standalone child care centres (CCCs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have not been increased in the past 3 years. Since the utilisation rate of standalone CCCs has reached 100%, will SWD consider increasing the numbers of OCCS units and places in standalone CCCs so as to release women to join the workforce? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

SWD is committed to setting up more aided standalone CCCs to address the community demand for such services and to support women in fulfilling work and family commitments, subject to the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and the Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A) being complied with. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, SWD provided a total of 46 additional places through in-situ expansion in 6 existing aided standalone CCCs. It is also planned that about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 will be provided in 2018-19, involving a full-year expenditure of around \$1.4 million. Moreover, to better utilise the resources in OCCS, after reviewing the service and consulting the operators, SWD has suitably re-distributed the places for OCCS among the service units since September 2014 with reference to service utilisation in the districts. SWD will keep in view the demand for various child care services and consider deploying resources to increase the places and provide additional subsidies where necessary and having regard to the financial viability.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0115

(Question Serial No. 3031)

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 for 2015-16 higher than the approved estimate?
2. The estimated expenditure of the CSSA Scheme for 2015-16 is higher than the year before. How many additional CSSA cases have been due to the removal of the residence requirement? What is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The revised estimate for the CSSA Scheme for 2015-16 is lower than the approved estimate because the decline in the actual number of CSSA cases for the year had been taken into account when estimating the revised expenditure. Corresponding adjustments were made as a result.
2. 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. 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 a dozen or so per working day recently. As the number has remained relatively stable and the “1-year residence requirement” has been restored for more than 2 years, SWD makes no further hypothetical projections about the expenditure involved in the cancellation of the “7-year residence requirement”.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0116

(Question Serial No. 0478)

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 34 of the Budget Speech that the Government will “provide an extra allowance to social security recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments, Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) or Disability Allowance (DA). This will involve an additional expenditure of \$2.8 billion.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the full breakdown of the expenditure incurred for the above relief measures, and the expected earliest time for the payments to be made. Apart from the above one-off relief measures, would the Government consider reviewing the CSSA basic rate and the rates of other allowances (such as rent allowance) as soon as possible to enable the recipients to maintain basic living? And if no, what are the reasons?

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

Reply:

The Financial Secretary has stated in the 2016 Budget Speech that the Government will provide an extra allowance to social security recipients equal to 1 month of the payment of the CSSA standard rate, OAA, OALA or DA. This will involve an estimated expenditure totaling about \$2.8 billion, including about \$1.1 billion for CSSA, about \$300 million for OAA (including the Guangdong Scheme), about \$1.1 billion for OALA and about \$300 million for DA. The Government will submit the 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.

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 the movements of the

Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). OAA, OALA and DA will be adjusted on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the SSAIP. In accordance with the abovementioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the CSSA standard payment rates and the various allowances of the Social Security Allowance Scheme increase by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016.

SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the abovementioned payment rates according to the established mechanism. The Government will also update 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 Government has completed data collection for the 2014-15 survey, and an analysis is under way for preparing a report and updating the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0117****(Question Serial No. 0480)**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 various categories of cases under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government provide, by case nature, the latest numbers of CSSA cases and recipients living in each public housing estate?

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

As at end-December 2015, the numbers of CSSA households living in each public housing estate (excluding the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455
Clague Garden Estate	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399
Prosperous Garden	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	49	100	9	1 703
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752

As at end-December 2015, the numbers of CSSA recipients living in each public housing estate (excluding the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	345	128	113	180	48	49	11	874
Bo Shek Mansion	52	5	1	-	3	-	-	61
Broadview Garden	18	3	2	12	1	-	1	37
Butterfly	1 099	79	155	286	30	90	13	1 752
Chai Wan	324	28	57	112	11	18	9	559
Chak On	476	21	46	155	5	40	3	746
Cheung Ching	506	39	75	180	58	79	17	954
Cheung Fat	304	59	36	69	15	27	8	518
Cheung Hang	442	52	81	100	55	60	26	816
Cheung Hong	1 301	113	122	349	99	114	18	2 116
Cheung Kwai	45	4	9	14	6	17	-	95
Cheung Lung Wai	219	18	39	180	33	70	12	571
Cheung On	427	45	45	67	9	42	12	647
Cheung Sha Wan	237	14	35	113	36	30	7	472

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cheung Shan	179	11	24	24	47	9	1	295
Cheung Wah	560	46	112	143	46	50	32	989
Cheung Wang	540	106	92	219	89	151	12	1 209
Ching Ho	1 220	101	360	921	215	341	46	3 204
Cho Yiu Chuen	223	10	14	20	34	17	5	323
Choi Fai	136	10	31	54	24	22	2	279
Choi Fook	515	30	83	329	76	114	13	1 160
Choi Ha	163	19	33	42	23	12	1	293
Choi Hung	1 131	74	223	412	109	117	14	2 080
Choi Ming Court	370	57	125	87	45	65	6	755
Choi Tak	794	36	148	451	65	99	36	1 629
Choi Wan (I)	584	64	148	281	91	79	19	1 266
Choi Wan (II)	338	25	76	117	42	53	17	668
Choi Ying	697	20	122	376	78	93	14	1 400
Choi Yuen	1 175	135	136	312	46	95	13	1 912
Chuk Yuen (North)	392	31	123	106	36	41	12	741
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 181	87	205	450	105	83	8	2 119
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	118	6	2	10	14	10	3	163
Chun Shek	318	27	82	91	24	19	2	563
Chung On	306	85	93	135	45	98	27	789
Clague Garden Estate	99	7	4	13	3	-	-	126
Easeful Court	28	9	14	29	19	13	2	114
Fortune	617	43	84	84	17	33	3	881
Fu Cheong	1 471	111	243	224	123	111	12	2 295
Fu Heng	448	86	199	101	13	54	16	917
Fu Shan	243	16	48	91	20	30	5	453
Fu Shin	527	61	171	180	30	52	54	1 075
Fu Tai	474	103	173	218	233	176	18	1 395
Fu Tung	106	15	41	83	28	24	-	297
Fuk Loi	489	51	77	148	16	32	7	820
Fung Tak	497	44	99	80	33	40	7	800
Fung Wah	84	12	23	18	8	17	4	166
Fung Wo	116	21	53	178	22	13	14	417
Grandeur Terrace	333	78	232	494	231	262	25	1 655
Hau Tak	473	72	128	160	80	102	17	1 032
Healthy Village	125	8	19	13	16	10	2	193
Heng On	263	40	94	108	34	37	28	604
High Prosperity Terrace	24	4	18	40	28	9	4	127
Hin Keng	269	28	72	79	30	20	18	516
Hin Yiu	131	15	47	80	17	7	1	298
Hing Man	199	30	36	104	73	27	2	471
Hing Tin	107	8	65	43	28	16	3	270
Hing Tung	197	39	43	80	49	23	3	434
Hing Wah (I)	311	70	59	81	37	31	3	592
Hing Wah (II)	663	60	92	220	42	43	8	1 128
Ho Man Tin	759	80	187	179	80	85	19	1 389
Hoi Fu Court	693	37	117	140	86	60	4	1 137
Hoi Lai	429	101	238	387	243	210	18	1 626
Hong Tung	217	14	8	15	-	2	-	256
Hung Fuk	329	52	131	457	60	132	11	1 172
Hung Hom	613	52	91	152	48	73	15	1 044
Jat Min Chuen	478	34	48	40	23	15	13	651
Ka Fuk	268	53	36	81	13	35	10	496
Ka Wai Chuen	305	21	54	22	5	14	2	423
Kai Ching	543	59	88	518	64	129	10	1 411
Kai Tin	368	40	120	90	43	54	14	729
Kai Yip	1 012	30	107	250	17	59	7	1 482
Kam Peng	43	3	10	19	4	14	5	98

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Kin Ming	559	146	394	555	295	244	20	2 213
Kin Sang	133	25	30	28	19	22	1	258
King Lam	498	56	104	73	15	61	8	815
Ko Cheung Court	128	19	79	160	77	64	9	536
Ko Yee	254	18	29	66	20	17	-	404
Kwai Chung	1 704	268	530	1 026	509	449	73	4 559
Kwai Fong	766	106	230	185	183	163	11	1 644
Kwai Hing	115	18	18	31	18	20	-	220
Kwai Luen	247	37	89	301	93	113	16	896
Kwai Shing (East)	967	94	207	240	129	169	17	1 823
Kwai Shing (West)	660	64	91	213	67	61	18	1 174
Kwong Fuk	772	91	187	291	61	109	33	1 544
Kwong Tin	218	21	97	102	49	54	16	557
Kwong Yuen	336	89	106	128	20	33	61	773
Kwun Lung Lau	155	25	20	61	51	41	3	356
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	669	28	104	90	61	66	5	1 023
Lai King	610	56	67	143	62	59	11	1 008
Lai Kok	631	55	106	207	41	67	10	1 117
Lai On	204	43	56	57	5	29	-	394
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	20	37	27	17	20	1	340
Lai Yiu	334	54	63	94	121	56	6	728
Lakeside Garden	19	6	8	2	-	-	-	35
Lam Tin	577	32	111	211	94	49	14	1 088
Lee On	397	83	182	142	28	52	17	901
Lei Cheng Uk	456	54	64	146	37	60	12	829
Lei Muk Shue	1 171	212	314	543	237	185	34	2 696
Lei Tung	516	96	88	167	39	44	15	965
Lei Yue Mun	586	38	118	213	69	81	11	1 116
Lek Yuen	373	47	139	205	46	20	40	870
Leung King	654	84	153	207	58	96	15	1 267
Lok Fu	456	63	125	198	52	76	7	977
Lok Man Sun Chuen	447	16	54	55	50	41	1	664
Lok Wah (North)	258	32	74	120	35	62	12	593
Lok Wah (South)	1 989	57	131	333	21	75	21	2 627
Long Bin IH	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Long Ping	859	78	176	288	39	131	33	1 604
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	535	25	144	268	57	142	18	1 189
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	603	96	135	236	96	57	19	1 242
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	585	91	173	304	93	132	17	1 395
Lung Hang	356	35	143	212	73	24	20	863
Lung Tin	67	22	6	22	2	30	-	149
Lung Yat	97	15	26	104	20	31	14	307
Ma Hang	52	9	11	18	7	10	5	112
Ma Tau Wai	274	56	54	190	21	41	7	643
Mei Lam	554	49	147	227	26	39	21	1 063
Mei Tin	723	97	332	708	185	160	25	2 230
Mei Tung	366	50	66	199	72	79	15	847
Ming Tak	217	19	48	50	22	12	7	375
Ming Wah Dai Ha	214	21	18	16	14	17	1	301
Model Housing	51	29	22	21	22	11	3	159
Moon Lok Dai Ha	130	4	17	15	8	4	2	180
Nam Cheong	214	33	38	51	27	24	-	387
Nam Shan	459	55	93	251	21	48	2	929
Nga Ning Court	26	4	7	18	10	6	4	75
Ngan Wan	37	10	5	33	18	7	-	110
Oi Man	607	103	192	290	89	89	15	1 385
Oi Tung	861	159	122	197	77	62	19	1 497
On Tin	35	4	18	93	35	23	8	216

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
On Ting	856	91	98	285	57	96	8	1 491
On Yam	555	115	135	225	246	122	17	1 415
Pak Tin	1 565	122	294	427	129	204	33	2 774
Ping Shek	590	26	85	117	49	73	5	945
Ping Tin	1 015	89	195	292	87	110	26	1 814
Po Lam	405	60	96	147	39	46	9	802
Po Tat	1 356	114	254	427	230	312	46	2 739
Po Tin	1 491	160	341	295	41	255	35	2 618
Pok Hong	405	19	75	124	26	24	16	689
Prosperous Garden	89	-	6	2	-	-	3	100
Sai Wan	38	6	18	19	24	20	-	125
Sam Shing	209	40	23	71	26	46	11	426
Sau Mau Ping (South)	607	53	121	347	107	143	23	1 401
Sau Mau Ping	2 173	234	454	594	342	412	61	4 270
Sha Kok	1 034	97	296	421	36	70	39	1 993
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	51	5	12	13	6	11	-	98
Shan King	1 182	143	224	357	62	124	26	2 118
Shatin Pass	119	23	37	106	33	28	3	349
Shek Kip Mei	1 809	104	387	731	184	230	27	3 472
Shek Lei (I)	817	111	124	271	107	81	21	1 532
Shek Lei (II)	1 248	167	223	591	339	213	60	2 841
Shek Mun	170	16	120	219	67	39	21	652
Shek Pai Wan	612	105	115	191	149	87	29	1 288
Shek Wai Kok	805	95	140	313	81	84	11	1 529
Shek Yam (East)	406	62	53	70	55	25	6	677
Shek Yam	483	77	75	166	66	43	11	921
Sheung Lok	146	7	4	24	-	2	-	183
Sheung Tak	702	90	194	220	116	124	14	1 460
Shin Ming	257	36	77	153	40	33	1	597
Shui Chuen O	185	34	79	274	95	59	17	743
Shui Pin Wai	601	31	82	156	40	54	5	969
Shun Lee	666	45	107	167	42	96	13	1 136
Shun On	583	49	65	138	35	65	3	938
Shun Tin	1 222	71	214	277	86	205	30	2 105
Siu Sai Wan	457	148	131	304	84	117	6	1 247
Sun Chui	829	96	164	295	101	70	46	1 601
Sun Tin Wai	381	66	70	162	50	22	3	754
Tai Hang Tung	508	34	85	108	47	53	2	837
Tai Hing	1 682	128	227	437	95	122	36	2 727
Tai Ping	56	11	28	26	-	14	2	137
Tai Wo	649	60	121	115	34	42	23	1 044
Tai Wo Hau	1 056	151	227	368	116	139	19	2 076
Tai Yuen	426	128	319	226	72	133	40	1 344
Tak Long	737	100	176	687	128	193	17	2 038
Tak Tin	805	48	182	106	39	45	21	1 246
Tin Chak	606	81	200	283	78	173	40	1 461
Tin Ching	1 017	114	293	869	169	307	57	2 826
Tin Heng	365	88	311	520	343	431	30	2 088
Tin King	135	37	41	107	18	28	5	371
Tin Ping	284	38	82	84	24	29	5	546
Tin Shui	778	110	233	365	154	205	28	1 873
Tin Tsz	610	52	148	126	53	67	10	1 066
Tin Wah	622	88	183	214	44	95	19	1 265
Tin Wan	464	81	100	102	87	44	11	889
Tin Yan	1 175	98	272	543	70	235	31	2 424
Tin Yat	274	43	162	304	161	229	22	1 195
Tin Yiu	920	88	311	397	134	158	42	2 050
Tin Yuet	631	71	211	280	202	210	19	1 624

Public housing estate	CSSA case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsing Yi	227	22	29	53	11	34	5	381
Tsui Lam	216	34	77	145	37	31	15	555
Tsui Lok	145	7	5	22	4	5	-	188
Tsui Ping (South)	522	34	96	139	75	49	5	920
Tsui Ping (North)	1 233	85	251	316	99	132	13	2 129
Tsui Wan	153	28	20	40	8	11	2	262
Tsz Ching	1 487	136	275	351	157	174	10	2 590
Tsz Hong	187	34	72	166	104	81	3	647
Tsz Lok	979	101	148	251	89	156	18	1 742
Tsz Man	273	26	65	121	67	68	5	625
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	18	2	6	8	4	1	-	39
Tung Tau	755	72	96	192	86	86	12	1 299
Tung Wui	369	19	37	79	12	14	5	535
Un Chau	1 464	129	260	334	156	174	17	2 534
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 634	93	248	239	121	182	16	2 533
Upper Wong Tai Sin	994	130	153	235	81	120	8	1 721
Verbena Heights	184	6	21	6	-	22	3	242
Wah Fu	817	194	165	334	145	92	17	1 764
Wah Kwai	299	45	61	49	30	14	3	501
Wah Lai	135	35	50	79	42	25	-	366
Wah Ming	411	99	81	132	35	49	33	840
Wah Sum	229	59	48	37	21	32	3	429
Wan Hon	539	6	13	64	10	5	3	640
Wan Tau Tong	219	44	46	33	10	19	3	374
Wan Tsui	423	109	85	219	54	56	6	952
Wang Tau Hom	498	112	127	251	74	98	21	1 181
Wing Cheong	217	21	56	162	43	73	2	574
Wo Che	588	96	296	313	148	78	35	1 554
Wo Lok	315	29	64	108	15	34	9	574
Wu King	292	50	150	198	55	86	13	844
Yan On	248	31	96	234	14	71	18	712
Yat Tung	900	174	540	1 039	670	703	83	4 109
Yau Lai	1 387	63	296	806	170	213	26	2 961
Yau Oi	1 127	129	268	421	198	167	30	2 340
Yau Tong	656	59	167	187	129	91	16	1 305
Yee Ming	182	11	82	154	57	54	7	547
Yiu On	235	52	96	98	19	22	20	542
Yiu Tung	598	113	99	124	59	78	9	1 080
Yue Kwong Chuen	54	12	10	10	4	3	2	95
Yue Wan	290	54	54	207	21	46	2	674
Yung Shing Court	261	67	52	68	50	48	9	555
Total	118 766	13 490	26 576	45 409	15 821	18 399	3 248	241 709

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0118****(Question Serial No. 0481)**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 breakdown figures under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by case nature, of the latest numbers of CSSA cases and recipients in each of the District Council districts?

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

The number of CSSA cases by case nature and by district as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (Number of cases)							Total
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562

District	CSSA case nature (Number of cases)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

The number of CSSA recipients by case nature and by district as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 076	255	338	480	216	233	46	3 644
Eastern	9 179	1 585	1 393	2 807	908	958	244	17 074
Islands	2 145	321	792	1 556	807	1 038	203	6 862
Kowloon City	9 413	1 277	1 659	4 065	965	1 505	244	19 128
Kwai Tsing	18 389	2 970	3 303	5 978	2 894	2 560	554	36 648
Kwun Tong	27 821	2 048	5 063	9 346	2 934	3 617	728	51 557
North	9 001	1 427	1 912	4 097	813	1 336	457	19 043
Sai Kung	5 331	1 000	1 589	1 953	839	862	318	11 892
Sha Tin	11 423	1 852	3 387	5 078	1 247	1 125	663	24 775
Sham Shui Po	16 162	1 669	3 454	6 436	1 690	2 839	456	32 706
Southern	5 388	1 406	989	1 285	569	404	179	10 220
Tai Po	6 105	766	1 542	2 168	365	685	328	11 959
Tsuen Wan	5 483	685	875	2 047	648	564	165	10 467
Tuen Mun	14 018	2 473	2 937	4 181	1 165	1 759	466	26 999
Wan Chai	989	61	128	201	37	208	94	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	14 884	1 592	2 785	5 051	1 615	1 862	394	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	5 291	457	1 196	2 710	564	1 598	237	12 053
Yuen Long	15 657	2 201	4 580	8 496	2 361	4 130	787	38 212
Total	178 755	24 045	37 922	67 935	20 637	27 283	6 563	363 140

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

The number of recipients in this reply includes all eligible household members under the respective case nature.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0119****(Question Serial No. 0482)**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 various items under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by public housing estate, the latest numbers of cases and recipients of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA)?

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

The number of cases of HDA, NDA, OAA and OALA by public housing estate as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Ap Lei Chau	61	382	390	1 758	2 591
Bo Shek Mansion	-	5	8	25	38
Broadview Garden	-	9	7	36	52
Butterfly	13	198	84	988	1 283
Chai Wan	4	66	24	490	584
Chak On	11	84	74	513	682
Cheung Ching	39	257	375	2 090	2 761
Cheung Fat	15	127	70	553	765
Cheung Hang	26	260	216	1 402	1 904
Cheung Hong	36	371	465	2 780	3 652
Cheung Kwai	-	21	11	122	154
Cheung Lung Wai	6	32	6	55	99
Cheung On	55	452	353	1 966	2 826
Cheung Sha Wan	8	43	10	347	408
Cheung Shan	8	102	125	729	964
Cheung Wah	41	351	248	1 400	2 040
Cheung Wang	17	200	34	594	845
Ching Ho	34	297	36	674	1 041
Cho Yiu Chuen	12	136	408	1 171	1 727

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Choi Fai	17	80	74	427	598
Choi Fook	9	87	18	560	674
Choi Ha	23	118	241	823	1 205
Choi Hung	49	358	694	2 516	3 617
Choi Ming Court	7	136	37	494	674
Choi Tak	25	151	38	1 296	1 510
Choi Wan (I)	63	333	371	2 113	2 880
Choi Wan (II)	24	157	199	1 093	1 473
Choi Ying	20	126	56	675	877
Choi Yuen	43	267	197	1 240	1 747
Chuk Yuen (North)	72	353	870	2 658	3 953
Chuk Yuen (South)	37	292	314	1 697	2 340
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	9	61	144	397	611
Chun Shek	18	142	108	723	991
Chung On	26	187	37	439	689
Clague Garden Estate	6	26	85	240	357
Easeful Court	5	34	12	129	180
Fortune	15	109	96	477	697
Fu Cheong	25	275	116	1 238	1 654
Fu Heng	40	412	184	1 088	1 724
Fu Shan	6	82	111	623	822
Fu Shin	52	422	206	1 510	2 190
Fu Tai	37	376	71	1 025	1 509
Fu Tung	8	87	27	353	475
Fuk Loi	38	141	397	1 121	1 697
Fung Tak	34	240	545	1 704	2 523
Fung Wah	10	105	138	397	650
Fung Wo	5	55	3	160	223
Grandeur Terrace	19	235	23	424	701
Hau Tak	45	269	175	1 148	1 637
Healthy Village	24	120	331	631	1 106
Heng On	81	411	351	1 809	2 652
High Prosperity Terrace	5	45	26	169	245
Hin Keng	68	458	415	2 065	3 006
Hin Yiu	3	46	18	81	148
Hing Man	16	131	117	758	1 022
Hing Tin	36	156	281	1 060	1 533
Hing Tung	24	162	121	522	829
Hing Wah (I)	23	216	92	629	960
Hing Wah (II)	22	240	196	1 042	1 500
Ho Man Tin	39	350	429	1 754	2 572
Hoi Fu Court	12	154	138	813	1 117
Hoi Lai	40	278	104	943	1 365
Hong Tung	3	16	21	149	189
Hung Fuk	1	33	3	83	120
Hung Hom	17	110	66	688	881
Jat Min Chuen	39	233	290	1 225	1 787
Ka Fuk	20	142	43	365	570
Ka Wai Chuen	22	105	303	708	1 138
Kai Ching	9	111	17	734	871
Kai Tin	25	114	141	791	1 071
Kai Yip	43	196	217	1 388	1 844
Kam Peng	3	13	5	56	77

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Kin Ming	33	357	58	747	1 195
Kin Sang	12	171	75	448	706
King Lam	50	309	217	1 300	1 876
Ko Cheung Court	23	112	51	368	554
Ko Yee	13	66	69	439	587
Kwai Chung	49	616	243	1 884	2 792
Kwai Fong	65	403	634	2 313	3 415
Kwai Hing	16	72	256	678	1 022
Kwai Luen	9	68	7	276	360
Kwai Shing (East)	36	342	371	1 848	2 597
Kwai Shing (West)	16	254	416	1 905	2 591
Kwong Fuk	52	495	239	1 757	2 543
Kwong Tin	36	156	180	931	1 303
Kwong Yuen	52	318	222	1 044	1 636
Kwun Lung Lau	12	124	226	601	963
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	56	234	466	1 615	2 371
Lai King	32	250	369	1 628	2 279
Lai Kok	22	164	221	867	1 274
Lai On	28	97	149	520	794
Lai Tak Tsuen	42	168	483	1 060	1 753
Lai Yiu	25	141	198	972	1 336
Lakeside Garden	-	12	5	21	38
Lam Tin	12	83	24	609	728
Lee On	46	300	124	946	1 416
Lei Cheng Uk	53	294	527	1 560	2 434
Lei Muk Shue	62	472	564	3 040	4 138
Lei Tung	65	585	541	2 174	3 365
Lei Yue Mun	27	133	82	820	1 062
Lek Yuen	30	194	270	1 098	1 592
Leung King	31	425	132	1 090	1 678
Lok Fu	41	242	238	1 204	1 725
Lok Man Sun Chuen	20	159	638	1 432	2 249
Lok Wah (North)	42	184	220	1 252	1 698
Lok Wah (South)	46	264	292	2 099	2 701
Long Bin IH	-	3	-	3	6
Long Ping	44	527	217	1 522	2 310
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	21	123	33	901	1 078
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	60	365	514	2 072	3 011
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	56	309	401	1 655	2 421
Lung Hang	56	344	268	1 522	2 190
Lung Tin	1	7	8	78	94
Lung Yat	3	22	7	89	121
Ma Hang	11	71	38	244	364
Ma Tau Wai	19	165	212	648	1 044
Mei Lam	53	278	319	1 383	2 033
Mei Tin	22	320	52	764	1 158
Mei Tung	5	66	61	460	592
Ming Tak	12	48	37	330	427
Ming Wah Dai Ha	24	166	362	985	1 537
Model Housing	11	47	76	233	367
Moon Lok Dai Ha	6	36	119	337	498
Nam Cheong	13	116	152	506	787
Nam Shan	23	165	151	807	1 146

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Nga Ning Court	1	18	2	53	74
Ngan Wan	2	22	14	78	116
Oi Man	50	461	788	2 741	4 040
Oi Tung	41	293	260	1 163	1 757
On Tin	12	46	12	190	260
On Ting	20	261	135	1 172	1 588
On Yam	36	305	606	2 543	3 490
Pak Tin	61	445	350	2 013	2 869
Ping Shek	54	245	629	1 792	2 720
Ping Tin	64	328	368	1 723	2 483
Po Lam	46	286	203	1 266	1 801
Po Tat	59	331	146	1 810	2 346
Po Tin	5	227	22	578	832
Pok Hong	84	451	454	2 119	3 108
Prosperous Garden	2	21	29	87	139
Sai Wan	15	60	84	211	370
Sam Shing	10	78	55	506	649
Sau Mau Ping (South)	12	112	37	712	873
Sau Mau Ping	130	675	578	3 909	5 292
Sha Kok	84	371	431	2 158	3 044
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	5	45	24	213	287
Shan King	25	503	219	1 836	2 583
Shatin Pass	2	37	5	126	170
Shek Kip Mei	52	422	302	2 086	2 862
Shek Lei (I)	35	277	410	2 006	2 728
Shek Lei (II)	34	328	210	1 394	1 966
Shek Mun	7	73	10	158	248
Shek Pai Wan	64	414	322	1 992	2 792
Shek Wai Kok	42	344	504	2 345	3 235
Shek Yam (East)	18	113	212	842	1 185
Shek Yam	16	147	131	717	1 011
Sheung Lok	1	9	23	115	148
Sheung Tak	54	303	96	1 164	1 617
Shin Ming	4	53	14	292	363
Shui Chuen O	4	31	4	111	150
Shui Pin Wai	13	99	95	582	789
Shun Lee	48	248	308	1 733	2 337
Shun On	26	136	181	1 004	1 347
Shun Tin	71	365	418	2 512	3 366
Siu Sai Wan	70	594	412	2 118	3 194
Sun Chui	100	458	426	2 272	3 256
Sun Tin Wai	41	222	287	1 380	1 930
Tai Hang Tung	16	138	140	660	954
Tai Hing	28	412	264	2 076	2 780
Tai Ping	18	114	52	230	414
Tai Wo	70	494	223	1 522	2 309
Tai Wo Hau	75	477	542	2 740	3 834
Tai Yuen	38	391	217	1 609	2 255
Tak Long	17	196	29	1 164	1 406
Tak Tin	68	277	455	1 998	2 798
Tin Chak	10	181	24	413	628
Tin Ching	17	195	23	576	811
Tin Heng	25	403	31	655	1 114

Public housing estate	Number of SSA cases				Total
	HDA	NDA	OAA	OALA	
Tin King	18	213	49	523	803
Tin Ping	47	380	143	948	1 518
Tin Shui	45	481	167	1 444	2 137
Tin Tsz	10	202	59	507	778
Tin Wah	14	217	48	553	832
Tin Wan	33	234	189	935	1 391
Tin Yan	16	174	27	527	744
Tin Yat	12	214	20	390	636
Tin Yiu	48	598	163	1 513	2 322
Tin Yuet	13	207	44	549	813
Tsing Yi	24	193	178	1 048	1 443
Tsui Lam	44	297	183	1 300	1 824
Tsui Lok	4	18	20	119	161
Tsui Ping (South)	28	149	136	669	982
Tsui Ping (North)	102	485	598	2 694	3 879
Tsui Wan	26	198	173	752	1 149
Tsz Ching	41	383	364	2 119	2 907
Tsz Hong	7	119	24	462	612
Tsz Lok	57	317	276	1 631	2 281
Tsz Man	29	128	156	672	985
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	1	14	7	33	55
Tung Tau	62	346	644	2 127	3 179
Tung Wui	4	22	21	241	288
Un Chau	83	469	796	2 651	3 999
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	80	299	406	2 092	2 877
Upper Wong Tai Sin	46	253	297	1 382	1 978
Verbena Heights	2	33	17	171	223
Wah Fu	95	727	1 017	3 338	5 177
Wah Kwai	38	269	393	987	1 687
Wah Lai	10	91	25	205	331
Wah Ming	36	362	138	815	1 351
Wah Sum	9	101	24	327	461
Wan Hon	4	38	42	270	354
Wan Tau Tong	17	202	152	577	948
Wan Tsui	37	339	240	1 167	1 783
Wang Tau Hom	60	376	519	2 225	3 180
Wing Cheong	2	50	6	211	269
Wo Che	105	505	460	2 400	3 470
Wo Lok	14	82	113	612	821
Wu King	25	274	134	1 262	1 695
Yan On	6	86	10	295	397
Yat Tung	34	643	105	1 760	2 542
Yau Lai	42	319	110	2 148	2 619
Yau Oi	47	517	268	2 457	3 289
Yau Tong	40	217	144	996	1 397
Yee Ming	4	48	4	170	226
Yiu On	50	365	160	1 093	1 668
Yiu Tung	43	377	302	1 401	2 123
Yue Kwong Chuen	8	64	146	329	547
Yue Wan	23	191	120	723	1 057
Yung Shing Court	10	130	29	273	442
Total	6 899	50 942	45 772	241 587	345 200

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0120****(Question Serial No. 0483)**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 various items under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee, by District Council district, of the latest numbers 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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

The numbers of cases of OAA, OALA, NDA and HDA by district as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

District	Number of cases			
	OAA	OALA	NDA	HDA
Central & Western	12 200	7 631	3 073	699
Eastern	28 909	35 300	10 085	1 999
Islands	3 123	6 092	1 794	221
Kowloon City	18 212	21 610	5 493	1 111
Kwai Tsing	12 911	42 649	9 157	1 329
Kwun Tong	17 149	55 207	10 061	2 430
North	6 200	15 743	5 151	863
Sai Kung	9 103	21 877	5 676	1 131
Sha Tin	16 855	40 913	11 419	2 417
Sham Shui Po	13 335	24 258	6 086	1 227
Southern	9 540	17 331	5 435	922
Tai Po	6 781	15 636	5 398	894
Tsuen Wan	9 731	16 321	3 758	746
Tuen Mun	8 382	28 430	8 922	962

District	Number of cases			
	OAA	OALA	NDA	HDA
Wan Chai	9 809	3 830	1 644	534
Wong Tai Sin	12 685	38 264	7 136	1 284
Yau Tsim Mong	13 736	12 581	3 788	666
Yuen Long	10 801	25 347	8 868	1 063
Total	219 462	429 020	112 944	20 498

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0121****(Question Serial No. 0484)**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 recent years, Hong Kong's unemployment rate has been consistently low due to the more stable economic situation. Hence the demand for social security assistance by the public should have been eased. In this regard, please advise this 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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 9)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA new applications and cases closed by case nature in the past 3 years are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA new applications by case nature

Case nature	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	13 178	13 451	9 852
Permanent disability	1 601	1 655	1 174
Ill health	6 423	6 501	4 791
Single parent	3 657	4 345	3 209
Low-earnings	1 742	1 641	1 150
Unemployment	6 996	6 726	4 752
Others	5 917	5 304	3 904
Total	39 514	39 623	28 832

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases closed by case nature

Case nature	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	15 049	15 484	12 082
Permanent disability	1 199	1 212	992
Ill health	2 397	2 458	1 950
Single parent	3 806	3 666	2 605
Low-earnings	2 296	2 083	1 302
Unemployment	4 669	4 321	2 960
Others	1 490	1 260	873
Total	30 906	30 484	22 764

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0122****(Question Serial No. 0485)**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 the recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under the low-earnings and unemployment categories, would the Government please inform this Committee of the numbers of cases and recipients under these categories in the past 3 financial years; their percentage share of all CSSA cases; the average duration of stay of unemployed recipients on CSSA; and the number and proportion of such recipients who had received tertiary education?

Asked by: Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

The respective numbers of cases under the low-earnings and unemployment categories of CSSA from 2013-14 to 2015-16, and their percentages to the overall number of CSSA cases were as follows –

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
Low-earnings	8 613	3.3	7 302	2.9	6 335	2.6
Unemployment	20 536	7.9	18 021	7.2	16 332	6.7

The median duration of stay of unemployed recipients on CSSA from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Median (years)	5.5	6.0	6.4

Unemployment cases might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health, low-earnings or single parent) 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 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number	288	276	310
Percentage (%)	1.4	1.6	1.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0123****(Question Serial No. 0486)**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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 11)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and the expenditure involved from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
2013-14	224 992	2,902
2014-15	219 292	3,378
2015-16	214 942 (as at end-December 2015)	2,502 (up to end-December 2015)

The numbers and percentages of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA	Percentage of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (%)
2013-14	17 553	7.8%
2014-15	19 585	8.9%
2015-16	21 880 (as at end-December 2015)	10.2% (up to end-December 2015)

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 5.8 % with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0124

(Question Serial No. 0487)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Department will “continue to develop the new computer system...”. In this regard, will the Government inform this Committee of the details of such development work and its latest progress; the expenditure and manpower involved; and the expected completion time of the relevant work.

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

Reply:

In October 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) established the Computerised Social Security System Project Development Office (PDO) for developing a new computer system. System analysis and design for the project were completed in September 2015, while programming, purchase of hardware and software for the computer system, etc. have commenced. The new system is expected to be rolled out in early 2018. There are 47 civil service posts (including social security grades and technical grades) in the PDO. The estimated expenditure for the project in 2016-17 is about \$86.74 million, which includes the estimated expenditure of \$54.58 million for Subhead A012ZG Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System under Head 710 Computerisation of the Capital Works Reserve Fund, as well as the estimated expenditure for the PDO of \$32.16 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0125

(Question Serial No. 0488)

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 financial assistance from the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) for victims of natural disasters or their dependants as appropriate; provides material assistance in the form of food and other essential articles for victims of natural and other disasters.” 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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The Director of Social Welfare is the trustee of ERF, which aims to provide prompt assistance to persons in need of urgent relief as a result of natural disasters. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Marine Department and Lands Department are the operating departments. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), disbursements under ERF were granted to 1 142 victims of 5 incidents, and the total expenditure was about \$3.98 million.

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 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were 13 natural disasters involving 150 victims who had received emergency relief service. The total expenditure involved was about \$0.35 million.

In 2016-17, \$5 million is earmarked for grant to ERF, and the funding allocation for emergency relief service is estimated to be \$1 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0126

(Question Serial No. 0489)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 of the Estimates of Expenditure that the Department will “implement enhancement to the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme as recommended in the review on the DA.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the details of the work and its latest progress? When can we expect the enhancement to be implemented? How much additional expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

In his Manifesto for the Chief Executive (CE) Election, the CE mentioned that the Government would “allow people with loss of one limb to apply for DA”. He later announced in the Policy Address 2013 that the Labour and Welfare Bureau would establish an inter-departmental working group to study the issue. As pointed out in his Policy Address 2016 in January this year, the working group has completed the work, and the Government would implement the recommendations of the working group.

The working group has made a total of 9 recommendations covering 5 areas, including 2 recommendations relating to the enhancement of the existing DA assessment mechanism. The recommendations are (i) revising the Medical Assessment Form for DA, so that the assessment is conducted in a consistent and objective manner; and (ii) standardising the arrangements about the use of rehabilitation devices in the course of DA assessment. Upon standardisation of the arrangements about the use of rehabilitation devices in the course of DA assessment, assessment of DA applicants by doctors will be based on the level of disability as when not using any external rehabilitation devices (under the proposed arrangement, external equipment include both fully external equipment, such as artificial limbs, and partially implanted equipment, such as cochlear implants).

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will, in collaboration with relevant parties (e.g. the Hospital Authority), continue to follow up on the above recommendations. It is planned that relevant arrangements will be implemented as soon as possible within this year.

SWD will keep in view the number of persons requesting medical assessments and the number of those granted DA upon the implementation of the enhancement of the existing DA assessment mechanism, with a view to making an estimate of the additional expenditure involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0127

(Question Serial No. 0490)

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 the Estimates of Expenditure that the Department “provides support for employable able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant.” Would the Government please inform this Committee of the details of the work in this respect, including the various programmes involved and the expenditure incurred? Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of the programmes in providing support for CSSA recipients to become self-reliant? If yes, what are the evaluation results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist and encourage them to secure employment and become self-reliant. The IEAPS provides employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on a family basis, including personal interviews, formulation of personal action plans for securing employment, provision of information on the labour market, job matching, employment-related training, arrangement for acquiring work experience, post-employment support and temporary financial aid, etc. The estimate for the IEAPS for 2016-17 is about \$112 million.

As at end-December 2015, a total of 63 881 persons had participated in the IEAPS, and 13 225 (20.7%) of them had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS. SWD will keep in view the operation of the IEAPS for considering the way forward for the programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0128****(Question Serial No. 0491)**

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 subsidised community care and support services for the elderly provided by the Department, which include day care centres for the elderly (DEs), day care units for the elderly (DCUs), enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), integrated home care services (IHCS), home help services, district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), support teams for the elderly, holiday centre for the elderly and the Senior Citizen Card Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of elderly participants, the geographical distribution of the services (by District Council district), the numbers of persons on the waiting lists for the services, and the expenditure for each category of service in the past year and in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

For 2015-16, the number of users and the number of persons on the waiting lists for various subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, including DEs/DCUs, EHCCS, IHCS, home help service, DECCs, NECs, support teams for the elderly, for the year by District Council district are set out in Annex I and II respectively. The 2015-16 Revised Estimate and 2016-17 Estimate for various services are set out at Annex III.

The subvented Home Help Team in the Islands district provides services to frail elderly persons aged 60 or above, people with disabilities and families with special needs living in the Tung Chung area, Lantau. As at end-December 2015, there were 105 users of home help service for the year. The Holiday Centre for the Elderly in Sai Kung district operates 132 overnight places and 85 day places. It provides holiday facilities for the elderly, people with disabilities and carers of elderly persons. As at end-December 2015, there were 47 564 users in the year.

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of Senior Citizen Card Scheme participants by District Council district. As at end-December 2015, about 1.65 million Senior Citizen Cards had been issued, with more than 1.05 million Senior Citizen Cards being used.

**Geographical Distribution of Users of Community Care and Support Services
(as at 31 December 2015)**

District	No. of Users by service type in the year							
	DE/DCU	EHCCS (by District)	EHCCS (by Cluster)	IHCS (Ordinary Cases)	IHCS (Frail Cases)	DECC ^[Note]	NEC ^[Note]	Support Teams for the Elderly
Central & Western	272	216	444	729	51	2 782	5 462	2 742
Eastern	434	264		1 887	102	8 186	10 565	3 914
Wan Chai	144	189		642	44	5 626	2 377	2 184
Southern	185	184		1 306	100	2 964	5 379	2 507
Islands	68	102		317	25	570	2 322	1 049
Kwun Tong	720	518	634	2 396	194	6 005	16 774	6 865
Wong Tai Sin	526	506	970	1 816	126	5 217	12 297	6 069
Sai Kung	362	285		516	35	2 806	3 911	2 303
Kowloon City	281	349	684	1 576	32	3 930	8 440	3 809
Yau Tsim Mong	313	239		1 162	48	3 493	8 826	2 612
Sham Shui Po	504	321		2 064	107	5 887	9 612	4 836
Sha Tin	584	254	512	1 728	147	6 083	12 956	4 243
Tai Po	121	162		882	41	1 330	5 391	1 440
North	72	167		1 495	39	2 022	4 948	983
Yuen Long	237	230	973	1 578	101	3 872	7 756	5 367
Tuen Mun	232	199		1 624	32	4 040	7 323	2 290
Tsuen Wan	152	281		520	49	1 429	7 217	994
Kwai Tsing	339	403		1 549	101	3 417	12 857	2 646
Total	5 546		9 086	23 787	1 374	69 659	144 413	56 853

^[Note] The figures in the above table reflect the number of members of DECCs and NECs as at end-December 2015.

**Number of Applicants on the Waiting Lists for Community and
Care Services for the Elderly ^[Note 1]
(as at 31 December 2015)**

Service type	No. of persons on the waiting list
DE/DCU	2 829 ^[Note 2]
IHCS (Frail Cases)/EHCCS	2 704 ^[Note 3]

^[Note 1] The Central Waiting List does not capture the number of elderly persons waiting for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) or Home Help Service; nor is there any waiting list for DECCs, NECs, support teams for the elderly, Holiday Centre for the Elderly and Senior Citizen Card Scheme.

^[Note 2] The figure does not include 373 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 3] The figure does not include 83 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

Expenditure for Community Care and Support Services for the Elderly

Service type	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ Million)	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ Million)
DE/DCU	293.5	300.6
EHCCS	375.9	399.3
IHCS/Home Help Service	594.6	597.6
DECC	333.3	336.0
NEC	501.8	505.9
Support Teams for the Elderly	54.7	55.0
Holiday Centre for the Elderly	14.2	14.4
Senior Citizen Card Scheme	5.7	4.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0129****(Question Serial No. 1172)**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 previous and estimated expenditure of the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the expenditure incurred in the past 3 financial years and the estimated expenditure for the coming 5 years in providing various allowances under the SSA Scheme, namely Normal Disability Allowance (NDA), Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), the Guangdong (GD) Scheme, Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA)?

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

The expenditure for OAA, OALA, the GD Scheme and Disability Allowances from 2013-14 to 2016-17 is as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14 (actual) [Note 1] (\$ million)	2014-15 (actual) [Note 1] (\$ million)	2015-16 (revised estimate) [Note 2] (\$ million)	2016-17 (estimate) [Note 3] (\$ million)
OAA	2,860	3,013	3,748	3,745
OALA	13,127	12,292	14,087	14,613
GD Scheme	84	275	290	290
NDA	2,095	2,244	2,652	2,700
HDA	717	761	909	977
Total	18,883	18,585	21,686	22,325

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 has included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, OALA was rolled out in April 2013. The expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also includes the back payment to elderly recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for the year.

[Note 3]

The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 has included (1) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of the payment rates of various allowances by 4.4% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2016 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016; and (2) 1 additional month of the allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0130****(Question Serial No. 0389)**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 2013-14 to 2015-16), 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 Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

VSP, which is operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO), commenced service in June 2010 with a full-year funding allocation of about \$5 million. 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 by the NGO operating VSP.

Since July 2013, VSP has been further enhanced by the relevant NGO 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 courses and services related to the judicial process.

The actual number of service users in the past 3 financial years is shown below –

Year	Actual number of service users
2013-14	704
2014-15	650
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	622

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the expenditure per case.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0131****(Question Serial No. 1163)**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 –

- (a) the current numbers of Government subvented rehabilitation service places, rehabilitation service places operated by non-governmental organisations, residential care places provided by self-financing homes and private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and their respective enrolment rates;
- (b) the current numbers 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 respectively; and
- (c) the average monthly cost of providing each type of rehabilitation services and residential care places at present.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 6)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) 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 –

Type of RCHD	Number of places (as at end-December 2015)	Average enrolment rate (2014-15)
Subvented home	12 370	97%
Self-financing home	424	87%
Private home	3 861	82%

- (b) 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.

- (c) The costs per place per month for rehabilitation residential services, pre-school services for children with disabilities, day activity centres and sheltered workshops in 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Type of subvented service	Cost per place per month in 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Residential services	13,857
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,767
Day activity centre	9,543
Sheltered workshop	5,596

**Number of persons on the waiting list and average waiting time
for various rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities**

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at end-December 2015)	Average waiting time in 2014-15 (in months) ^[Note 3]
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 823	19.6
SCCC	1 419	17.3
IP	1 643	13
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 189	61.8
SW	2 482	19.7
SE	50	3.1
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC (Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
Residential services		
HWH	731	7.6
LSCH	1 800	31
IVTC (Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 943	39
HSMH	2 220	96.5
HSPH	600	27.6
C&A/SD	443	47.8
C&A/AB	127	9
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	79	9.7
SHOS	1 644	19.4
RSCCC	21	15.8

^[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 choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

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)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0132****(Question Serial No. 1175)**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 additional support provided 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 2015-16, including the expenditure, number of places, number of elderly persons on the waiting list and the waiting time. What are the estimated expenditure, number of places, number of elderly persons on the waiting list and the waiting time for 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 7)Reply:

Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided as an additional support for demented elderly's places in subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised DEs/DCUs. The revised and estimated expenditure of DS for these service units in 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as follows –

Type of service units	2015-16 (revised estimate) (\$ million)	2016-17 (estimate) (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs/Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	219.8 ^[Note]	228.9
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	17.6	18.7

^[Note] Excluding the one-off subsidy for enhancing the care for demented persons with an expenditure of \$41.4 million.

In line with established practice, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs. 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 262 RCHEs and 74 DEs/DCUs for about 6 400 elderly persons in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0133

(Question Serial No. 1176)

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 2015-16; 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 2016-17.

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

Reply:

The 2015-16 Revised Estimate for the subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly is \$4,253.3 million and \$2,174 million respectively. The 2016-17 Estimate is \$4,702.9 million and \$2,218.1 million respectively.

The geographical distribution of 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-December 2015 is set out at 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-December 2015 are set out at Annex 2.

In 2016-17, the number of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Type of residential care services for the elderly	No. of residential care places for the elderly ^[Note]
NH places	228
C&A places	465
Total	693

^[Note] 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 Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan districts.

In 2016-17, the 70 additional day care places for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts.

**The Geographical Distribution of
Subsidised Residential Care Places/Service Places
(as at 31 December 2015)**

District	No. of residential care places/places by service type								
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 1]	EBPS places	DE/DCU places	EHCCS places (district basis)	EHCCS places (cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) places	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) places [Note 2]
Central & Western	-	257	188	521	129	171	347	40	552
Eastern	-	459	133	303	246	206		80	1 383
Wan Chai	-	462	-	54	72	154		30	487
Southern	-	1 420	-	497	108	158		80	929
Islands	67	322	63	-	40	89	-	20	240
Kwun Tong	-	1 135	434	579	407	421	497	150	1 805
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 060	464	177	290	406	769	100	1 316
Sai Kung	-	986	290	-	205	228		30	343
Kowloon City	-	658	90	1 435	158	290		30	1 218
Yau Tsim Mong	-	124	239	747	152	188	535	40	880
Sham Shui Po	-	732	314	320	280	255		90	1 537
Sha Tin	-	1 273	54	-	313	192		120	1 265
Tai Po	-	1 200	-	98	64	129		30	609
North	-	911	299	306	44	141	766	30	1 037
Yuen Long	-	939	66	670	115	178		90	1 147
Tuen Mun	-	934	243	479	110	160		30	1 109
Tsuen Wan	-	520	388	889	84	235		40	349
Kwai Tsing	-	1 695	345	924	194	336		90	997
Total	67	15 087	3 610	7 999	3 011	7 245		1 120	17 203

[Note 1] 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 places purchased under NHPPS.

[Note 2] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of service places for the elderly as at end-December 2015.

The Average Waiting Time and Numbers of Applicants on the Waiting Lists for Various Types of Subsidised Residential and Community Care Services for the Elderly (as at 31 December 2015)

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]	No. of persons on the waiting list
C&A homes places		27 050 ^[Note 3]
- Subsidised places offered by subvented/contract homes	36	
- Subsidised places offered by homes participating in EBPS	8	
Overall	20	
NHs places ^[Note 4]	26	6 113 ^[Note 5]
DEs/DCUs	6	2 829 ^[Note 6]
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	6	2 704 ^[Note 7]

^[Note 1] The CWL does not capture the number of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC) or the waiting time.

^[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past three months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past three months, and cases transferred from home for the aged places to the converted care and attention places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

^[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 8171 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL. To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either RCS or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

^[Note 4] Including the subsidised NH places offered by subvented and self-financing NH as well as contract homes.

^[Note 5] The figure includes some 500 elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 934 elderly persons classified as “inactive cases” on the CWL.

^[Note 6] The figure does not include 373 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) and classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 7] The figure does not include 83 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and classified as inactive cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0134

(Question Serial No. 1177)

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 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 2015-16.
2. What are the estimated expenditure involved, the number of places and the number of persons on the waiting lists in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The revised estimated expenditure for 2015-16, 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 2015 are provided in Annex 1. The estimated expenditure and the numbers of places of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2016-17 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 2016-17.

Revised estimated expenditure, numbers of places and numbers of applicants for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16

Type of service	Revised estimate for 2015-16 (\$ million)	Number of places for 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	Number of persons on waiting list for 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Pre-school services			
EETC	209.7	3 070	3 823
SCCC	297.5	1 775	1 419
IP	116.5	1 980	1 643
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	577.7	5 148	1 189
SW	325.1	5 276	2 482
SE	60.4	1 633	50
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	231.7	4 412	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	13.2	432	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	14.7	311	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	28.9	453	N.A.
Residential services			
HWH	186.6	1 509	731
LSCH	244.1	1 587	1 800
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	10.3	170	N.A.
HMMH	257.4	2 384	1 943
HSMH	705.6	3 561	2 220
HSPH	118.8	573	600
C&A/SD	226.3	991	443
C&A/AB	141.3	825	127
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	7.3	64	79
SHOS	61.5	596	1 644
RSCCC	24.1	110	21

^[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.

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)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home

SHOS – supported hostel

RSCCC – residential special child care centre

**Estimated expenditure and numbers of places for
rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2016-17**

Type of service	2016-17 Estimate (\$ million)	Number of places in 2016-17 Estimate
Pre-school services		
EETC	215.2	3 387
SCCC	303.5	1 971
IP	118.1	1 980
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	583.7	5 238
SW	325.2	5 276
SE	60.6	1 633
IVRSC	233.9	4 482
OJT	13.3	432
Sunnyway	14.7	311
IVTC(Day)	29.0	453
Residential services		
HWH	187.4	1 534
LSCH	251.8	1 587
IVTC(Res)	10.3	170
HMMH	270.3	2 505
HSMH	720.2	3 623
HSPH	119.3	573
C&A/SD	227.2	1 031
C&A/AB	141.8	825
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	7.8	80
SHOS	68.9	706
RSCCC	24.2	110

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0135****(Question Serial No. 1178)**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 and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in public housing estates and private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by household size.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 19)Reply:

The numbers and percentages of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2013-14 to 2015-16, 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		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	2 703	4 599	4 633
2	154	318	351
3	27	35	41
4	21	17	19
5	13	12	17
6 and above	2	3	8
Total	2 920 (2.1%)	4 984 (3.6%)	5 069 (3.8%)

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	7 444	7 171	8 040
2	3 457	3 570	4 236
3	1 840	1 883	2 301
4	971	945	1 068
5	374	392	432
6 and above	163	172	169
Total	14 429 (44.9%)	14 133 (45.4%)	16 246 (53.3%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0136****(Question Serial No. 1179)**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) recipients in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by District Council district and CSSA case nature.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 31)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (i) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature and district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows –

District	2011-12							
	CSSA case nature (Number of 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
Eastern	10 434	1 625	1 751	3 386	1 848	1 470	363	20 877
Islands	2 345	372	943	2 117	1 521	1 474	275	9 047
Kowloon City	8 961	1 019	1 415	2 967	1 332	1 810	408	17 912
Kwai Tsing	19 747	3 323	3 940	7 450	4 946	4 686	942	45 034
Kwun Tong	30 325	2 435	5 282	11 221	5 951	5 915	1 241	62 370
North	9 956	1 327	2 277	5 107	1 651	2 443	701	23 462
Sai Kung	5 680	1 217	1 825	3 117	1 967	1 668	408	15 882
Sha Tin	11 528	2 134	3 787	5 914	2 456	2 718	1 320	29 857
Sham Shui Po	17 077	1 571	3 352	5 770	3 006	4 644	948	36 368
Southern	6 056	1 534	1 136	1 558	1 005	574	252	12 115
Tai Po	7 310	775	1 804	2 514	968	1 095	380	14 846
Tsuen Wan	6 301	615	976	2 305	1 148	924	369	12 638
Tuen Mun	14 636	2 737	3 536	5 552	1 884	3 432	758	32 535

District	2011-12							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wan Chai	1 273	82	137	224	118	244	112	2 190
Wong Tai Sin	16 998	1 721	3 033	6 346	3 387	3 114	623	35 222
Yau Tsim Mong	5 707	453	1 301	2 156	855	2 661	538	13 671
Yuen Long	16 808	2 656	5 105	11 298	4 699	6 928	1 162	48 656
Total	193 501	25 853	41 944	79 462	39 059	46 132	10 880	436 831

District	2012-13							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 184	256	334	446	286	264	68	3 838
Eastern	10 091	1 668	1 599	3 110	1 507	1 257	321	19 553
Islands	2 321	346	902	1 930	1 346	1 367	235	8 447
Kowloon City	8 914	1 076	1 481	2 816	1 169	1 606	400	17 462
Kwai Tsing	19 365	3 130	3 852	7 018	3 995	3 993	874	42 227
Kwun Tong	30 178	2 272	5 201	10 532	4 960	5 390	1 205	59 738
North	9 796	1 320	2 128	4 471	1 369	2 031	736	21 851
Sai Kung	5 544	1 160	1 783	2 636	1 557	1 246	396	14 322
Sha Tin	11 444	2 110	3 572	5 354	1 994	2 379	1 213	28 066
Sham Shui Po	16 941	1 616	3 420	5 902	2 590	4 184	1 029	35 682
Southern	5 797	1 476	1 050	1 455	904	508	235	11 425
Tai Po	7 062	838	1 620	2 235	778	960	405	13 898
Tsuen Wan	6 121	676	908	2 006	955	792	379	11 837
Tuen Mun	14 530	2 680	3 257	5 001	1 611	2 813	669	30 561
Wan Chai	1 181	80	138	218	87	206	101	2 011
Wong Tai Sin	16 509	1 637	2 907	5 804	2 631	2 938	661	33 087
Yau Tsim Mong	5 599	435	1 274	2 082	760	2 350	581	13 081
Yuen Long	16 468	2 559	4 893	10 138	3 765	5 930	1 133	44 886
Total	190 045	25 335	40 319	73 154	32 264	40 214	10 641	411 972

District	2013-14							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 167	248	364	437	301	231	45	3 793
Eastern	9 657	1 645	1 500	2 919	1 334	1 141	271	18 467
Islands	2 224	333	899	1 781	1 108	1 225	212	7 782
Kowloon City	9 323	1 230	1 666	3 776	1 231	1 684	284	19 194
Kwai Tsing	18 959	3 096	3 691	6 458	3 536	3 070	769	39 579
Kwun Tong	29 043	2 203	5 128	10 237	4 157	4 684	984	56 436
North	9 493	1 335	1 987	4 412	1 145	1 778	518	20 668
Sai Kung	5 364	1 054	1 630	2 322	1 269	1 077	338	13 054
Sha Tin	11 415	2 076	3 514	5 274	1 594	1 893	963	26 729
Sham Shui Po	16 644	1 661	3 639	6 061	2 230	3 638	733	34 606
Southern	5 557	1 486	1 051	1 464	784	454	225	11 021
Tai Po	6 817	787	1 603	2 174	572	813	330	13 096
Tsuen Wan	5 792	705	927	2 010	782	759	261	11 236

District	2013-14							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tuen Mun	14 369	2 634	3 163	4 773	1 578	2 264	561	29 342
Wan Chai	1 045	69	135	211	84	192	91	1 827
Wong Tai Sin	15 884	1 601	2 829	5 402	2 223	2 321	549	30 809
Yau Tsim Mong	5 313	439	1 253	2 052	660	1 919	443	12 079
Yuen Long	16 069	2 371	4 777	9 299	3 220	4 941	952	41 629
Total	185 135	24 973	39 756	71 062	27 808	34 084	8 529	391 347

District	2014-15							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 111	257	358	501	273	217	40	3 757
Eastern	9 330	1 640	1 443	2 863	1 098	1 037	249	17 660
Islands	2 181	326	831	1 606	945	1 121	207	7 217
Kowloon City	9 410	1 366	1 703	4 148	1 051	1 560	243	19 481
Kwai Tsing	18 632	2 961	3 455	6 299	3 237	2 902	581	38 067
Kwun Tong	28 376	2 133	5 177	9 893	3 465	4 016	795	53 855
North	9 108	1 372	1 927	4 222	918	1 622	487	19 656
Sai Kung	5 377	1 014	1 603	2 178	1 053	992	303	12 520
Sha Tin	11 336	1 940	3 435	5 134	1 333	1 347	708	25 233
Sham Shui Po	16 394	1 676	3 572	6 430	1 964	3 155	511	33 702
Southern	5 414	1 442	989	1 361	680	362	209	10 457
Tai Po	6 312	809	1 612	2 178	512	796	363	12 582
Tsuen Wan	5 576	691	839	2 040	715	657	194	10 712
Tuen Mun	14 180	2 597	3 018	4 555	1 378	1 938	437	28 103
Wan Chai	1 015	68	127	211	54	219	88	1 782
Wong Tai Sin	15 322	1 630	2 788	5 187	1 840	2 161	447	29 375
Yau Tsim Mong	5 360	465	1 181	2 461	622	1 756	287	12 132
Yuen Long	15 765	2 235	4 583	8 742	2 711	4 469	846	39 351
Total	181 199	24 622	38 641	70 009	23 849	30 327	6 995	375 642

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 076	255	338	480	216	233	46	3 644
Eastern	9 179	1 585	1 393	2 807	908	958	244	17 074
Islands	2 145	321	792	1 556	807	1 038	203	6 862
Kowloon City	9 413	1 277	1 659	4 065	965	1 505	244	19 128
Kwai Tsing	18 389	2 970	3 303	5 978	2 894	2 560	554	36 648
Kwun Tong	27 821	2 048	5 063	9 346	2 934	3 617	728	51 557
North	9 001	1 427	1 912	4 097	813	1 336	457	19 043
Sai Kung	5 331	1 000	1 589	1 953	839	862	318	11 892
Sha Tin	11 423	1 852	3 387	5 078	1 247	1 125	663	24 775
Sham Shui Po	16 162	1 669	3 454	6 436	1 690	2 839	456	32 706
Southern	5 388	1 406	989	1 285	569	404	179	10 220
Tai Po	6 105	766	1 542	2 168	365	685	328	11 959

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsuen Wan	5 483	685	875	2 047	648	564	165	10 467
Tuen Mun	14 018	2 473	2 937	4 181	1 165	1 759	466	26 999
Wan Chai	989	61	128	201	37	208	94	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	14 884	1 592	2 785	5 051	1 615	1 862	394	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	5 291	457	1 196	2 710	564	1 598	237	12 053
Yuen Long	15 657	2 201	4 580	8 496	2 361	4 130	787	38 212
Total	178 755	24 045	37 922	67 935	20 637	27 283	6 563	363 140

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

(ii) The expenditure for CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows –

	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	19,548
2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	19,773
2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	19,496
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	20,669
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2]	22,381

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years.

[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rate.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown of CSSA expenditure by case nature and by district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0137****(Question Serial No. 0256)**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 Emergency Relief Fund (ERF), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government and the average amount of grants paid for various items under “grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear” in the past 3 years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (b) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government and the average amount of grants paid for various items under “primary producer grants” in the past 3 years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16); and
- (c) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government and the average amount of grants paid for various items under “special grants” in the past 3 years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16).

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 23)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	Number of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Number of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Number of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)
Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear	5	111,328	2	64,500	Not yet available	
Primary producer grants	2 743	3,040	3 358	3,643	Not yet available	
Special grants	-	-	-	-	Not yet available	

ERF, vested in the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as Trustee, comprises various types of grants. The responsibility for approving grants and making payments is vested with different operating departments (including the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Marine Department, the Social Welfare Department and the Lands Department).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0138****(Question Serial No. 1685)**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, the number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time for Integrated Programmes in Kindergarten-Cum-Child Care centres (IP) in the past 5 years and the coming year.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

The number of places, the number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time for IP in the past 5 years are as follows –

IP	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2016-17 Estimate
Number of places	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 980	1 980
Number of persons on the waiting list	1 536	1 779	1 784	1 764	1 643	Not readily available ^[Note 2]
Average waiting time (in months)	12.2	12.7	14.1	13	Not readily available ^[Note 1]	

^[Note 1] SWD does not have the information on the average waiting time in 2015-16 at this stage.

^[Note 2] SWD does not have the information on the number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time in 2016-17 at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0139

(Question Serial No. 2809)

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, I asked the Education Bureau (ED) about the number of students with special education needs (SEN) and their percentage share in the total number of kindergarten students. ED replied that services for pre-school children with SEN were provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and so it could not provide the relevant figures. In this regard, will the Bureau or the SWD inform this Committee –

- (1) in the school years of 2014/15 and 2015/16, the number of kindergarten students with SEN and their percentage share in the total number of kindergarten students; and
- (2) the types of support services provided to pre-school students with SEN in the 3 financial years (i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17), the revised estimates or estimates for such support services as well as the reasons for the increase and decrease of these estimates

Asked by: Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Medical social workers or family caseworkers may, based on the assessment by paediatricians or clinical/educational psychologists, refer children with special needs to SWD's Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (Central Referral System) to wait for the pre-school rehabilitation service. SWD allocates services according to the assessment results. Since the Central Referral System does not collect information on whether applicants are kindergarten children or not, SWD does not have the required information. The numbers of people receiving and waiting for pre-school rehabilitation services are provided as follows –

Pre-school rehabilitation service	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of people receiving the services	6 512	6 759
Number of applicants waiting for the services	7 054	6 885

- (2) Kindergarten children with special needs may apply for SWD's pre-school rehabilitation services, including Early Education and Training Centre (EETC), Special Child Care Centre and Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (IP in KG-cum-CCC). Kindergarten students from low income families may also apply for "Training Subsidy Programme", which enables them to receive self-financing training services from recognised service providers as soon as possible while they are wait-listing for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. In addition, the Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) in 2015 with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund. Experienced in implementing subsidised pre-school rehabilitation services, 16 non-governmental organisations have coordinated inter-disciplinary teams (which comprise social workers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical/educational psychologists and special child care workers) to provide 2 925 free places for children with special needs in more than 450 kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) so as to provide on-site rehabilitation services as soon as possible to school children wait-listing for SWD's subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. The programmes under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out in phases between November 2015 and January 2016.

With the additional places provided in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 to meet the service demand, the corresponding increased annual expenditure for various services are as follows –

	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ million)
EETC	181.2	209.7	215.2
Special Child Care Centre	282.6	297.5	303.5
IP in KG-cum-CCC	107.7	116.5	118.1
Training Subsidy Programme	4.9	51.9	59.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0140

(Question Serial No. 2813)

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 clinical psychological service (CPS) provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as mentioned in paragraph 5, would the Bureau or SWD inform this Committee of the revised estimates or estimates for CPS provided by SWD in the 2 financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17? What are the specific uses of these estimates and the number of CPS users?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The 2015-16 Revised Estimate for the provision of CPS is \$79.1 million. The 2016-17 Estimate is \$81.2 million, which will be mainly for staff emoluments and operational expenses of various Clinical Psychology Units.

In 2015-16 (as at end-February 2016), a total of 4 649 cases had been served by the Clinical Psychology Units of SWD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0141

(Question Serial No. 0520)

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 connection with the Programme, please advise –

- (1) the number of cases and the average amount of subsidy per case by type of disability in each of the past 3 years;
- (2) the number of participants by trade in each of the past 3 years; and
- (3) the number of participants approved to purchase an item exceeding \$20,000, since the launch of the Programme with a breakdown by type of disability, given that the subsidy was initially capped at a maximum of \$20,000 and starting from 2014-15, a grant of up to \$40,000 might be considered for deserving cases for which the price of a single item of assistive device and its essential accessories exceeds \$20,000.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) the number of cases and the average amount of subsidy per case by type of disability of the participants under the Programme in each of the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 1.
- (2) the number of employees with disability who have participated in the Programme by trade in each of the past 3 years is set out in Annex 2.
- (3) the number of participants who have been approved to purchase a single item of assistive device and its essential accessories exceeding \$20,000 since the launch of the Programme broken down by type of disability is set out in Annex 3.

Table 1 : Number of cases under the Programme

Type of disability	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)
Visual impairment	16	20	30
Hearing impairment	5	7	7
Physical disability	7	3	3
Intellectual disability	5	-	3
Ex-mentally ill persons	2	-	1
Autism	1	1	-
Visceral disability	-	1	-
Total	36	32	44

Table 2 : Average amount of subsidy per case under the Programme

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)
Average amount of subsidy per case (\$)	12,705	14,511	15,894

**Categories of trade of employees with disabilities
under the Programme**

Category of trade	Number of employees with disabilities		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)
Social welfare service	16	8	15
Catering service/hotel	-	8	-
Car cleaning and grooming	8	-	-
Wholesale, retail and customer service	2	3	2
Social enterprise	-	4	9
Information technology	2	1	1
Laundry, hairstyling	2	1	3
Tourism, exhibition gallery/hands-on exhibit	-	3	1
Technical training, special education	-	2	2
Others (political organisations, textile and clothing, toys, construction, property, transport, food processing and manufacturing, printing and publication, real estate, telecommunication, etc.)	6	2	11
Total	36	32	44

**Number of participants who have been approved to purchase a single item of assistive device and its essential accessories exceeding \$20,000 under the Programme
(As at 31 December 2015)**

Type of disability	Number of employees with disability
Visual impairment	18
Hearing impairment	2
Physical disability	2
Total	22

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0142

(Question Serial No. 0521)

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

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Government will oversee the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme). Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

1. the number of trainees working in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) after participating in the “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the first and second phases) and the number of persons working in RCHEs/rehabilitation hostels after participating in the Navigation Scheme in the past 3 years with a breakdown by the name of RCHE/residential care homes for the disabled;
2. the number of participants of the project/scheme in the above-mentioned phases in the past 3 years classified by whether they had or had not pursued continuous learning with subsidies from the Government, obtained relevant professional qualifications, and had or had not withdrawn from the project/scheme;
3. the average salaries and benefits of the trainees of the project/scheme with a breakdown by the position employed or the organisations employing them; and
4. In addition to receiving training as care workers, will the Government further provide subsidies to the trainees of the project/scheme for enrolling in other professional courses relevant to residential care services?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. To encourage young persons to join the elderly long-term care service sector, the Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people were recruited to take up care work in RCHEs. The pilot project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places with 211 trainees recruited. Among them, a total of 187 trainees were arranged to work in RCHEs. As at end-December 2015, there

were still 92 trainees under the pilot project, with all of them having been arranged to take up work in RCHEs. Besides, the Government also launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young persons to join the elderly/rehabilitation services. As at end-December 2015, there were about 160 trainees under the Navigation Scheme, with 134 of them having been arranged to take up work in elderly/rehabilitation service units.

Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly/rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the pilot project and the Navigation Scheme are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time course. After successfully completing the first year of the course, they may 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.

The names of elderly/rehabilitation service units participating in the pilot project and the Navigation Scheme and the number of trainees participating in the project/scheme are set out at Annex.

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 successfully registered as health workers will be increased to \$9,934 (first phase)/\$10,927 (second phase). Under the Navigation Scheme, every trainee will work for 44 hours per week in the unit hiring him. Trainees recruited as care workers in 2015-16 would receive a starting monthly salary of \$9,900. The monthly salary for trainees successfully registered as health workers will be increased to \$11,890.
4. The Government at this stage has no plan to further provide subsidies to the trainees of the project/scheme for enrolling in other professional courses relevant to residential care services.

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

Name of RCHEs		No. of trainees
1	Kowloon Kam Wah Home for the Aged	1
2	Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	2
3	Culture Homes Two	1
4	On On Sanatorium Company Limited	1
5	Guardian Home (Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home	1
6	Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre	3
7	Pine Care (Po Tak Branch) Elderly Centre	2
8	Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre	1
9	Tai On Elderly Home Limited	1
10	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	1
11	Hong Shing Home for the Aged Company Limited	2
12	Chevron Professional Nursing Home Co., Limited	1
13	Oasis Nursing Home	4
14	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	2
15	New Pine Care Centre	2
16	Sun King Home for the Aged Limited	3
17	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	1
18	Ka-to Home for the Aged	2
19	Telford Nursing Centre	2
20	Lok Sin Kui (Caring Foundation) Elderly Care Limited	2
21	Fai-to Home for the Aged	1
22	Fai-to Home for the Aged (Tuen Mun) Branch	2
23	Fai-to Home for the Aged (On Lai) Branch	1
24	Hiu Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre	7
25	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre	2
26	Hiu Kwong (Hung Hom) Nursing Centre	3
27	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited	2
28	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited	1
29	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home	1
30	Tung Lum Buddhist Aged Home	1
31	Chi Lin Nunnery Chi Lin Care and Attention Home	1
32	Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior	2
33	Po Leung Kuk Fuk Wai Home for the Elderly	2
34	Po Leung Kuk Comfort Court for the Senior	4
35	Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit	1
36	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged	2
37	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Wan Wah Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
38	Hong Kong Christian Service Cheung Fat Home for the Elderly	1
39	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong - Grace Court	3
40	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Social Service Kwong Fuk	1
41	Pok Oi Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	2
42	Oasis Nursing Home	6
43	Yuen Yuen Home for the Aged	2
44	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home for the Aged	1
45	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)	3
46	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Lei Muk Shue Estate)	2
47	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged	1
Total		92

Table 2: Elderly/Rehabilitation Service Units and Number of Trainees Participating in the Navigation Scheme (As at end-December 2015)

	Name of elderly/rehabilitation service units	No. of trainees
1	Kowloon Tong Wing Kin Elderly Home (Suffolk Road)	2
2	Culture Homes (Elderly Centre) limited.	2
3	Buddhist Li Ka Shing Care And Attention Home For the Eldelry	2
4	Fu Hong Society Lai Yiu House	2
5	Guardian (Chun Shek) Integrated Nursing Home	2
6	Mie King Home For Aged Limited (Branch 1)	1
7	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Yau Lai Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
8	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care & Attention Home for the Aged	4
9	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) HK Wong Fung Ting Hostel For the Eldelry	2
10	The Hong Kong Society for the Blind Kowloon Home for the Aged Blind	1
11	The Hong Kong Socehy for the Blind Jockey Club Tuen Mun Home for the Aged Blind	1
12	HK Baptist Mr & Mrs Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation and Health Care Home Ltd.	3
13	Hong Kong Christian Service Sham Shui Po Integrated Home Care Service	1
14	Shun Lee Home for the Elderly - HKCS	1
15	Le Grand Silver joy	7
16	Happy Luck Elderly Home Ltd	1
17	ELCHK, Shan King Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	6
18	ELCHK, Grace Rehabilitation Service	1
19	ELCHK, Tuen Mun Enhanced Home & Community Care Service	2
20	ELCHK, Shatin Enhanced Home and Comunnity Care Service	2
21	ELCHK, Sha Tin Home Support Team of the Integrated Discharge Support Program for Elderly Patients	3
22	ELCHK, Serene Court	4
23	ELCHK, Grace Court	6
24	ELCHK, Radiance Hub	1
25	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Kwong Fuk Home for the Elderly	2
26	Kei Tak (Tai Hang) Home For the Aged Limited	5
27	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po Nursing Home cum Day Care Service	6
28	Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities	2
29	Kowloon (1) Regional Home Care Service	4
30	Oasis Nursing Home	13
31	Yuen Yuen Care & Attention Home For The Aged	3
32	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home (Sau Mau Ping Estate)	4
33	Yuen Yuen Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
34	True Light Home for the aged	1
35	St. James' Settlement Rehabilitation Services Parkside Residene and Parkside Integrated Service Team	2
36	Senic Resort Nursing Home	1
37	Kwai Tsing Rehabilitation Home	3
38	Grace Nursing Home - (Kowloon Tong)	2
39	Kwong On Nursing Center Limited	2
40	Telford Nursing Centre	3
41	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited	1
42	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre (Hung Hom)	1
43	Harmony Home For The elderly	3
44	Wong Siu Ching Rhenish Home For the Elderly	1
45	Kwai Shing East Rhenish Care: Attention Home	2
46	Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Holistic Care Centre	3

Name of elderly/rehabilitation service units		No. of trainees
47	Haven of Hope Hang Hau Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled	1
48	Haven of Hope Yee Ming Day Care Centre for the Elderly	3
49	Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home	2
50	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Care Centre for the Elderly	1
51	Haven of Hope Po Lam Day Activity Centre cum Hostel	1
52	Haven of Hope Nursing Home	3
Total		134

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0143

(Question Serial No. 0538)

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 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. the reasons for the number of places and the enrolment rate being 5 276 and 96% under the Indicators despite the enrolment rate being 99-101% with only some 5 100 SW places in the past few years according to the reply to my question last year (LWB(WW)0110) (Question Serial No. 0773); please indicate and explain in detail the source of the excess places and the reasons for their disuse;
3. 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; whether there are any plans to provide additional SWs and SW places in the coming 5 years, and if yes, the details; and
4. the number of places to be provided and the expenditure involved in the current estimates, given that the Government planned 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) according to the reply last year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (Member Question No. 32)

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 were as follows –

Year	No. of Places	No. of trainees	Enrolment rate	Average waiting time (in months)
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-March 2015)	5 276	5 124	97%	19.7
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	5 276	5 295	100%	Not yet available ^[Note]

[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

2. As SWD provided an additional 165 SW places in the fourth quarter of 2014-15, the number of SW places increased from 5 111 in 2013-14 to 5 276 in 2014-15. A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises. Hence, the enrolment rate of SW would not be 100% at any one time. As at end-December 2015, the enrolment rate of SW had reached 100%.
3. 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. Having reviewed the effectiveness, the service was regularised in 2005. As at end-December 2014, apart from the 5 276 SW places, there were also 26 integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in Hong Kong providing a total of 4 412 places. Meanwhile, the Government will continue to proactively identify suitable sites for provision of more rehabilitation service places 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. The Government plans to provide additional 1 370 IVRSC places and 25 SW places in the coming 5 years (i.e. 2016-17 to 2020-21).
4. The Government provided an additional 25 IVRSC places in 2015-16 and plans to further provide an additional 70 IVRSC places in 2016-17. The estimated expenditure for IVRSC for 2016-17 is about \$234 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0144****(Question Serial No. 0295)**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 that a recurrent provision of \$140 million will be allocated from 2016-17 onwards to provide more subsidised residential care places, enhance existing residential care services and progressively upgrade 1 200 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). In which districts will the residential care homes for the elderly benefit from the allocation? What will be the expenditure items? What is the estimated expenditure for each item?

Asked by: Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung (Member Question No. 40)Reply:

The Government will increase the full-year provision by \$140 million from 2016-17 onwards to provide more subsidised residential care places, enhance existing residential care services and progressively upgrade 1 200 places under the EBPS. Relevant information on the provision is provided as follows –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Estimated full-year expenditure (\$ million)
Newly constructed contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) ^(Note 1)	210	53
Making better use of space in subvented homes ^(Note 2)	23	3
Newly constructed RCHE under the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” ^(Note 3)	72	11
Converting some of the non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in existing contract RCHEs into subsidised places ^(Note 4)	15	3
Enhancing the service quality of 6 existing contract RCHEs ^(Note 4)	528 ^(Note 5)	34
Upgrading EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places ^(Note 6)	1 200	35
Total	2 048	140 ^(Note 7)

- [Note 1] The newly constructed contract RCHEs will be provided in Islands, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po.
- [Note 2] The additional residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.
- [Note 3] The newly constructed RCHE will be in Tsuen Wan.
- [Note 4] The contract RCHEs concerned are located at Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Wong Tai Sin.
- [Note 5] Including 70 day care places.
- [Note 6] The participating RCHEs with EA2 places will provide services across all districts in Hong Kong.
- [Note 7] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0145

(Question Serial No. 2478)

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 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to support the Elderly Commission (EC) in exploring the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care service for the elderly. What are the progress of the relevant work plan, the estimated expenditure and manpower. In the face of population ageing, how much additional funding will be allocated by the Government in the coming 5 years for providing additional places in residential care homes (RCHEs)? How many elderly persons are expected to benefit? Does the industry have sufficient manpower to cope with the service demand?

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

A Working Group under EC commenced a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme for residential care services for the elderly in July 2014. In January 2015, the consultant team commissioned by EC made preliminary recommendations with respect to the feasibility study, and conducted a public engagement exercise in February to consult stakeholders about their views on the preliminary recommendations. In February and March 2015, the Government and the consultant team also reported relevant matters to the Panel on Welfare Services and listened to the views of Legislative Council Members and relevant bodies.

In response to the public concern over the service quality of residential care homes, the Working Group invited the consultant team in June 2015 to examine the preliminary recommendations, especially on aspects including the quality assurance mechanism, complaint handling procedures and case management arrangements under the pilot scheme. It is expected that the entire study can be completed by the middle of this year. The expenditure incurred by the feasibility study is about \$1.43 million. The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for the implementation of the three-year pilot scheme, under which a total of 3 000 service vouchers will be issued in phases. SWD plans to create 16 additional civil service posts in 2016-17 for the preparation and implementation of the pilot scheme, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$6.4 million.

The Government will provide an additional full-year funding of \$140 million starting from 2016-17 for increasing subsidised RCHE places and improving existing services of RCHEs as well as upgrading progressively the quality of 1 200 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). The funding involves –

Item	Additional/ Relevant Places	Estimated Full-year Expenditure (\$ million)
Newly-built Contract Homes ^[Note 1]	210	53
Optimum use of space in Subvented Homes ^[Note 2]	23	3
Newly-built RCHE under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses ^[Note 3]	72	11
Conversion of some non-subsidised places into subsidised places in existing Contract Homes ^[Note 4]	15	3
Upgrading the Service Quality of 6 existing Contract Homes ^[Note 4]	528 ^[Note 5]	34
Upgrading EA2 places into EA1 places of higher quality under EBPS ^[Note 6]	1 200	35
Total	2 048	140 ^[Note 7]

[Note 1] The newly-built contract homes are located in the Islands District, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po.

[Note 2] Additional places are distributed in various districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 3] The newly-built RCHE is located in Tsuen Wan.

[Note 4] The contract homes concerned are located in Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Wong Tai Sin.

[Note 5] Including 70 day care places.

[Note 6] Participating EA2 homes are distributed in various districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 7] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Regarding the manpower to cope with service demand, SWD has the following measures –

1. To encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, SWD launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people were recruited to take up care work services in RCHEs. The pilot project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places. Besides, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to launch the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD has selected 5 organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at 31 December 2015, 3 of the organisations had recruited a total of about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.
2. To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years. The training courses are fully funded by the

Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Over 90% of the members of the first 11 training courses have joined the welfare sector after graduation.

3. Health worker training courses are provided by different training agencies (including non-governmental organisations (NGOs), self-financing agencies and post-secondary colleges). As at end-December 2015, a total of 37 training agencies were offering approved RCHE health workers training courses. In the past several years, each year some 1 500 people had been registered as health workers after completing the approved courses.
4. To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) started in January 2012 to run self-financing two-year Master Course in Occupational Therapy and two-year Master Course in Physiotherapy. As an incentive for graduates from these 2 courses to join the welfare sector, SWD embarked on a training-related funding scheme to provide funding to welfare NGOs for students enrolled in the programmes to receive subsidies for the tuition fees. Recipients of subsidies must work for at least 2 years in the NGO providing the subsidy upon graduation. For the first cohort, 59 students graduated in January 2014. For the second cohort, 56 students graduated in January 2016. PolyU will again collaborate with SWD in 2016-17 to run the third cohort of Master Course in Occupational Therapy and Master Course in Physiotherapy which preliminarily will provide a total of 72 places.

SWD will keep in view the manpower situation in the elderly care sector and formulate suitable plans and measures accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0146****(Question Serial No. 3004)**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 2014-15 and 2015-16; 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 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 50)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 2014-15 were as follows –

Case nature	2014-15 (Actual)^[Note]	
	Average number of recipients per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	185 231	11,594
Permanent disability	24 849	1,492
Ill health	39 368	2,205
Single parent	70 960	3,107
Low-earnings	25 655	715
Unemployment	32 248	1,218
Others	7 474	338
Total^[Note]	385 785	20,669

^[Note] The expenditure for 2014-15 included the payment of one additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective year.

- (ii) The average number of CSSA recipients per month and the expenditure by case nature in 2015-16 were as follows –

Case nature	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)^[Note]	
	Average number of recipients per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old age	180 000	12,640
Permanent disability	24 000	1,620
Ill health	38 000	2,410
Single parent	69 000	3,428
Low-earnings	22 000	722
Unemployment	29 000	1,218
Others	7 000	342
Total^[Note]	369 000	22,381

[Note] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of two additional months of CSSA standard rate in the respective year. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- (b)(i) The numbers of single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low-earnings (LE) cases by duration of receiving CSSA in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 811	2 029	301	2 692	1 825	241
More than 1 to 2	2 579	1 252	298	2 829	1 211	264
More than 2 to 3	2 297	1 059	335	2 233	938	270
More than 3 to 4	1 961	936	292	2 103	833	265
More than 4 to 5	2 037	956	350	1 788	779	279
More than 5	15 482	8 498	4 754	14 742	7 820	4 167
Total	27 167	14 730	6 330	26 387	13 406	5 486

- (ii) The numbers of SP, UT and LE recipients by duration of receiving CSSA in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	8 193	4 251	1 590	7 491	3 542	1 117
More than 1 to 2	7 924	3 005	1 805	8 655	3 138	1 727
More than 2 to 3	6 245	2 278	1 616	6 214	2 004	1 371
More than 3 to 4	5 347	2 006	1 440	5 684	1 837	1 338
More than 4 to 5	5 351	1 943	1 576	4 806	1 642	1 336
More than 5	36 734	16 844	15 822	34 809	15 120	13 748
Total	69 794	30 327	23 849	67 659	27 283	20 637

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**LWB(WW)0147****(Question Serial No. 3005)**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 2014-15 and 2015-16; and
- (b) a breakdown of the number of “low-earnings” Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases transferred from other case nature (including numbers of cases and recipients) (by comparing the figures as at end-2014 with those as at end-2015).

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 51)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment by range of such earnings in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were as follows –

Earnings from employment per month	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$1,000	5 298	5 156
\$1,000 to less than \$2,000	3 509	3 079
\$2,000 to less than \$3,000	2 817	2 531
\$3,000 to less than \$4,000	3 384	2 544
\$4,000 to less than \$5,000	3 182	3 212
\$5,000 to less than \$6,000	1 808	1 753
\$6,000 to less than \$7,000	1 212	1 095
\$7,000 to less than \$8,000	1 193	971
\$8,000 to less than \$9,000	940	835
\$9,000 to less than \$10,000	659	598
\$10,000 and above	966	957
Total	24 968	22 731

- (b) Of the 6 335 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2015, 990 cases involving 3 160 recipients were under other case nature as at end-December 2014. Details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2014	Number of low-earnings cases changed from other case nature as at end-December 2015	Number of recipients involved
Old age	154	461
Permanent disability	39	122
Ill health	84	271
Single parent	179	428
Unemployment	512	1 812
Others	22	66
Total	990	3 160

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0148****(Question Serial No. 3154)**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 numbers of rejected Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) applications in 2014-15 and 2015-16 with a breakdown by the reason for turning down the applications.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 52)Reply:

A breakdown of the number of new applications and re-applications for OALA being turned down by reasons in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Reason	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Excess in assets	130	107
Excess in income	120	87
Not meeting the age requirement	24	10
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 753	1 473
Absence from Hong Kong ^[Note]	98	48
Withdrawal	1 036	728
Lost contact ^[Note]	180	118
Deceased ^[Note]	69	76
Converted to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	43	42
Other reasons	55	64
Total	3 508	2 753

^[Note] As the applicants had not completed the application procedures, the Social Welfare Department could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0149

(Question Serial No. 3155)

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 and the expenditure involved in processing the cases in 2015-16; and
- (b) The staff establishment and the estimated expenditure involved in processing the cases in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 53)

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, and OALA is one of the allowances under the SSA Scheme), the Social Welfare Department 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)0150

(Question Serial No. 0575)

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 subvented “occasional child care service” (OCCS) and the pilot project on child care training for grandparents, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) What were the manpower and resources involved in OCCS as well as the number of children having benefitted from the service over the past 3 years? Has any review been conducted on the adequacy of the scope of target service users? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b) What is the expected rollout date of the child care training courses? What will be the service unit(s), number of service users and resources involved?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The actual expenditure on OCCS was \$21 million and \$25.1 million in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. The revised estimate for OCCS for 2015-16 is \$27.6 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the manpower involved in the organisations operating OCCS, nor the number of children service users. To better utilise the resources in OCCS, after reviewing the service and having consulted the operators, SWD has suitably re-distributed the places for OCCS among the service units since September 2014 having regard to the utilisation of service in the districts.

- b) In March 2016, the Government launched a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project and the expenditure of some \$3.3 million incurred will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from SWD and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0151****(Question Serial No. 0576)**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:

According to the Government, it will provide additional day care places for the elderly. The number of places for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) or day care units for the elderly (DCUs) will increase by 70 from 3 039 in 2015-16 to 3 109 in 2016-17. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) the prevailing number of people on the waiting list for DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time for the past 3 years; and
- b) whether there is any regular review of the elderly's demand for the services with a view to providing additional manpower and resources. If yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 30)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time for the past 3 years are as follows –

Financial Year	Number of Elderly Persons	Average waiting time (in months) (based on the average of the previous 3 months)
2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2 097 ^[Note 1]	9
2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2 289 ^[Note 2]	7
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2 829 ^[Note 3]	6

^[Note 1] The figures do 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.

- [Note 2] The figures do not include 289 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
- [Note 3] The figures do not include 373 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

- b) We have been closely monitoring the service demand and seeking additional resources for the provision of more service places. To further support the elderly living in the community, the Government has increased resources to provide about 160 additional places for day care services for the elderly starting from 2016-17, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$17 million. Moreover, the Social Welfare Department has reserved space in new development projects or vacant buildings for the construction of or conversion to elderly homes and/or DEs/DCUs. It is expected that a total of 540 additional places for day care services will be provided from 2017-18 onwards. The Government has also proactively carried out the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme), under which the number of places for elderly services will be increased through redevelopment or expansion of the existing service facilities. If all the preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme can be implemented smoothly, it is expected that about 2 000 additional places for day care services for the elderly can be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0152

(Question Serial No. 0577)

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

- a) the number of persons issued with the service vouchers in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, and the respective numbers of persons using the “single mode” service and the “mixed mode” service;
- b) whether there is any plan to adjust the service modes in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by providing home-based only care service for eligible elderly persons, in order to cater for their actual needs;
- c) is there any plan to increase the manpower and resources, as well as the number of service vouchers, in order to benefit more elderly persons;
- d) is there any plan to conduct a review on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, and consider expanding the target participants and the voucher use of the Scheme, if yes, what is the expected timetable; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) As at end-December 2015, a total of 2 794 elderly persons had participated in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme at different times, with 1 898 of them having used or were using the service vouchers. Among these 1 898 elderly persons, 1 311 and 587 of them had used or were using “single mode” and “mixed mode” service respectively.
- b) To enhance service flexibility, the modes of service delivery in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme will comprise –
 - (i) Centre-based community care services (CCS) only;
 - (ii) Home-based CCS only; and
 - (iii) A mixture of (i) and (ii).

- c) An amount of about \$640 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for implementing the second 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 Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up a Centralised Team with a view to stepping up the service monitoring in respect of RSPs and providing assistance for voucher users. An additional 1 800 vouchers will be issued in the Second Phase, up to a maximum of 3 000 if the 1 200 existing voucher holders of the First Phase choose to opt for migrating to the Second Phase.
- d) SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing (COA) of The University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. Taking into account the findings of the COA's mid-term evaluation and the views of stakeholders, SWD will introduce a number of enhancement measures in the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme, including extending the scope of service target by covering severely impaired elderly persons in addition to moderately impaired elderly persons as assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services; and extending the coverage under the Second Phase from 8 districts to all the 18 districts over the territory. SWD is currently making preparation, with the Second Phase expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0153

(Question Serial No. 0578)

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 states that it will “continue to support the Elderly Commission (EC) in exploring the feasibility of introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) What are the manpower and resources involved in the preliminary stage?
- b) What is the progress of the feasibility study on introducing vouchers for residential care services for the elderly conducted by EC? When is its report expected to be submitted to the Government? When is the scheme expected to be launched?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The working group under EC has commenced a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly since July 2014. The consultant team commissioned by EC made preliminary recommendations with respect to the feasibility study in January 2015, and conducted a public engagement exercise in February 2015 to consult stakeholders about their views on the preliminary recommendations. The Government and the consultant team also reported relevant matters to the Panel on Welfare Services and listened to the views of the Legislative Council Members and relevant bodies in February and March 2015.

In view of public concern about the service quality of residential care homes, the working group invited the consultant team to further examine the preliminary recommendations, especially on aspects including the quality assurance mechanism, complaint handling procedures and casework management arrangements of the pilot scheme in June 2015. It is expected that the entire study will be completed by the middle of this year. The expenditure incurred by the feasibility study is about \$1.43 million.

The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for the implementation of the three-year pilot scheme, under which a total of 3 000 service vouchers will be issued in phases. The Social Welfare Department plans to create 16 additional civil service posts in 2016-17 for the preparation and implementation of the pilot scheme, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$6.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0154****(Question Serial No. 0579)**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:

According to the Government, it will “strengthen the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) the respective numbers of inspections of RCHEs made by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of complaints received, of cases under investigation, of advisory letters and warning letters issued, of prosecutions instituted and of licences suspended over the past 3 years;
- b) whether there is any plan to review and amend the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance covering the enhancement of staffing establishment and safety level of RCHEs? If yes, what are the timetable and details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 33)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The numbers of unannounced inspections, complaint investigations, advisory letters/warning letters carried out or issued by SWD over the past 3 years against RCHEs are set out as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
No. of unannounced inspections	5 254	5 445	3 949
No. of complaints investigated	257	217	205
No. of advisory letters issued	3 204	3 028	2 028
No. of warning letters issued	364	320	297

The Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of SWD have taken a total of 15 prosecution actions with no cancellation or suspension of RCHE licence over the past 3 years, during which 2 RCHEs were refused licence renewal.

- b) The Government has always kept an open mind about conducting reviews and exploring the possibility of law amendment. Views are considered and various options examined on an ongoing basis. The most important thing at this stage is to explore how the monitoring mechanism for RCHEs could be further enhanced under the existing legal framework with a view to assuring the service quality of RCHEs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0155****(Question Serial No. 0580)**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 has indicated that it will 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 the past 3 years, what were the respective numbers of places successfully converted and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? What is the timetable for the conversion expected to take place in the coming 3 years?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE kok-long (Member Question No. 34)Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) 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. SWD will continue to implement the conversion programme in the future, with details still in the pipeline.

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 from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Year	No. 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 no. of such places	
	No. of hostels and homes	No. of places
2013-14	50	8 216
2014-15	1	285
2015-16	-	-
Total	51	8 501

The manpower required to administer the Conversion Programme has been absorbed within SWD's existing provision.

The expenditure for C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2013-14 to 2015-16 was as follows –

2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
2,109.2	2,335.8	2,474.7

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0581)

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 has been a long period of 5 years since the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) was launched in June 2010. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) the manpower and resources involved, the numbers of residential care homes for the elderly and of people having benefited from the Pilot Scheme, as well as the effectiveness of the Scheme each year; and
- b) whether the Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme. If yes, what are the timetable and details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 35)

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. The Government earmarked a sum of \$5 million for implementing the three-year Pilot Scheme (from June 2010 to June 2013) and subsequently earmarked an additional \$4.2 million for extending the Pilot Scheme to March 2017. Since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, there have been a total of 94 participating RCHEs, with about 8 800 elderly residents having used the services.
- b) 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

LWB(WW)0157

(Question Serial No. 0586)

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 Pilot Scheme on Peer Supporters for Ex-mentally Ill Patients (“the Scheme”) is scheduled for launch in early 2016, and an evaluation on the effectiveness of the Scheme will be conducted during the pilot period. What are the timetable and details of the Scheme?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the “Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units” (pilot project) in March 2016 with funding support from the Lotteries Fund for a period of 2 years. The objectives of the pilot project are to equip suitable ex-mentally persons as peer supporters with a view to speeding up their own recovery and helping other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery, and to deepen public acceptance of ex-mentally ill persons.

The pilot project is operated by the 11 subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently operating Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, providing 32 peer supporter positions. After receiving training and under professional guidance, the peer supporters will offer emotional and recovery support for needy ex-mentally ill persons. They will also assist the professionals of the NGOs in conducting outreaching or concern visits, as well as in organising groups and mental health promotion activities to enhance the public’s positive understanding of the ex-mentally ill persons. SWD will keep in view the project effectiveness during the pilot period for future consideration of whether the project should be regularised, and of the service mode to be adopted.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0158

(Question Serial No. 0587)

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 “a pilot project on strengthening the support for persons with autism and their parents/carers”, will the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- a) the estimated manpower, resources and expenditure involved;
- b) whether the Government will review the effectiveness of the project during the course of its implementation, and what are the timetable and details of the review.

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a 30-month pilot project in April 2016 with a funding of about \$27 million from the Lotteries Fund. Through multi-disciplinary teams that will include clinical psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists, etc., the project will provide support for persons with autism and their parents/carers, the relevant rehabilitation units and frontline workers.
- b) SWD will commission an academic institution to review the effectiveness of the project in the second quarter of 2016. The review will facilitate the Government's future consideration of whether the project should be regularised, and of the service mode to be adopted.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0159

(Question Serial No. 0588)

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 services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), would the Government please advise the following –

- (a) the number of patients served and the manpower and resources involved in each of the past 3 years;
- (b) the estimated manpower and resources involved in 2016-17; and
- (c) as it is understood that a Task Group comprising the Hospital Authority (HA), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) has been established to review the current service delivery model and jointly prepare the draft “Service Framework of Personalised Care for Adults with Severe Mental Illness” (service framework), the progress and detailed timetable.

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

The information sought is provided below –

- (a) NGOs are commissioned by SWD to operate ICCMWs under Lump Sum Grant subvention. The number of members served by ICCMWs and their expenditure in each of the past 3 years are shown below.

Year	ICCMW Members Served	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	24 294	221.6
2014-15 (Actual)	25 662	254.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	23 782 (as at end-December 2015)	281.1

- (b) The estimated expenditure for ICCMWs in 2016-17 is \$286.8 million.

- (c) To strengthen communication and cooperation among various sectors in providing community support services for adults with severe mental illness so as to respond more effectively to the needs of the patients and the community, HA, SWD and relevant NGOs have set up a Task Group to review the current service delivery model and jointly draw up the said service framework. So far, the Task Group has consulted major stakeholders, including the service providers and patient organisations, on the initial draft of the service framework. It is expected that the service framework will be introduced and follow-up work on the recommendations therein will be started in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0160

(Question Serial No. 0937)

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 that the services provided to elderly persons by residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) have been seriously affected by the current crisis of severe manpower shortage in RCHEs. Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the existing standard staffing establishment of various types of residential care services (services for the elderly);
- (2) the situation of manpower shortage in various types of RCHEs in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by type of work);
- (3) the staff turnover rate of various types of RCHEs in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by type of work);
- (4) the measures taken by the Government to alleviate the manpower shortage and the effectiveness of the measures to date?

Asked by: Hon Starry LEE Wai-king (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) Schedule 1 to the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation provides for the minimum manpower requirements at different types of RCHEs.
- (2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the information sought.
- (3) SWD does not capture the information sought.
- (4) The manpower situation in the elderly care sector is an issue of concern closely monitored by SWD. Suitable plans and measures have been formulated in response, including –

- (i) To encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, SWD introduced a 'first-hire-then-train' pilot scheme with funding from the Lotteries Fund in 2013 to recruit young people to provide care services in RCHes. The 2 phases of the pilot scheme offered 200 places. Moreover, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to launch the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services. In the next few years, a total of 1 000 training places will be provided to encourage young persons to join the elderly and rehabilitation care service sector. SWD has selected 5 operators to run the navigation scheme. As at end-December 2015, 3 of the operators recruited a total of some 160 trainees, with the commencement dates of the courses in October/November 2015 and April 2016 respectively, while the remaining 2 are expected to begin trainee admission in 2016-17.
- (ii) To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Over 90% of the members of the first 11 training courses have joined the welfare sector after graduation.
- (iii) To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) started in January 2012 to run self-financing two-year Master Course in Occupational Therapy and two-year Master Course in Physiotherapy. As an incentive for graduates from these 2 courses to join the welfare sector, SWD has embarked on a training-related funding scheme to provide funding to non-governmental welfare agencies. Students enrolled in the programmes will have subsidies for the tuition fees. Recipients of subsidies must work for at least 2 years in the NGO providing the subsidy upon graduation. For the first cohort, 59 students graduated in January 2014. For the second cohort, 56 students graduated in January 2016. PolyU will again collaborate with SWD in 2016-17 to run the third cohort of Master Course in Occupational Therapy and Master Course in Physiotherapy which preliminarily will provide a total of 72 places.

Minimum Manpower requirements at different types of RCHEs

Item	Type of staff	Type of RCHEs		
		Care and attention home	Aged home	Self-care hostel
1.	Home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager
2.	Ancillary worker	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
3.	Care worker	(i) 1 care worker for every 20 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.; (ii) 1 care worker for every 40 residents or part thereof, between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.; (iii) 1 care worker for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.	No care worker required	No care worker required
4.	Health worker	Unless a nurse is present, 1 health worker for every 30 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Unless a nurse is present, 1 health worker for every 60 residents or part thereof	No health worker required
5.	Nurse	Unless a health worker is present, 1 nurse for every 60 residents or part thereof, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Unless a health worker is present, 1 nurse	No nurse required

Note: As an additional requirement for a care and attention home or an aged home, any 2 persons being a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse shall be on duty between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0161****(Question Serial No. 0943)**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 advise the respective numbers of places and the average waiting time for the services of child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres, residential child care centres, special child care centres, mutual help child care centres and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in the past 3 years, broken down by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon Starry Lee Wai-king (Member Question No. 46)Reply:

The numbers of places for standalone child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), special child care centres (SCCCs), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and NSCCP in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district, are set out in the Annex.

SWD does not capture the average waiting time for standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and NSCCP.

SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for places of SCCC. 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 overall average waiting time for SCCC in the past 3 years is as follows –

SCCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Average waiting time (month)	18.5	17.3	Not readily available

SWD does not keep statistics on the average waiting time for admission to RCCC by district. The number of places and overall average waiting time for admission in the past 3 years are listed below –

RCCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of places	212	212	212
Average waiting time (month)	2.6	2.9	Not readily available

Table 1 - Number of places for standalone child care centres,
child care centres attached to kindergarten, special child care centres,
mutual help child care centres and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(2013-14)

District	Standalone CCCs	CCCs attached to KG ^[Note 1]	SCCCs	MHCCCs	NSCCP ^[Note 2]
Eastern	449	2 713	84	-	40
Wan Chai	40	748	120	-	40
Central & Western	202	1 162	12	14	40
Southern	-	1 661	157	42	40
Islands	-	1 081	30	11	40
Kwun Tong	216	1 456	66	56	40
Wong Tai Sin	42	829	186	14	40
Sai Kung	-	2 221	147	-	40
Kowloon City	1 168	3 106	24	-	40
Yau Tsim Mong	88	1 245	- ^[Note 3]	14	40
Sham Shui Po	62	732	205	37	40
Sha Tin	70	2 091	138	-	40
Tai Po	-	976	84	-	40
North	48	704	108	14	40
Yuen Long	64	1 087	108	42	40
Tsuen Wan	238	1 144	168	14	40
Kwai Tsing	60	1 138	- ^[Note 3]	42	40
Tuen Mun	138	1 481	120	14	40
Total	2 885	25 575	1 757	314	720

^[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

^[Note 2] The operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care service (HCCS) places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

^[Note 3] No SCCC have been set up in the 2 districts for the moment as suitable premises have not yet been identified.

Table 2 - Number of places for standalone child care centres,
child care centres attached to kindergarten, special child care centres,
mutual help child care centres and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(2014-15)

District	Standalone CCCs	CCCs attached to KG ^[Note 1]	SCCCs	MHCCCs	NSCCP ^[Note 2]
Eastern	464	3 040	96	-	53
Wan Chai	48	749	120	-	53
Central & Western	202	1 318	12	14	53
Southern	-	1 492	157	42	53
Islands	-	1 094	30	11	53
Kwun Tong	216	1 555	66	56	53
Wong Tai Sin	42	807	186	14	53
Sai Kung	-	2 321	147	-	53
Kowloon City	1 144	3 708	30	-	53
Yau Tsim Mong	128	1 262	- ^[Note 3]	14	53
Sham Shui Po	62	720	205	37	53
Sha Tin	70	2 237	138	-	53
Tai Po	-	1 011	84	14	53
North	48	728	108	14	53
Yuen Long	64	1 087	108	42	53
Tsuen Wan	238	1 185	168	14	53
Kwai Tsing	60	1 192	- ^[Note 3]	42	53
Tuen Mun	64	1 506	120	-	53
Total	2 850	27 012	1 775	314	954

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

[Note 2] The operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care service (HCCS) places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 3] No SCCC have been set up in the 2 districts for the moment as suitable premises have not yet been identified.

Table 3 - Number of places for standalone child care centres,
child care centres attached to kindergarten, special child care centres,
mutual help child care centres and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(April to December 2015)

District	Standalone CCCs	CCCs attached to KG ^[Note 1]	SCCCs	MHCCCs	NSCCP ^[Note 2]
Eastern	474	2 817	96	-	53
Wan Chai	48	773	120	-	53
Central & Western	210	1 359	12	14	53
Southern	-	1 494	157	42	53
Islands	-	956	30	-	53
Kwun Tong	216	1 436	66	56	53
Wong Tai Sin	42	807	186	14	53
Sai Kung	-	2 296	147	-	53
Kowloon City	1 144	3 911	30	-	53
Yau Tsim Mong	128	1 177	- ^[Note 3]	14	53
Sham Shui Po	62	915	205	37	53
Sha Tin	70	2 012	138	-	53
Tai Po	-	858	84	14	53
North	48	681	108	14	53
Yuen Long	64	1 119	108	42	53
Tsuen Wan	244	1 269	168	14	53
Kwai Tsing	60	1 123	- ^[Note 3]	42	53
Tuen Mun	64	1 460	120	-	53
Total	2 874	26 463	1 775	303	954

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

[Note 2] The operators have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care service (HCCS) places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 3] No SCCC have been set up in the 2 districts for the moment as suitable premises have not yet been identified.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0162

(Question Serial No. 3185)

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 “Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme)” launched this year, would the Government please provide the implementation details of the project, the expenditure, manpower and implementation timetable involved, as well as –

1. a list of the 16 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) approved to take part in the project and the places allocated to them (by district); and
2. the number of students estimated to benefit from the project and the eligibility criteria for using these services?

Asked by: Hon Starry LEE Wai-king (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

In 2015, the Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund. Inter-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) are coordinated by 16 NGOs with experiences in the implementation of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to provide 2 925 free training places for children with special needs in more than 450 kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), which cover about half of all KGs and KG-cum-CCCs in Hong Kong. The projects under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out by phases from November 2015 to January 2016.

The inter-disciplinary teams also provide teachers/child care workers and parents with professional support, including consultation service, demonstrations, talks, workshops and seminars.

1. A list of the 16 participating NGOs under the Pilot Scheme and the number of places allocated to them is set out at Annex.

2. The students to be benefited should be those attending the KGs or KG-cum-CCCs participating in the Pilot Scheme and waitlisting for the Social Welfare Department-subsented pre-school rehabilitation services (i.e. Early Education and Training Centres, Integrated Programme in KG-cum-CCCs or Special Child Care Centres). Participating NGOs may exercise flexibility to allocate a small portion of the places (not exceeding 10% of the total number of places) to children who are waiting for assessment administered by the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority.

**List of the 16 NGOs Operating the Pilot Scheme and
the Number of Places Allocated**

Participating NGOs	Number of project teams	Number of training places [Note]
Heep Hong Society	4	400
Po Leung Kuk	4	400
SAHK	3.5	350
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2	200
Caritas - Hong Kong	2	200
Hong Kong Christian Service	2	200
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	2	200
Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	1.5	150
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	1.5	150
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Ltd.	1.5	150
Hong Chi Association	1	100
Salvation Army	1	100
Yan Chai Hospital	1	100
Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	1	100
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	1	100
Watchdog Limited	0.25	25
Total:	29.25	2 925

[Note] The places are not allocated to the NGOs on a district basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0163****(Question Serial No. 3186)**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 inform this Committee of the revised estimate, the number of places and the number of people on the waiting list for pre-school rehabilitation services from 2013-14 to 2015-16. What are the estimated expenditure involved and the number of places in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Starry LEE Wai-king (Member Question No. 61)Reply:

The expenditure for pre-school rehabilitation services from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is tabulated below –

	2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
Early education and training centre (EETC)	159.0	181.2	209.7
Special child care centre (SCCC)	259.0	282.6	297.5
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP)	99.0	107.7	116.5

The number of places and the number of people on the waiting list for pre-school rehabilitation services from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Type of service	No. of places			No. of applicants on waiting list		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
EETC	2 628	2 991	3 070	3 945	3 853	3 823
SCCC	1 757	1 775	1 775	1 335	1 437	1 419
IP	1 860	1 860	1 980	1 784	1 764	1 643

The number of places and the estimated expenditure for pre-school rehabilitation services in 2016-17 are provided as follows –

	No. of places	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ million)
EETC	3 387	215.2
SCCC	1 971	303.5
IP	1 980	118.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0164****(Question Serial No. 1361)**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 connection, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) (i) programmes providing support for able-bodied CSSA recipients to find jobs; (ii) the number of participants in such programmes; (iii) the percentage of participants successfully employed; (iv) the cost of each successful case in the past 3 years using the table attached.

Name of Programme	Number of Participants	Number/Percentage (%) of Participants Successfully Employed	Cost of Each Successful Case (\$)

- (b) will the Government consider reviewing the effectiveness of the programmes in the future? If yes, please give the details.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 17)Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows –

- (a) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist and encourage them to seek employment and become self-reliant. As at end December 2015, a total of 63 881 persons had participated in the IEAPS, and 13 225 (20.7%) of the participants

had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. SWD does not have the relevant information on the cost per each successful case.

- (b) The current IEAPS will be implemented until 31 March 2017. SWD will continue to keep in view the operation of the IEAPS for considering the way forward.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0165****(Question Serial No. 1362)**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, and the number of persons receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under “old age” category in this year and in the past 2 financial years, with a breakdown by age group; and the respective expenditure involved.

Age group	No. of recipients							2014-15 expenditure
	Old Age Allowance	HOAA	OALA	NDA	HDA	GD Scheme	CSSA old age cases	
65-69								
70-74								
75-79								
80-84								
85 or above								

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 18)Reply:SSA

The numbers of SSA cases with recipients aged 65 or above from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	67 043	124 591
OALA	109 723	86 780	219 663
GD Scheme	17 194 ^[Note]		
HDA	1 232	1 409	11 074
NDA	5 206	2 749	10 753

Type of allowance	2014-15		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	71 774	143 304
OALA	119 629	87 379	210 585
GD Scheme	2 787	4 472	9 886
HDA	1 385	1 358	11 226
NDA	5 979	2 695	10 673

Type of allowance	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65-69	Aged 70-74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	74 156	148 209
OALA	126 576	89 134	213 534
GD Scheme	2 248	3 980	9 971
HDA	1 485	1 463	11 645
NDA	6 739	2 824	10 842

[Note] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has no information about the breakdown of the GD Scheme recipients by age for 2013-14.

The relevant expenditure from 2013-14 to 2015-16 was as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2] (\$ million)
OAA	2,860	3,013	3,748
OALA	13,127	12,292	14,087
GD Scheme	84	275	290
HDA	503	530	632
NDA	435	359	433

[Note 1] The expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, OALA was rolled out in April 2013. The expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also included the back-payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

[Note 2] The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for the year.

SWD does not capture the breakdown of the expenditure for the various allowances by the above age groups.

CSSA

The numbers of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Age group	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
65-69	28 081	28 585	29 234
70-74	27 346	26 189	25 128
75 or above	95 592	93 339	92 100

The relevant expenditure from 2013-14 to 2015-16 was as follows –

Year	2013-14 (Actual)^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual)^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)^[Note 2] (\$ million)
Expenditure	8,766	9,385	10,257

^[Note 1] The expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rate in the respective years.

^[Note 2] The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rate for the year.

SWD does not capture the breakdowns of the expenditure on CSSA by the above age groups.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0166****(Question Serial No. 1363)**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 2015, the Social Welfare Department enhanced the services of subvented parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs). 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. 19)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The 6 PRCs in Hong Kong provide a focal point for families/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons to share experience, obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home. In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department allocated an additional full-year expenditure of \$3.2 million to provide additional social workers for the 6 subvented PRCs, with a view to enhancing the support for service users and providing more suitable services.
- (b) The revised estimate for PRCs for 2015-16 is \$19.2 million, and the estimate for 2016-17 is \$23 million.
- (c) The average number of members per month in the 6 subvented PRCs in Hong Kong in each of the past 3 years was as follows –

Financial year	Average number of members per month
2013-14	4 805
2014-15	4 858
2015-16 (April to December 2015)	5 014

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0167****(Question Serial No. 1365)**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 us about –

- (a) the current number of organisations providing service for children aged 2 or below in each of the districts in Hong Kong and the relevant details using the table below –

District	Number of organisations	Number of places	Number of service staff	Average number of children waiting for the service	Average waiting time	Average cost per place	Average hourly service fee per place (\$)

- (b) the current number of organisations providing service for children aged between 2 and 6 in each of the districts in Hong Kong and the relevant details using the table below –

District	Number of organisations	Number of places	Number of service staff	Average number of children waiting for the service	Average waiting time	Average cost per place	Average hourly service fee per place (\$)

- (c) 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. 21)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) Child care services include standalone child care centres (CCCs) and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) for children aged below 3; occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS) and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) for children aged below 6; and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) for children below 9. The relevant information on the number of service units, number of places, cost and service fee in 2015-16 (as at December 2015) 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.
- (c) To address the community demand for child care services, starting from 2015-16, SWD will increase in phases about 5 000 places of EHS for children aged below 6 at aided CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand, so that more pre-primary children (aged below 6) in need can continue to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. SWD has initially provided about 1 200 additional places in 2015-16 and will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts. In addition, the Government has planned to increase about 100 aided long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 in 2018-19. These measures will help shorten the waiting time for the relevant child care services.

**Table 1 - Standalone CCCs
(April to December 2015)**

District	Standalone CCCs ^[Note 1]			Average cost and average service fee per hour for each place ^[Note 2]
	Number of centres	Number of places		
		Age below 2	Age 2-3	
Central & Western	2	48	162	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 \$697 per month. Since the operating expenses 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	64	410	
Islands	-	-	-	
Kowloon City	6	100	1 044	
Kwai Tsing	1	32	28	
Kwun Tong	1	-	216	
North	1	48	-	
Sai Kung	-	-	-	
Sha Tin	1	70	-	
Sham Shui Po	1	48	14	
Southern	-	-	-	
Tai Po	-	-	-	
Tsuen Wan	2	76	168	
Tuen Mun	1	64	-	
Wan Chai	1	48	-	
Wong Tai Sin	1	-	42	
Yau Tsim Mong	2	96	32	
Yuen Long	1	64	-	
Total	24	758	2 116	

[Note 1]

The total number of places for standalone CCCs includes 736 aided places.

[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 fee waiving/reduction.

**Table 2 - CCCs attached to KGs
(September 2015)**

District	CCCs attached to KGs			Average cost and average service fee per hour for each place ^[Note 2]
	Number of centres	Number of places ^[Note 1]		
		Age below 2	Age 2-3	
Central & Western	24	64	1 295	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	49	314	2 503	
Islands	14	-	956	
Kowloon City	51	152	3 759	
Kwai Tsing	31	-	1 123	
Kwun Tong	38	72	1 364	
North	19	8	673	
Sai Kung	33	44	2 252	
Sha Tin	41	16	1 996	
Sham Shui Po	20	16	899	
Southern	24	126	1 368	
Tai Po	17	14	844	
Tsuen Wan	21	24	1 245	
Tuen Mun	32	-	1 460	
Wan Chai	16	48	725	
Wong Tai Sin	25	31	776	
Yau Tsim Mong	23	48	1 129	
Yuen Long	29	44	1 075	
Total	507	1 021	25 442	

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

[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 fee waiving/reduction.

**Table 3 - Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS)
(April to December 2015)**

District	OCCS			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place ^[Note]
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		
Total	214	434		

^[Note] Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for fee waiving/reduction.

**Table 4 - Extended Hours Service (EHS)
(April to December 2015)**

District	EHS			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place ^[Note]
Central & Western	6	74	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	13	190		
Islands	1	14		
Kowloon City	11	148		
Kwai Tsing	13	132		
Kwun Tong	17	232		
North	5	74		
Sai Kung	6	80		
Sha Tin	9	110		
Sham Shui Po	12	158		
Southern	5	70		
Tai Po	7	96		
Tsuen Wan	6	94		
Tuen Mun	13	166		
Wan Chai	5	94		
Wong Tai Sin	12	196		
Yau Tsim Mong	9	146		
Yuen Long	11	130		
Total	161	2 204		

^[Note] Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for fee waiving/reduction.

**Table 5 - Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs)
(April to December 2015)**

District	MHCCCs			
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average cost for each place	Average service fee per hour for each place ^[Note]
Central & Western	1	14	MHCCC is a self-financing service. SWD does not keep information on the average cost per place.	align="center">\$8-18
Eastern	-	-		
Islands	-	-		
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		
Total	22	303		

^[Note] 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 fee waiving/reduction.

**Table 6 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)
(April to December 2015)**

District	Number of units	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG ^[Note 1]	Average cost for each place	Basic fee per hour ^[Note 2]	
				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
Total	18	954		-	-

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 fee waiving/reduction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0168

(Question Serial No. 1366)

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 the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “enhanced the service provision and social work support of Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)”. In this connection, please advise us –

- (a) of the current number of child carers participating in the service of NSCCP (Please set out by district in table form).
- (b) of the current average hourly wage of child carers.
- (c) of the respective amounts of allocations to subvented organisations for implementation of NSCCP over the past 3 years and this year.
- (d) about whether SWD will 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. 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of child carers participating in NSCCP as of December 2015 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 \$24.4 million and \$36.1 million in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$32.8 million while the estimate for 2016-17 is \$40.1 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 2015)

District	Number of Child Carers
Central & Western	38
Wan Chai	40
Eastern	101
Southern	37
Yau Tsim Mong	193
Sham Shui Po	110
Kowloon City	418
Wong Tai Sin	122
Kwun Tong	61
Kwai Tsing	81
Tsuen Wan	63
Tuen Mun	139
Yuen Long	65
North	91
Tai Po	83
Sha Tin	97
Sai Kung	59
Islands	20
Total	1 818

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0169

(Question Serial No. 1367)

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 reported cases on fraud relating to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) did the Department receive each year over the past 3 years and as at today? How many of them were established fraud cases after investigation? Please reply in table form.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of suspected CSSA fraud reports received	2 310	2 171	1 946	1 464
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	1 117	847	674	423

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0170

(Question Serial No. 1368)

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 implementation of the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs),

1. currently how many private RCHDs have joined the above Scheme?
2. what is the participation rate among the private RCHDs in Hong Kong?
3. what is the annual provision for the above Scheme in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. As at end-December 2015, a total of 9 private RCHDs had joined BPS for private RCHDs, accounting for 13.2% of the 68 private RCHDs in Hong Kong.
3. SWD launched in 2010 the four-year pilot BPS for private RCHDs with funding support from the Lotteries Fund, which completed in September 2014. SWD regularised the BPS in October 2014. The expenditure involved in the past 2 years is provided below –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2014-15 (Actual)	16.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	42.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0171

(Question Serial No. 1369)

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 services of the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMW),

1. please list the existing number of medical staff and patients served in each of the 24 community centres respectively;
2. how much funding allocation on average will each of the above centres receive each year?
3. what are the services and the activities provided in the centres?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The essential staffing requirement of an ICCMW includes occupational therapist, qualified nurse (psychiatric) and a minimum of 2 registered social workers with at least 3 years' experience in mental health service. In 2014-15, ICCMWs in various districts served a total of more than 25 600 members.
2. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on ICCMW services will be \$286.8 million. As the team size and the population served by the 24 ICCMWs vary, the allocation they obtain thus varies.
3. ICCMWs provide one-stop district-based integrated community rehabilitation support services from prevention to risk management for ex-mentally-ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems and their families/carers living in the districts concerned. The scope of service covers public education, day training, counselling services, outreaching services and referral of cases in need to the Hospital Authority for clinical assessment and psychiatric treatment, etc. with a view to addressing the different needs of service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0172

(Question Serial No. 1773)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that medical social services for children with special needs will be strengthened. What are these social services? How many target users are there? How much is the funding allocation involved? If there are different service programmes, please provide the respective funding allocation and estimated number of beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department will increase the manpower of medical social workers in 2016-17 to tie in with an additional Child Assessment Centre set up by the Department of Health, and to strengthen counselling, support and referral services for children with special needs and their parents. It is estimated that some 1 400 new cases can be additionally handled with the increase in manpower each year. The additional full-year expenditure is \$1.1 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0173

(Question Serial No. 1774)

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 existing subsidised community care and support services for the elderly include day care centres for the elderly (DEs), day care units for the elderly (DCUs), enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), integrated home care services (IHCS), home help services, district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), support teams for the elderly, a holiday centre and the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

1. Please provide the numbers of places and the numbers of elderly persons waiting for the services under the various schemes above in the previous year and this year.
2. How much funding is allocated to the various schemes above in the recent 3 years and this year respectively?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

In 2014-15 and 2015-16, the numbers of places and the numbers of persons waiting for various subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, including day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), integrated home care services (IHCS), home help services, district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), support teams for the elderly, a holiday centre for the elderly, and the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), are at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

From 2012-13 to 2015-16, the expenditure on various subsidised community care and support services for the elderly, including DEs/DCUs, EHCCS, IHCS, home help services, DECCs, NECs, support teams for the elderly, a holiday centre for the elderly, and the Pilot Scheme is at Annex 3.

**Numbers of places for community care services for the elderly
(2014-15 to 2015-16)**

Service type ^[Note 1]	Number of places	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
DEs/DCUs	2 981	3 011
EHCCS	7 245	7 245
IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) ^[Note 2]	18 989	18 828
IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC)	1 120	1 120
Home help services ^[Note 3]	98	89
Pilot Scheme ^[Note 4]	923	993

^[Note 1] DEs/DCUs are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above. Support Teams for the Elderly provide community support network for needy elderly persons aged 60 or above. The holiday centre for the elderly provides holiday facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities and the carers of the elderly. There is no limit on the number of places for the above services.

^[Note 2] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of places as at end March and end December 2015.

^[Note 3] Home help services providers set their individual service capacity. The figures in the table reflect the number of places as at end March and end December 2015.

^[Note 4] The Pilot Scheme provides 1 200 service vouchers for day care centre services and home care services. There is no number of places set for the latter. The figures in the table reflect the number of places for DEs.

**Numbers of persons waiting for community care services for the elderly
(2014-15 to 2015-16)**

Service type ^[Note 1]	Number of people waiting for such services	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
DEs/DCUs	2 289 ^[Note 2]	2 829 ^[Note 4]
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	2 692 ^[Note 3]	2 704 ^[Note 5]

^[Note 1] The CWL does not capture the number of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC) and home help services. Nor is there any waiting list for DECCs, NECs, support teams for the elderly, a holiday centre for the elderly and the Pilot Scheme.

^[Note 2] The figure does not include 289 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 3] The figure does not include 80 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 4] The figure does not include 373 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 5] The figure does not include 83 elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme and classified as inactive cases.

Expenditure on community care and support services for the elderly

Service Type	2012-13 Actual (\$Million)	2013-14 Actual (\$Million)	2014-15 Actual (\$Million)	2015-16 Revised Estimate (\$Million)
DEs/DCUs	208.1	221.5	265.8	293.5
EHCCS	204.6	237.1	255.1	375.9
IHCS/home help services	499.7	522.6	571.1	594.6
DECCs	241.6	251.4	297.4	333.3
NCEs	296.1	307.6	413.6	501.8
Support teams for the elderly	45.9	48.1	52.7	54.7
Holiday centre for the elderly	11.7	12.1	13.4	14.2
Pilot Scheme ^[Note]		3.1	41.6	68.9

^[Note] The Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013 with funding from the Lotteries Fund. The figures in the table reflect Government subvention for the value of the service vouchers from the Lotteries Fund in the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0174

(Question Serial No. 1775)

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 Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme), please advise –

1. What are the details of the Pilot Scheme? What is the annual funding for this Pilot Scheme? Please provide the amount of funding with a breakdown by year.
2. What are the number of elderly applicants and the number of successful admissions since the launch of the Pilot Scheme?
3. Will the Government conduct a review in the future, such as on whether additional residential care homes should be introduced?
4. Are the elderly participants of the Pilot Scheme receiving various types of allowances from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region? Please give details. What is the annual expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

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 for subsidised care-and-attention 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. 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 actual expenditure for the Pilot Scheme was about \$400,000 in 2014-15, and the revised estimate is about \$7.6 million in 2015-16.

2. As at end-December 2015, 272 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 84 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 14 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing.
3. The Government will conduct a review on the Pilot Scheme. The review will enable the Government to actually know how the elderly persons are choosing to retire on the Mainland, including the factors they consider, 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.
4. As at end-December 2015, there were 77 elderly participants of the Pilot Scheme receiving allowances under the Old Age Living Allowance, Old Age Allowance (including Guangdong Scheme), Disability Allowance or receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the Portable CSSA Scheme. The expenditure involved was \$180,000 in 2014-15 and \$1.3 million in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0175****(Question Serial No. 1776)**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 prevention of child abuse, domestic violence and suicide, please advise –

1. in each of the past 3 years, the respective numbers of cases involving child abuse, domestic violence and suicide received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the departments concerned; and
2. to address the above problems, the various support services provided by the Government to reduce the reoccurrence of these types of cases. Please list the relevant programmes and the annual expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 30)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Between 2013 and 2015, the numbers of newly reported cases of domestic violence (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) as collected by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases” and the “Child Protection Registry” of SWD are as follows –

Type	2013	2014	2015
Spouse/cohabitant battering case	3 836	3 917	3 382
Child abuse case	963	856	874
Total	4 799	4 773	4 256

Between 2013-14 and 2015-16, the number of cases involving suicide received by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) is provided below. SWD does not have the statistics of other departments on cases involving suicide.

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to December 2015)
191	158	128

2. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and individuals/families in need. These services are provided through the 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, Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. SWD also launches public education programmes every year to enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and prevention of domestic violence, with a view to motivating families at risk of domestic violence or individuals/families in need to receive various support services in a timely manner.

Regarding the prevention of suicide, SWD, apart from promoting mental health, identifying high risk cases and providing support and remedial services through mainstream services (including IFSCs, ISCs, Medical Social Services Units in hospitals and clinics, Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, School Social Work Service, Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres and Outreaching Social Work Teams), has also subsidised the Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong, a non-governmental organisation, to operate the Suicide Crisis Intervention Centre (SCIC), in order to provide specialised services (including outreaching service, immediate crisis intervention, intensive counselling and volunteer training groups, etc.) for emotionally disturbed persons, persons with suicide attempts, and relatives and friends of persons who committed suicide. SCIC has also set up e-mail boxes and chat-rooms in the internet and conducted regular searches of blogs and social media messages for early identification of internet users with suicidal tendency so as to facilitate their ventilation of negative emotion and provide them with timely support services. In addition, SCIC has uploaded case stories, produced short videos and set up resource corner, etc. in the internet to promote positive life attitude and provide information on related social services.

The expenditure on the above services in the past 3 years and 2016-17 is as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$million)
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised estimate)	2,724.2
2016-17 (Estimate)	3,063.2

SWD does not have the expenditure specifically for handling domestic violence and suicide cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0176

(Question Serial No. 2175)

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 –

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?

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?

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;

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;

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;

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. 2032)

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 are continuing 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 –

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)	Total
Number of applications received ^[Note]	4 512	4 376	4 357	3 501	2 374	19 120
Number of applications declined	30	24	13	2	5	74

[Note] 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 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) with a breakdown by case nature was as follows –

Case nature	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	1 902	1 744	2 101	2 810	3 035
Permanent disability	428	380	487	562	549
Ill health	1 149	1 057	1 332	1 526	1 527
Single parent	3 951	3 529	4 237	5 264	5 394
Low-earnings	1 920	1 462	1 318	1 224	1 043
Unemployment	1 298	1 011	1 208	1 405	1 342
Others	1 359	1 278	918	611	556
Total	12 007	10 461	11 601	13 402	13 446

The estimated CSSA expenditure on CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (CSSA is on a household basis; and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation) was as follows –

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14	582
2014-15	823
2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	707

[Note] The expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years, and the revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates.

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0177

(Question Serial No. 0659)

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 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 policies 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 expenditure will be incurred in providing welfare benefits to the elderly persons aged 60 to 64 in 2016-17 (please provide a breakdown by welfare benefit)? Will the expenditure involve newly launched concessionary offers for the elderly?

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 32)

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 carers of elderly persons. 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, residential care services for the elderly, Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail Cases) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services are generally for elderly persons aged 65 or above. However, persons aged 60 to 64 who have proven needs for long-term care may also make applications. Day care centres/units for the elderly and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) also provide services 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 expenditure on Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) provided for elderly persons aged 60 to 64 from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	2013-14 (Actual) [Note 2]	2014-15 (Actual) [Note 2]	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) [Note 3]
Expenditure on SSA and CSSA [Note 1] (\$ million)	2,360	2,578	2,832

[Note 1] As CSSA cases are on a household basis, the actual expenditure or revised estimate are given as rough estimates.

[Note 2] The expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of SSA and CSSA standard rate in the relevant years.

[Note 3] The revised estimate for 2015-16 includes the payment of 2 additional months of SSA and CSSA standard rate in that year.

3. SWD does not have the information on the expenditure to be incurred in providing welfare benefits to elderly persons aged 60 to 64 in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0178

(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:

The elderly care industry faces shortage of manpower, with young people being reluctant to join the profession. It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 under Programme (3): Services for The Elderly that the Department will “implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme)”. In this connection, would the Department please advise –

1. the number of participants of the Navigation Scheme (including the Pilot Project on Multi-skills Workers Training) in the past 3 years. How many of them have continued working in elderly care services after the completion of the Navigation Scheme?
2. How much estimated expenditure will be allocated in 2016-17 for promoting the image of the elderly care industry and attracting young people to join? Please provide a breakdown by type of expenditure.
3. Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of the current policy in providing sufficient number of young people for the elderly care industry? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 33)

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 (pilot project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people 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 places with 211 trainees recruited at different times. As at end-December 2015, there were 92 trainees under the pilot project, with all of them having been arranged to take up work in RCHEs. Besides,

the Government also launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young persons to join the elderly or rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2015, there were about 160 trainees under the Navigation Scheme, with 134 of them having been arranged to take up work in elderly/rehabilitation care service units.

2. The Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme with a view to encouraging young persons to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. To encourage the participation of young persons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced posters and leaflets for distribution in secondary schools, study rooms and welfare organisations providing youth services. SWD also plans to further publicise the work of the Navigation Scheme before and after the release of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results.
3. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Navigation 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) in 2012 to facilitate the implementation of qualifications framework (QF) in the industry. 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. The Advisory Committee particularly encourages the training institutions to develop training programmes based on SCS and formulate articulate ladders between different levels of qualifications. Moreover, the Recognition of Prior Learning mechanism for the Elderly Care Service industry was launched in September 2015 to enable practitioners to receive recognition of the knowledge, skills and experience already acquired at the workplace. The Assessment Agency is the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology. With the implementation of QF, industry workers will have a better prospect in the elderly care industry as well as clearer path for advancement, which should help to attract more people to join the elderly care industry.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0179****(Question Serial No. 0668)**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: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 48)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 –

Scheme	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
TAVA Scheme	37.2	32.8	37.1
CLEIC Scheme	5.2	5.6	6.0
ERF	10.0	10.0	10.0

The numbers of beneficiaries of the TAVA Scheme, CLEIC Scheme and ERF in the past 3 years were as follows –

Scheme	Number of beneficiaries		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
TAVA Scheme	13 456	13 229	9 771
CLEIC Scheme	387	368	259
ERF	2 775	3 378	1 142

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0180****(Question Serial No. 0755)**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 students receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), with a breakdown by school type (i.e. kindergarten, primary school, secondary school and post-secondary institution) and by year (i.e. 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16) as follows –

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Kindergarten					
Primary school					
Secondary school					
Post-secondary institution					

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

The numbers of students on CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 by educational attainment are provided as follows –

Year	Educational attainment			
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others
2011-12 (as at end-December 2011)	11 688	35 581	53 434	1 537
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	10 595	33 110	44 327	5 911
2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)	9 714	30 464	38 952	5 909
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	9 422	29 011	35 173	4 700
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (Preliminary figure)	8 872	25 399	30 101	8 821 ^{Note}

^{Note} Including cases which have not yet been categorised.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0181

(Question Serial No. 0756)

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 information on the number of households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) which have children attending school, with a breakdown by school type (i.e. kindergarten, primary school, secondary school and post-secondary institution) and by year (i.e. 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16) as follows –

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Kindergarten					
Primary school					
Secondary school					
Post-secondary institution					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of CSSA cases broken down by educational attainment of children attending school and by year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0182****(Question Serial No. 0760)**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 children whose parents are both non-permanent residents of Hong Kong (HK) receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), as to be provided in the following table –

	Number of children whose parents are both non-permanent residents of HK receiving CSSA
2011-12	
2012-13	
2013-14	
2014-15	
2015-16	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 5 years was provided in the table below –

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2011	388
2012	400
2013	384
2014	386
2015	358

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0183****(Question Serial No. 0761)**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 households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with children whose parents are both non-permanent residents of Hong Kong (HK) as per the following table –

	Number of households on CSSA with children whose parents are both non-permanent residents of HK
2011-12	
2012-13	
2013-14	
2014-15	
2015-16	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 23)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases having children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past five years was provided in the table below –

Year (end-December)	Number of cases
2011	327
2012	328
2013	313
2014	317
2015	297

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0184****(Question Serial No. 0762)**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:

Please provide the number of successful applicants for the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development by district in 2015-16 as per the following table –

	Number of successful applicants for the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development
Central & Western	
Wan Chai	
Eastern	
Yau Tsim Mong	
Sham Shui Po	
Kowloon City	
Wong Tai Sin	
Kwun Tong	
Tsuen Wan	
Tuen Mun	
Yuen Long	
Northern	
Tai Po	
Sai Kung	
Sha Tin	
Kwai Tsing	
Islands	
Southern	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

The number of successful applicants for cash assistance under the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) is as follows –

Administrative district of SWD	Number of successful applicants
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	638
Eastern/Wan Chai	482
Kwun Tong	443
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	615
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	524
Sham Shui Po	565
Sha Tin	442
Tai Po/North	599
Yuen Long	708
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	738
Tuen Mun	504
Total	6 258

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0185****(Question Serial No. 0763)**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:

Please provide the number of unsuccessful applicants for the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development by district in 2015-16 as per the following table –

	Number of unsuccessful applicants for the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development
Central & Western	
Wan Chai	
Eastern	
Yau Tsim Mong	
Sham Shui Po	
Kowloon City	
Wong Tai Sin	
Kwun Tong	
Tsuen Wan	
Tuen Mun	
Yuen Long	
Northern	
Tai Po	
Sai Kung	
Sha Tin	
Kwai Tsing	
Islands	
Southern	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 25)Reply:

The number of unsuccessful applicants for cash assistance under the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) is as follows –

Administrative district of SWD	Number of unsuccessful applicants
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	0
Kwun Tong	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3
Sham Shui Po	1
Sha Tin	0
Tai Po/North	0
Yuen Long	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	0
Tuen Mun	0
Total	5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0186****(Question Serial No. 0766)**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 Child Development Fund (CDF), please advise this Committee of the number of confirmed participants since the establishment of CDF and the number of participants each year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 29)Reply:

Since its establishment in April 2008, CDF has rolled out 5 batches of projects operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and 2 batches of school-based pilot projects. The number of participating children in CDF projects is as follows –

Batch number	Year of implementation	Number of participating children
Projects operated by NGOs		
1	2009-2012	728
2	2010-2013	1 454
3	2012-2015	2 038
4	2014-2016	2 193 (as at end-December 2015)
5	2015-2018	2 870 (as at end-December 2015)
School-based pilot projects		
1	2014-2017	442 (as at end-December 2015)
2	2015-2018	558 (as at end-January 2016)
Total		10 283

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0187****(Question Serial No. 1329)**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 each year between 2011-12 and 2015-16,

- a) please list the respective numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery services among the cases of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)). If no statistics are available, please explain why. Will relevant statistics be compiled in the future for getting additional resources?
- b) please list the respective numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities being given meal delivery services on holidays among the cases of IHCS(OC). If no statistics are available, please explain why. Will relevant statistics be compiled in the future for getting additional resources?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities having received meal delivery services under IHCS(OC) from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

The numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities having received meal delivery services under IHCS(OC) for 2013-14 to 2015-16 as at March (or December) in that year are provided as follows –

Financial year	No. of persons having received meal delivery services ^[Note]
2013-14 (as at March 2014)	8 856
2014-15 (as at March 2015)	8 734
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	8 759

^[Note] The figures cover elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs.

- b) SWD does not have the numbers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities having received meal delivery services on holidays under IHCS(OC) from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0188

(Question Serial No. 1330)

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 2011-12 to 2015-16, please provide for each year –

- a) the number of elderly users of Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) receiving meal deliveries;
- b) the number of elderly users of IHCS(FC) receiving meal deliveries on holidays;
- c) the number of elderly users of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) receiving meal deliveries;
- d) the number of elderly users of EHCCS receiving meal deliveries on holidays.

If no data have been kept, please explain why and indicate if relevant statistics will be kept in the future for getting additional resources.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) & b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the numbers of elderly persons having received meal delivery services under IHCS(FC) for 2011-12 to 2015-16.
- c) The number of elderly persons having received meal delivery services under EHCCS for 2011-12 to 2015-16 as at March (or December) in that year is provided as follows –

Financial year	No. of elderly persons having received meal delivery services
2011-12 (as at March 2012)	805
2012-13 (as at March 2013)	1 041
2013-14 (as at March 2014)	939
2014-15 (as at March 2015)	975
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	1 137

- d) SWD does not have the numbers of elderly persons having received meal delivery services on holidays under EHCCS from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0189

(Question Serial No. 1331)

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 the completion of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please tell us how many elderly persons have withdrawn from the option of waitlisting for community or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism as a result of participating in the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme is being implemented in 2 phases. The First Phase, launched in September 2013, is still ongoing. As at end-December 2015, the cumulative number of elderly persons issued with service vouchers was 2 794, and 82 of them had chosen to withdraw from the Central Waiting List and stop waitlisting for subsidised community care services and/or residential care services subsequent to participating in the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0190

(Question Serial No. 1332)

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 second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme),

- a) what is the progress of the preparatory work for the second phase amid voices of opposition against the participation of private sector operators?
- b) what is the financial provision for the second phase?
- c) please explain how the various values of service vouchers are calculated and by what criteria.
- d) please list in detail the targets and service volume corresponding to service vouchers of different values.
- e) please provide the list of service providers and the number of places available under the second phase respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is now carrying out preparatory work and expects to launch the second phase of the Pilot Scheme in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- b) SWD launches the second phase of the Pilot Scheme with a funding from the Lotteries Fund of about \$640 million, which covers the Government subsidy on voucher value and a seed money grant to recognised service providers (RSPs) to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme.
- c) Taking into account the current service utilisation by elderly people receiving subsidised community care service, SWD has set 5 different voucher values (i.e. \$8,300, \$7,000, \$6,250, \$5,000 and \$3,500 at 2015-16 price level) for the second

phase of the Pilot Scheme for elderly people to choose the service volume according to their own care needs. The service voucher of the highest value (\$8,300) is comparable to the current unit cost at subsidised day care centres and could meet the service needs of elderly people who require full-time-centre-based service. The lowest service voucher value (\$3,500) is comparable to the utilisation of service by elderly people using the least volume of service under the current subsidised community care service, meeting the needs of elderly people who require the most basic long-term care but not much conventional service support in their daily life. The service voucher value of \$6,250 is the same as the voucher value in the first phase and is meant to make it convenient for service users in the first phase to migrate to the second phase. There are also the other 2 service voucher values (\$5,000 and \$7,000) under the scheme to meet the service needs of other elderly persons.

- d) In the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, service voucher holders will be able to choose Centre-based community care services (CCS) only (full-time or part-time), Home-based CCS only or a mixture of the two based on their individual needs. RSPs may set the price of individual community care service items (like meal delivery, rehabilitation service, personal care service and nursing care service, etc), subject to a ceiling approved by SWD. Voucher holders may choose the suitable service voucher value and service items based on their own needs. Notwithstanding the said flexibility, RSPs will be required to provide full-time service, that is not less than 12 sessions of day care service per week (at least 4 hours for each session) for voucher holders choosing the single mode centre-based service at the highest voucher value (\$8,300 at the 2015-16 price level).
- e) SWD will invite eligible organisations to apply to become RSPs in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. A list of the service providers and the number of places provided are expected to be announced in the second or third quarter of 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0191

(Question Serial No. 1333)

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 mentioned in the 2014 Policy Address that regarding residential care service vouchers for the elderly, “the Elderly Commission (EC) would be asked to, in the year that followed, conduct a review and submit a report to the Government.” According to Government papers, the report should have been submitted in mid-2015. However, the residential voucher scheme, following voices of opposition arising from an incident last year at the Cambridge Nursing Home, was delayed pending a supplementary study to be conducted.

- a) What is the progress of the study on the feasibility of the initiative?
- b) When will the feasibility report be published and how will it be disseminated?
- c) The whole feasibility study involved an expenditure of \$1.4 million originally, but has the amount of funding from the Government been changed now that the scheme is delayed?
- d) With the scheme delayed, can the Government now first transfer the earmarked \$800 million back to Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for the number of places to be increased so that more elderly people can benefit, get more support and age in place. If no, why?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The working group under the EC commenced a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly since July 2014. The consultant team commissioned by the EC made preliminary recommendations with respect to the feasibility study in January 2015 and conducted a public engagement exercise in February 2015 to consult stakeholders about their views on the preliminary recommendations. The Government and the consultant team also reported to the Panel on Welfare Services and listened to the views of the Legislative Council Members and relevant bodies in February and March 2015.

In view of the public's concern about the service quality of residential care homes, the working group invited the consultant team to further examine the preliminary recommendations, especially on aspects including the quality assurance mechanism, complaint handling procedures and case management arrangements of the pilot scheme in June 2015. It is expected that the entire study will be completed by the middle of this year. The expenditure involved for the feasibility study is about \$1.43 million. The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for the implementation of the three-year pilot scheme, under which a total of 3 000 service vouchers will be issued in phases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0192

(Question Serial No. 1334)

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 elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs using Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)), please provide the following information by District Council district for 2015-16 –

- a) the respective numbers of places;
- b) the respective numbers of cases served in the whole year;
- c) the respective numbers of persons on the waiting list and the corresponding service contents.

If no data have been kept, please explain why and indicate if relevant statistics will be kept in the future for getting additional resources.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) & b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the numbers of places and the numbers of cases served in the whole year regarding elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs using IHCS(OC) broken down by District Council district. The number of places and the number of cases served in the whole year under IHCS(OC) broken down by District Council district for 2015-16 are set out in Annex.
- c) SWD does not have the numbers of persons on the waiting list and the corresponding service contents regarding elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with special needs using IHCS(OC) broken down by District Council district.

**Number of Places and Number of Cases Served in the Whole Year under IHCS(OC)
(2015-16) (As at end-December 2015)**

District	No. of places ^[Note]	No. of cases served in the whole year
Central & Western	595	729
Eastern	1 491	1 887
Wan Chai	518	642
Southern	1 012	1 306
Islands	248	317
Kwun Tong	1 939	2 396
Wong Tai Sin	1 477	1 816
Sai Kung	398	516
Kowloon City	1 291	1 576
Yau Tsim Mong	916	1 162
Sham Shui Po	1 675	2 064
Sha Tin	1 419	1 728
Tai Po	685	882
North	1 127	1 495
Yuen Long	1 292	1 578
Tuen Mun	1 270	1 624
Tsuen Wan	378	520
Kwai Tsing	1 097	1 549
Total	18 828	23 787

^[Note] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0193****(Question Serial No. 1335)**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 Social Welfare Department's (SWD) introduction of the supplementary information sheet for referral of and application for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) in 2015,

- how many referral forms with a supplementary information sheet attached were/have been received?
- how many application forms with a supplementary information sheet attached were/have been received?
- what is the effectiveness of using the supplementary information sheet? Does it contribute to the formulation of development and waiting indicators? If no, please explain.
- please fill in the following table –

Referring organisation			Service organisation		
Referral of service	Status of application	No. of people	Referral of service	Outcome of application	No. of people
Household cleaning	Service available immediately		Household cleaning	Service available immediately	
	On waiting list			On waiting list	
	Service not required for the moment			Service not required for the moment	
	Application for standardised assessment required			Application for standardised assessment required	
Meal delivery	Service available immediately		Meal delivery	Service available immediately	
	On waiting list			On waiting list	
	Service not required for the moment			Service not required for the moment	
	Application for standardised assessment required			Application for standardised assessment required	

Referring organisation			Service organisation		
Referral of service	Status of application	No. of people	Referral of service	Outcome of application	No. of people
Escorting services for medical consultations	Service available immediately		Escorting services for medical consultations	Service available immediately	
	On waiting list			On waiting list	
	Service not required for the moment			Service not required for the moment	
	Application for standardised assessment required			Application for standardised assessment required	
Personal care	Service available immediately		Personal care	Service available immediately	
	On waiting list			On waiting list	
	Service not required for the moment			Service not required for the moment	
	Application for standardised assessment required			Application for standardised assessment required	

If statistics are not available, please explain why. Will relevant statistics be compiled in the future for getting additional resources?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

IHCS(OC) provide a range of community support services to elderly persons, people with disabilities and needy families living in the community. It is not necessary for elderly persons using IHCS(OC) to be assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Service of SWD. The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently operating IHCS(OC) will arrange services for elderly persons or put them on the waiting list as appropriate after assessing the conditions of the elderly persons. In order that IHCS(OC) applications are processed by NGOs under consistent standards and that suitable services are provided to elderly persons with urgent needs as soon as possible, SWD, assisted by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, worked out the supplementary information sheets jointly with the sector for use by frontline workers for handling application/case admission/case review. The supplementary information sheets have been formally in use since July 2015. While using as an operational tool for IHCS(OC), supplementary information sheets are not required to be submitted to SWD. Therefore, SWD does not have the data captured by the supplementary information sheets.

To tie in with the introduction of supplementary information sheets, SWD is revising the IHCS(OC) quarterly statistical forms which have to be submitted by IHCS teams to the Department on a regular basis, in order to collect relevant data for service review in future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0194****(Question Serial No. 1338)**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 2014-15 to 2015-16, please list the number of people having withdrawn from Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC)) and Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) respectively each year, as well as their reasons for withdrawal. If no data have been kept, please explain why and indicate if the relevant statistics will be kept in the future for getting additional resources.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

The number of people having exited EHCCS and the reasons for withdrawal each year from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex.

The number of elderly persons having exited IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons having exited IHCS	
	OC	FC
2014-15	6 124	377 ^[Note]
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	4 628	264 ^[Note]

^[Note] The number of people having exited IHCS(FC) includes cases of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture figures on cases of elderly persons among these cases.

SWD does not capture the reasons for elderly persons having exited IHCS(OC) or IHCS(FC).

**Number of People having Exited EHCCS and Reasons for Withdrawal
(From 2014-15 to 2015-16)**

Reason for withdrawal	No. of people having exited service	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Admission to residential care homes	451	422
Hospitalised	568	558
Deceased	462	467
Health improved without need for services	6	18
Others ^[Note]	526	521
Total	2 013	1 986

^[Note] Including those having admitted to day care units for the elderly, Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly and IHCS(OC), etc. SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0195****(Question Serial No. 1339)**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 let us know –

- a) the numbers of elderly persons assessed as slightly, moderately or severely impaired in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16; and
- b) the numbers 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 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 11)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The numbers of elderly persons assessed as mildly, moderately or severely impaired in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are tabulated as follows –

Level of impairment	No. of elderly persons	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Severely impaired	5 151	4 104
Moderately impaired	21 131	16 500
Mildly impaired	1 546	1 211

- b) The numbers of elderly persons assessed as “RCS only”, “CCS only” and “dual option” in each of the years from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are tabulated as follows –

Long-term care services matched	No. of elderly persons	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
RCS only	10 362	8 000
CCS only	402	370
Dual option	15 477	12 193

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0196

(Question Serial No. 1340)

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 paragraph 135 of the Budget Speech that “starting from 2016-17, a recurrent provision of \$17 million will be allocated annually to provide 160 additional day care places for the elderly”. Please set out the locations of such additional day care places for the elderly and their roll-out dates respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

Starting from 2016-17, the Government will allocate an additional full-year expenditure of \$17 million to provide about 160 additional day care places for the elderly. The 160 or so additional day care places will serve applicants residing in Tsuen Wan, Tuen Mun and Kwun Tong. Services are expected to commence in phases from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1341)

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 Budget Speech mentions in paragraph 135: “a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places, enhance existing residential care services and progressively upgrade 1 200 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)”. Please tell us –

- a) the types of homes with more subsidised residential care places for the elderly, the number of places offered, the addition in area, the amount of funding and the time of service commencement;
- b) the details regarding “upgrade 1 200 places” covering funding amount, criteria for selection of target places and how to upgrade.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The information on the provision is provided in the table below –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Full-year expenditure (\$ million)	Year of service commencement
Newly constructed contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) ^[Note 1]	210	53	2018-19
Making better use of space in subvented homes ^[Note 2]	23	3	2016-17
Newly constructed RCHEs under the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” ^[Note 3]	72	11	2016-17
Converting some of the non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in existing contract RCHEs into subsidised places ^[Note 4]	15	3	2017-18
Enhancing the service quality of the 6 existing contract RCHEs ^[Note 4]	528 ^[Note 5]	34	2017-18
Upgrading EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places ^[Note 6]	1 200	35	From 2016-17
Total	2 048	140 ^[Note 7]	

[Note 1] The newly constructed contract RCHEs will be provided in the Islands, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po.

[Note 2] The additional residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 3] The newly constructed RCHEs will be provided in Tsuen Wan.

[Note 4] The concerned contract RCHEs are located at Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Wong Tai Sin.

[Note 5] Including 70 DC places.

[Note 6] The participating RCHEs with EA2 places will provide services across all districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 7] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- b) From 2016-17 onwards, the Government will progressively upgrade 1 200 existing EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places, involving a full-year expenditure of some \$35 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite all RCHEs with EA2 places to participate in the scheme and consider their eligibility for upgrade taking into account their past service records and the demand for services in respective districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0198

(Question Serial No. 1342)

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 Budget Speech mentions in paragraph 135: “We have reserved space in 15 development projects or vacant buildings for the provision and conversion of existing facilities into residential care homes and day care centres for the elderly.” Please tell us the details regarding the “15 development projects or vacant buildings” covering progress, services offered, places offered, costs of provision and conversion as well as the time of service commencement.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The information about the 15 sites reserved for the provision and conversion of existing facilities into new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), RCHE-cum-day care units for the elderly and day care centres for the elderly is set out at Annex.

**Sites reserved for the provision and conversion of existing facilities into new RCHEs,
RCHE-cum-day care units for the elderly and day care centres for the elderly**

	District	Location	Estimate number of places (including subvented and non-subvented places) ^[Note 1]	Esitimated number of places of day care units for the elderly and day care centres for the elderly ^[Note 1]	Construction/conversion costs for new RCHEs/ RCHE-cum-day care units for the elderly/day care centres for the elderly (\$ million) ^[Note 2]
1	Eastern	Lei King Wan, Sai Wan Ho	100	-	Under planning
2	Sham Shui Po	Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6	100	-	55
3		Treasury Building	-	Day care centres for the elderly: 40	Under planning
4	Sai Kung	Former Sai Kung Central Primary School site	100	Day care units for the elderly: 30	Under planning
5	Sha Tin	Shek Mun Estate Phase 2	150	Day care units for the elderly: 30	109
6		Area 16 and Area 58D, Fo Tan	100	Day care centres for the elderly: 60	41
7	Tai Po	Former C.C.C. Kei Ching Primary School site in Fu Shin Estate	130	Day care centres for the elderly: 60	Under planning
8	North	Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	100	Day care centres for the elderly: 40	66
9		Queen's Hill, Fanling	100	Day care centres for the elderly: 60	Under planning
10	Yuen Long	West Rail Long Ping Station (North)	125	Day care units for the elderly: 20 Day care centres for the elderly: 60	73
11	Tuen Mun	Area 44	-	Day care centres for the elderly: 60	17
12		Former Kwong Choi Market	100	Day care centres for the elderly: 60	70
13		Area 29 West	100	-	Under planning
14		Former C.C.C. Kei Leung Primary School site in Leung King Estate	100	-	Under planning
15	Kwai Tsing	Former Police Married Quarters in Kwai Chung	100	Day care units for the elderly: 20	49

^[Note 1] The 15 projects are at different planning stages. The numbers of residential places and service places in some projects are preliminary estimates, which are subject to changes as the detailed arrangements of the projects are finalised. The projects are expected to commence service in phases from 2019-20.

^[Note 2] The construction/conversion costs for the projects are funded by the Lotteries Fund or the Capital Works Reserve Fund.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0199****(Question Serial No. 1343)**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 home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please provide the following information for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively –

- a) the yearly figures of the cases handled, places available, persons on the waiting list and the waiting time;
- b) the number of users of various services –

Services		
Nursing care service		
Rehabilitation training		
Personal care service		
Carer support service		
Home respite service		
Social work service		
Meal support service		

- c) the service cost per case;
- d) the total financial provision for each year; and
- e) the number of service users waiting for residential care services.

If no data have been kept, please explain why and indicate if the relevant statistics will be kept in the future for the purpose of getting additional resources.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 18)Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows –

- a) The 6 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating HCS across the territory served a total of 1 595 and 2 612 cases in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (April to December) respectively. The number of places for HCS is about 3 250 each year. At present there are still vacant places available.

- b) The number of HCS users by service type is at the Annex.
- c) Since the needs of individual service users and the services required differ, Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the service cost per case under HCS.
- d) The actual expenditure on HCS in 2014-15 was about \$230 million. Since 2015-16, the provision for HCS has been given on a monthly basis according to the number of cases served by NGOs delivering HCS. As the number of cases served by NGOs in individual months in 2015-16 was below the levels agreed with SWD, the provision they received was adjusted downward accordingly, resulting in a reduced provision as against that in 2014-15. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is about \$190 million.
- e) In 2014-15 and 2015-16 (April to December), there were 180 and 101 persons respectively among the users of HCS waiting for residential care services for severely disabled persons.

Number of HCS users by service type

Services	Financial Year	
	2014-15	2015-16 (April to December)
Nursing care service (no. of sessions ^[Note])	9 484	10 409
Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions ^[Note])	13 723	21 235
Personal care service (no. of hours)	22 701	26 637
Carer support activities (frequency)	106	77
Home respite service (no. of persons)	348	453
Social work service (no. of persons)	1 595	2 612
Meal support service (no. of persons)	11	10

^[Note] 45 minutes per session.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0200

(Question Serial No. 1590)

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 last year's Budget, the Government will allocate \$130 million to strengthen child care services by providing 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 the following –

- a. How many financial years it will take to provide the 5 000 additional places? (Please provide the distribution of the 5 000 places, the breakdown of expenditure and their implementation time table by the 18 districts);
- b. The number and utilisation rate of EHS places in 2015 (Please provide the details by the 18 districts);
- c. According to the reply (LWB(WW)0166) in the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure last year, the numbers and utilisation rates of EHS places from April to December 2014 in some of the 18 districts such as Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Wong Tai Sin had reached 90-100%. Has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided more places in these districts? What are the details?
- d. In relation to the above question, the utilisation rates in some districts such as Central & Western, Islands, Sai Kung and Sha Tin were quite low. Has SWD considered adjusting the places of these districts to optimise the use of resources? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. to c. SWD will provide in phases about 5 000 additional places of EHS at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand starting from 2015-16, so that more pre-primary children in need (aged below 6) can continue

to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$127 million. SWD has initially added about 1 200 places in 2015-16 (involving Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Wong Tai Sin). As at December 2015, there were a total of 2 204 places (including original and additional places) territory-wide. The number of places and average utilisation rate by district are set out in the Annex. SWD will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts.

- d. EHS is a support service attached to the pre-primary institutions, with the objective of providing a safety net to prevent children from being left unattended. It also caters for the parents' need for longer hours of CCC service. By using this service, parents are able to join the workforce or participate in retraining programmes to enhance their capabilities to seek employment. In order to fully utilise EHS places, after reviewing the service and consulting with the operators, starting from September 2015, all operators may apply to SWD for re-distributing the places provided by them each year according to the utilisation rates in each district, provided that the total number of service places and service hours remain unchanged. SWD will continue to monitor the demand for EHS, its utilisation rates in various districts and the distribution of places.

**Number of Places and Average Utilisation Rate of EHS
(April to December 2015)**

District	Number of original places	Number of additional places	Total number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	52	22	74	40
Eastern	96	94	190	66
Islands	14	-	14	12
Kowloon City	66	82	148	53
Kwai Tsing	88	44	132	68
Kwun Tong	122	110	232	63
North	58	16	74	60
Sai Kung	56	24	80	64
Sha Tin	82	28	110	45
Sham Shui Po	76	82	158	84
Southern	58	12	70	66
Tai Po	66	30	96	68
Tsuen Wan	50	44	94	72
Tuen Mun	78	88	166	53
Wan Chai	56	38	94	58
Wong Tai Sin	84	112	196	83
Yau Tsim Mong	58	88	146	55
Yuen Long	70	60	130	59
Total:	1 230	974	2 204	63

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0201

(Question Serial No. 1591)

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 will increase in phases 3 800 places of Extended Hours Service (EHS) for eligible child care centres (CCCs). Would the Government please advise –

- a. whether the 3 800 places are among the 5 000 places mentioned in last year's Budget or are places in addition to the 5 000 places? And
- b. the distribution of the additional 3 800 places, the breakdown of expenditure and the implementation time table by the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

Starting from 2015-16, the Government will increase in phases about 5 000 places of EHS for aided CCCs and kindergarten-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand, so that more pre-primary children (aged below 6) in need can continue to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being attended by them, relieving some pressure on their working parents. The full-year expenditure for the addition of some 5 000 places is about \$127 million.

The Government has initially provided about 1 200 additional places in 2015-16 and will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 according to the demand in various districts. The Government will keep in view the utilisation of the service, and continue to consult the service operators on the implementation details of the remaining 3 800 places to be added. The number of additional places by district in 2015-16 (as at December 2015) is set out at the Annex.

**Number of additional EHS places already provided in 2015-16
(as at December 2015)**

District	Number of additional places already provided
Central & Western	22
Eastern	94
Islands	0
Kowloon City	82
Kwai Tsing	44
Kwun Tong	110
North	16
Sai Kung	24
Sha Tin	28
Sham Shui Po	82
Southern	12
Tai Po	30
Tsuen Wan	44
Tuen Mun	88
Wan Chai	38
Wong Tai Sin	112
Yau Tsim Mong	88
Yuen Long	60
Total	974 ^[Note]

^[Note] Of the 1 200 additional EHS places for 2015-16, 974 places had already been provided as at December 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0202****(Question Serial No. 2531)**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 Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) under this Programme, please provide the figures for last year and give the percentage of increase and decrease of these figures as compared with those of the preceding year –

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 for the year
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. 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 Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The relevant information on NSCCP for 2014-15 and 2015-16 (up to December 2015) 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 an estimated expenditure of \$40.10 million in 2016-17. Operators may arrange suitable staffing according to their operational needs.

**Table 1 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(2014-2015)**

District	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG [Note 1]	Number of child carers (December 2014)	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2]		Incentive payment for child carer per hour [Note 3]	Actual Expenditure in 2014-15 [Note 4]
			HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG		
Central & Western	53	60	482	3	24	24	20	\$36.10 million
Wan Chai	53	63	214	74	22	22	22	
Eastern	53	147	396	4	22	22	22	
Southern	53	37	339	25	20	12	20	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	183	772	252	20	13	20	
Sham Shui Po	53	97	751	177	20	13	20	
Kowloon City	53	369	559	86	20	13	20	
Wong Tai Sin	53	80	488	237	18	10	18	
Kwun Tong	53	53	506	198	20	13	21	
Kwai Tsing	53	82	287	538	18	13	21	
Tsuen Wan	53	55	505	20	20	13	20	
Tuen Mun	53	53	915	161	20	13	22	
Yuen Long	53	54	832	413	18	13	22	
North	53	89	399	85	18	13	20	
Tai Po	53	90	673	44	20	13	18	
Sha Tin	53	87	669	11	20	13	22	
Sai Kung	53	76	908	-	20	13	18	
Islands	53	21	364	-	22	15	20	
Total	954	1 696	10 059	2 328	-	-	-	

[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.

**Table 2 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(April to December 2015)**

District	Minimum number of places for HCCS and CCG [Note 1]	Number of child carers (December 2015)	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2]		Incentive payment for child carer per hour [Note 3]	Revised Estimate in 2015-16 [Note 4]
			HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG		
Central & Western	53	38	423	5	24	24	20	\$32.80 million
Wan Chai	53	40	105	154	22	22	22	
Eastern	53	101	385	10	22	22	22	
Southern	53	37	235	21	20	12	20	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	193	617	212	20	13	20	
Sham Shui Po	53	110	607	215	20	13	20	
Kowloon City	53	418	471	11	20	13	20	
Wong Tai Sin	53	122	375	230	18	10	18	
Kwun Tong	53	61	483	176	20	13	21	
Kwai Tsing	53	81	482	253	18	13	21	
Tsuen Wan	53	63	459	-	20	13	20	
Tuen Mun	53	139	917	49	20	13	22	
Yuen Long	53	65	643	346	18	13	22	
North	53	91	365	23	18	13	20	
Tai Po	53	83	583	73	20	13	18	
Sha Tin	53	97	558	28	20	13	22	
Sai Kung	53	59	642	16	20	13	18	
Islands	53	20	324	20	22	15	20	
Total	954	1 818	8 674	1 842	-	-	-	

[Note 1] With the additional resources provided by 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

(Question Serial No. 2532)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare,
(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 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 (CCCs), 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;
2. 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; and
3. it is stated in the Budget that the Government will continue to provide in phases an additional 3 800 places for child care services. How many additional places will be provided in each of the 18 districts? How much expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and SCCC in the past 3 financial years by District Council district are set out in Annex 1.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the waiting time for aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs and MHCCCs.

SWD operates the central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for SCCC services. Since the applicants of SCCC may indicate preference for more than 1 centre (i.e. they may be on the waiting list for more than 1 district), CRS 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	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Average waiting time (in months)	18.5	17.3	Not readily available

RCCCs are not district-based and SWD does not keep statistics on the number of places, the number of service users and the average waiting time for RCCCs by district. The overall figures for RCCCs in the past 3 financial years are listed below –

RCCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of places	212	212	212
Number of service users	259	269	239 ^[Note]
Average waiting time (in months)	2.6	2.9	Not readily available

[Note] Number of service users from April to December 2015.

2. The current number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of “full-day” CCC service (including aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs), EHS and OCCS by district are set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for these services.
3. Starting from 2015-16, SWD will increase about 5 000 EHS places in phases at aided CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand, so that more pre-primary children in need (aged below 6) can continue to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. SWD has initially provided about 1 200 additional places in 2015-16; and the measure will involve an estimated expenditure of about \$127 million. In 2015-16, 974 additional places had been provided as at December 2015, and a breakdown by district is set out in Annex 3. SWD will roll out in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts.

**Table 1 - Number of places and utilisation rate
in aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and SCCCs
(2013-14)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 1]		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 2]
Eastern	56	100	2 713	79	-	N.A.	84	100
Wan Chai	40	100	748	74	-	N.A.	120	100
Central & Western	40	100	1 162	63	14	18.9	12	91.7
Southern	-	N.A.	1 661	56	42	5.0	157	91.1
Islands	-	N.A.	1 081	33	11	5.6	30	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 456	87	56	9.9	66	100
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	829	88	14	14.8	186	98.9
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 221	67	-	N.A.	147	100
Kowloon City	56	100	3 106	86	-	N.A.	24	100
Yau Tsim Mong	88	99	1 245	90	14	-	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	37	17.1	205	99
Sha Tin	70	98	2 091	85	-	N.A.	138	100
Tai Po	-	N.A.	976	71	-	N.A.	84	97.6
North	48	100	704	78	14	3.3	108	99.1
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	42	3.5	108	98.1
Tsuen Wan	70	100	1 144	83	14	3.2	168	98.8
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 138	88	42	3.8	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 481	72	14	-	120	100
Total	690	100	25 575	77	314	7.9	1 757	98.6

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

[Note 2]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2014 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3]

SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

**Table 2 - Number of places and utilisation rate
in aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and SCCCs
(2014-15)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 1]		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 2]
Eastern	64	100	3 040	77	-	N.A.	96	100
Wan Chai	48	99	749	80	-	N.A.	120	98.3
Central & Western	40	100	1 318	57	14	22.5	12	66.7
Southern	-	N.A.	1 492	62	42	0.9	157	98.1
Islands	-	N.A.	1 094	38	11	1.6	30	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 555	91	56	12	66	100
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	807	92	14	13.8	186	99.5
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 321	68	-	N.A.	147	100
Kowloon City	64	97	3 708	82	-	N.A.	30	100
Yau Tsim Mong	96	99	1 262	88	14	0.1	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	37	17.2	205	100
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	-	N.A.	138	98.6
Tai Po	-	N.A.	1 011	76	14	10.9	84	97.6
North	48	100	728	93	14	1.7	108	97.2
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	42	2.4	108	97.2
Tsuen Wan	70	100	1 185	83	14	6.5	168	100
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 192	89	42	6.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	-	N.A.	120	100
Total	722	99	27 012	79	314	8.0	1 775	98.9

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

[Note 2]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2015 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3]

SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

**Table 3 - Number of places and utilisation rate
in aided standalone CCCs, KG-cum-CCCs, MHCCCs and SCCCs
(April to December 2015)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs [Note 1]		MHCCCs		SCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%) [Note 2]
Eastern	64	100	2 817	75	-	N.A.	96	100
Wan Chai	48	100	773	77	-	N.A.	120	99.2
Central & Western	48	100	1 359	53	14	27.6	12	83.3
Southern	-	N.A.	1 494	56	42	0.2	157	95.5
Islands	-	N.A.	956	42	-	N.A.	30	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 436	89	56	12.7	66	100
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	807	85	14	15.1	186	96.8
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 296	67	-	N.A.	147	100
Kowloon City	64	94	3 911	78	-	N.A.	30	100
Yau Tsim Mong	96	97	1 177	86	14	0.1	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100	915	82	37	26.6	205	97.6
Sha Tin	70	100	2 012	88	-	N.A.	138	100
Tai Po	-	N.A.	858	77	14	10.3	84	100
North	48	100	681	90	14	5.0	108	99.1
Yuen Long	64	100	1 119	100	42	2.8	108	98.1
Tsuen Wan	76	100	1 269	82	14	1.5	168	100
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 123	90	42	8.2	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 460	82	-	N.A.	120	100
Total	736	99	26 463	77	303	10.0	1 775	98.7

[Note 1]

Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

[Note 2]

Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-December 2015 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3]

SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

**Number of places and utilisation rate
in full-day CCC service, EHS and OCCS by district
(April to December 2015)**

District	Full-day CCC service				EHS		OCCS	
	Aided standalone CCCs		KG-cum-CCCs ^[Note]					
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	424	54	74	40	13	37
Southern	-	N.A.	335	58	70	66	18	74
Islands	-	N.A.	263	42	14	12	13	63
Eastern	64	100	501	73	190	66	22	48
Wan Chai	48	100	254	73	94	58	10	75
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	577	88	232	63	50	75
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	403	86	196	83	34	70
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	486	68	80	64	20	74
Kowloon City	64	94	793	79	148	53	22	65
Yau Tsim Mong	96	97	315	86	146	55	22	61
Sham Shui Po	62	100	358	83	158	84	26	89
Sha Tin	70	100	438	89	110	45	30	53
Tai Po	-	N.A.	270	78	96	68	17	72
North	48	100	218	91	74	60	16	63
Yuen Long	64	100	385	100	130	59	34	61
Tsuen Wan	76	100	277	81	94	72	20	47
Kwai Tsing	32	100	375	90	132	68	34	72
Tuen Mun	64	100	465	82	166	53	33	63
Total	736	99	7 137	78	2 204	63	434	66

^[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

**Number of additional EHS places already provided in 2015-16
(as at December 2015)**

District	Number of additional places already provided
Central & Western	22
Eastern	94
Islands	0
Kowloon City	82
Kwai Tsing	44
Kwun Tong	110
North	16
Sai Kung	24
Sha Tin	28
Sham Shui Po	82
Southern	12
Tai Po	30
Tsuen Wan	44
Tuen Mun	88
Wan Chai	38
Wong Tai Sin	112
Yau Tsim Mong	88
Yuen Long	60
Total	974 ^[Note]

^[Note] Of the 1 200 additional EHS places for 2015-16, 974 places had already been provided as at December 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0204

(Question Serial No. 2533)

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 Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in this Programme, would the Government please advise the following –

1. It is stated under the Indicators that the number of SSA cases is estimated to increase further by 26 000 next year as compared with this year. What are the reasons?
2. Please set out the number of cases under the SSA Scheme in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by type of allowances, namely Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Disability Allowance (DA), and also state clearly the number of cases under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme.
3. According to the Department's reply last year, the Department did not have any plan to employ additional staff for the past year. Given that there will be a further increase of more than 20 000 cases this year, is it necessary for the Department to employ additional staff? If yes, what are the details and what is the expenditure involved?
4. Please provide the staff establishment of the Social Security Branch, as well as the average number of cases handled by each officer of the Social Security Assistant Grade and Social Security Officer Grade in the past 2 years and in the coming year. If no relevant figures are available, how does the Department assess the workload of these officers?
5. Please provide the average processing time for each new case of various allowances under the SSA Scheme, namely OAA, OALA, DA and the GD Scheme.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The caseload under the SSA Scheme for 2016-17 is estimated to be higher than that in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate after taking into account the growing trend in the population of Hong Kong.
2. The numbers of cases of OAA, OALA, the GD Scheme and DA in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were as follows –

Type of allowance	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
OAA	215 078	222 365
OALA	417 593	429 244
GD Scheme	17 145	16 199
DA	129 125	134 392
Total	778 941	802 200

3. Regarding social security, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will have a net increase of 31 posts in 2016-17 including the Social Security Officer grade, Social Security Assistant grade and clerical grade. The new posts will mainly be deployed to handle the estimated additional cases under the SSA Scheme and to prevent fraud relating to social security assistance. The full-year expenditure involved is \$8.2 million.
4. The Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) has an establishment of about 1 500 posts in each year from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

The numbers of cases handled by SSFUs from 2014-15 to 2016-17 are as follows –

Year	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme	SSA Scheme
2014-15 (Actual)	299 045	836 723
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	289 000	867 000
2016-17 (Estimate)	284 000	893 000

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 therefore 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. Nevertheless, SWD will deploy suitable manpower and seek additional resources as and when required.

5. SWD does not capture the average processing time broken down by various allowances under the SSA Scheme. It is estimated that the average time for processing one new SSA case in 2015-16 is 27 days.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0205

(Question Serial No.1722)

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 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will (SWD) will launch a pilot project on child care training for grandparents. Please advise this Committee of the number of places of this project as well as the estimated expenditure and the staffing establishment involved.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No.14)

Reply:

In March 2016, the Government launched a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project and the expenditure of some \$3.3 million incurred will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from SWD and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0206

(Question Serial No. 1724)

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 2016-17, the cost per place per month of care-and-attention (C&A) homes providing a continuum of care has decreased from \$14,624 in 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) to \$14,490 in this year's Estimate. What are the reasons for the estimated decrease in the cost?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year provides Infirmary Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement for subvented C&A homes to employ additional staff to take care of infirm elderly persons and those with dementia. The relevant expenditure is covered within the estimated cost per place per month for each C&A place providing a continuum of care each year. To further assist residential care homes in providing a continuum of care for these elderly persons, SWD provided eligible subvented C&A homes with an additional one-off "special grant for enhancing infirmary care and care for those with dementia" in 2015-16, with the relevant expenditure also covered within the respective revised estimate for 2015-16. This additional special grant was on a one-off basis and is not applicable to the calculation of the estimated cost per place per month for each C&A places providing a continuum of care in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0207

(Question Serial No. 1725)

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:

During 2016-17, the Department will continue to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme). Would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. the number of trainees under the Navigation Scheme at present;
2. the estimated number of new trainees to be recruited in the next intake;
3. the expenditure of the Navigation Scheme in the past year; and
4. the estimated expenditure of the Navigation Scheme this year?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked about \$147 million for the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years. The Social Welfare Department has selected 5 non-governmental organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at end-December 2015, 3 of the organisations had recruited a total of about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17. The revised estimate for the Navigation Scheme for 2015-16 is around \$24.9 million, while the estimate for 2016-17 is \$69.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0208

(Question Serial No. 2354)

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 Government said it had earmarked a funding allocation of \$32.64 million a year to implement the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme). The actual number of places purchased and the expenditure involved would depend on the number of participants in the Pilot Scheme. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the number of elderly persons who expressed interest in the Scheme in 2015-16;
2. the actual number of places purchased by the Government from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights located in Shenzhen, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly located in Zhaoqing, in 2015-16;
3. the respective numbers of persons who withdrew from the two residential care homes in 2015-16;
4. the relevant expenditure incurred by the Scheme in 2015-16;
5. the estimated number of participants in the Scheme and the expenditure involved in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The Pilot Scheme was rolled out in June 2014. As at end-December 2015, 272 elderly persons had expressed interest in joining the Pilot Scheme, among whom 84 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen, while 14 chose to reside in Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home in Zhaoqing. Of these elderly persons, 6 residing in Shenzhen and 2 residing in Zhaoqing had passed away or left the scheme due to other reasons.

4. The revised estimate for the Pilot Scheme for 2015-16 was about \$7.6 million.
5. The purpose of implementing the Pilot Scheme is to provide an additional service option for elderly persons waitlisting 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 needs on residential care services in the Mainland. In deciding whether to reside in residential care homes in Guangdong, elderly persons have their own considerations. We therefore cannot estimate how many people will be joining the Pilot Scheme and the expenditure involved in the coming year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0209

(Question Serial No. 2355)

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:

Last year, given the positive response to the “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project), the Government 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, planning to provide a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years. Would the Government provide the following information –

1. the numbers of trainees who have completed the Pilot Project and stayed in the elderly care service sector, those who have completed the Pilot Project without working in the elderly care service sector, those who are still under training and those who have withdrawn from the Pilot Project;
2. the respective numbers of trainees who are under training for elderly care services and rehabilitation services under the Navigation Scheme; and
3. the expenditure incurred by this scheme in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Government launched a “first-hire-then-train” pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people 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 places with 211 trainees recruited at different times. As at end-December 2015, there were a total of 92 trainees under the Pilot Project, with all of them having been arranged to take up work in RCHEs. Among them, 39 trainees have already completed a two-year part-time diploma course subsidised by the Government, while the remaining 53 trainees were still attending the course and a total of 119 trainees had left the Pilot Project.

2. As at end-December 2015, there were about 160 trainees under the Navigation Scheme, with 123 and 11 of them having been arranged to take up work in elderly service units and in rehabilitation service units respectively.
3. The revised estimate for the Navigation Scheme is around \$24.9 million for 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2356)

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:

Under this Programme, one of the reasons for the provision for 2016-17 being 8.6% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16 is because of provision for strengthening the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Would the Government please advise –

1. the details of the inspection and monitoring of RCHEs in 2015-16, including the numbers of surprise inspections conducted, complaints investigated, advisory letters issued and warning letters issued;
2. the actual expenditure incurred;
3. the specific details of strengthening the inspection and monitoring of RCHEs in 2016-17; and
4. the estimated expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) conducted 3 949 surprise inspections, investigated 205 complaints and issued 2 028 advisory letters and 297 warning letters to RCHEs.
2. The revised estimate for LORCHE for 2015-16 is \$43.7 million.

3. & 4. SWD plans to re-organise the LORCHE and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the 2 offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0211

(Question Serial No. 2357)

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 107 additional non-directorate posts in 2016-17. Please set out in detail the grade, nature of work and expenditure incurred by the posts to be created or deleted under each programme.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The full-year expenditure involved in the net increase of 107 posts is about \$49 million. Details of the posts are set out in the Annex.

Programme	Number and type(s) of posts/Nature of Work	Full-year expenditure involved in net creation of posts (\$ million) ^[Note]
(1) Family and Child Welfare	<p>Net increase of 2 posts in the Social Work Officer grade.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to strengthen the manpower of the Integrated Family Service Centres.</p>	0.8
(2) Social Security	<p>Net increase of 31 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and clerical grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to cope with the increase in caseload arising from implementation of recommendations in the review on Disability Allowance, as well as strengthen the prevention and handling of fraud relating to social security assistance.</p>	8.2
(3) Services for The Elderly	<p>Net increase of 59 posts in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Station Officer, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Registered Nurse and clerical grades, as well as supporting general grades.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively strengthen the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for the elderly, as well as strengthen support services for the elderly by implementing the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly and Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.</p>	31.4
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	<p>Net increase of 15 posts in the Social Work Officer, Quantity Surveyor, Building Services Inspector and clerical grades, as well as supporting general grade.</p> <p>The new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively strengthen the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, strengthen medical social services for Child Assessment Centres, set up a Medical Social Services Unit in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital, as well as support the implementation of works projects relating to welfare facilities.</p>	8.6

[Note] Based on notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0212

(Question Serial No. 2358)

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, by District Council district, the breakdown of the following for 2015-16 and 2016-17 –

1. for Extended Hours Service (EHS), the numbers of centres for each district, the service places allocated to each district, the service fee per hour, the utilisation rate of the service, the number of children on the waiting list and the average waiting time; and
2. under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the numbers of child carers and children using the services, the service fee per hour, utilisation rate of the service, the number of children on the waiting list and the average waiting time.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

In 2015-16 (as at December 2015), information on the numbers of EHS places for each district, the service fee per hour and the utilisation rate for EHS; as well as the numbers of child carers under NSCCP and children using the NSCCP services and the basic service fee per hour under NSCCP are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of children on the waiting list and the average waiting time for the above services.

SWD does not have relevant information on the above services for 2016-17 at present.

**Table 1 – Extended Hours Services (EHS)
(April to December 2015)**

District	Number of Centres	Number of places	Service fee per hour ^[Note 1]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	6	74	\$13	40
Eastern	13	190		66
Islands	1	14		12
Kowloon City	11	148		53
Kwai Tsing	13	132		68
Kwun Tong	17	232		63
North	5	74		60
Sai Kung	6	80		64
Sha Tin	9	110		45
Sham Shui Po	12	158		84
Southern	5	70		66
Tai Po	7	96		68
Tsuen Wan	6	94		72
Tuen Mun	13	166		53
Wan Chai	5	94		58
Wong Tai Sin	12	196		83
Yau Tsim Mong	9	146		55
Yuen Long	11	130		59
Total:	161	2 204		63

^[Note 1] Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties may apply for waiving/reduction of fees.

**Table 2 – Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)
(April to December 2015)**

District	Number of child carers	Number of children using the services	Average basic service fee per hour ^[Note 2]	
			Home-based child care service	Centre-based care group service
Central & Western	38	423	24	24
Wan Chai	40	227	22	22
Eastern	101	390	22	22
Southern	37	255	20	12
Yau Tsim Mong	193	734	20	13
Sham Shui Po	110	812	20	13
Kowloon City	418	478	20	13
Wong Tai Sin	122	599	18	10
Kwun Tong	61	642	20	13
Kwai Tsing	81	713	18	13
Tsuen Wan	63	459	20	13
Tuen Mun	139	945	20	13
Yuen Long	65	913	18	13
North	91	376	18	13
Tai Po	83	626	20	13
Sha Tin	97	583	20	13
Sai Kung	59	644	20	13
Islands	20	339	22	15
Total	1 818	10 158	-	-

[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 waiving/reduction of fees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0213

(Question Serial No. 2584)

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 aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and aided kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) which operate occasional child care service (OCCS) and/or extended hours service (EHS), please advise the specific measures taken to strengthen supervision and the types of administrative support provided; as well as the expenditure and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has allocated resources to 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, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$5.60 million, is to assist staff in the 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

LWB(WW)0214

(Question Serial No. 2585)

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 day care places for the elderly will be added across all districts in Hong Kong in 2016-17? Of these additional places, how many will be provided for each of the various services, including full-time services, part-time services and respite services? Please give the details in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The additional 70 day care places for the elderly in 2016-17 will cater for the applicants living in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts and about 10 designated respite places will be added. Individual day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) could also make use of casual vacancies of day care places to provide respite service. Moreover, the DEs/DCUs will provide 20 places for extended hours service (i.e. from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. extended to 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and service sessions from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays) to cater for the elderly in need. Since some elderly persons only stay at DEs/DCUs for half a day or do not attend every day, it is therefore possible for DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The Social Welfare Department has not specified the number of full-time and part-time users of DEs/DCUs. Service operators are required to arrange services for the service users based on their care needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0215

(Question Serial No. 2586)

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 2016-17” that the Government will strengthen the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). What is the current staffing establishment? And what additional staffing establishment and expenditure will be involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

A multi-disciplinary team of 38 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is tasked to conduct inspections on RCHEs to ensure that their services meet statutory requirements. SWD plans to re-organise LORCHE and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. The proposed new branch will be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), covering Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0216

(Question Serial No. 3052)

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 staff will be provided by the Government for integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and integrated services centres (ISCs)? What are the staffing establishment and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for IFSCs in 2016-17 is \$961.1 million. For the IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department, 2 frontline social worker posts will be added, involving a full-year expenditure of about \$1.1 million. As regards the 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, the NGOs concerned have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0217

(Question Serial No. 3268)

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:

How many additional places of day care, residential care and pre-school services across all districts in Hong Kong will be provided for disabled children in 2016-17? Please give the details in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

The number of additional places of pre-school rehabilitation services to be provided in 2016-17 is provided as follows –

	Number of additional places
Early education and training centres	287
Special child care centres	142

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0218****(Question Serial No. 0197)**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) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) under this Programme, would the Government please advise –

1. the number of cases and the average waiting time for the services with a breakdown by age and level of disability of the service users over the past 3 years;
2. the main factors being taken into consideration by the Government in prioritising the applicants on the waiting list?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The average waiting time for IHCS and EHCCS over the past 3 years is provided as follows –

Financial year	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the past 3 months)
2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	7
2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)	9
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	6

As it takes time for the data to be collated, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is not able to provide at this stage the number of cases currently receiving IHCS (Frail Cases (FC)) with breakdown by age group or level of impairment of the service users for 2015-16. SWD does not capture the number of cases currently receiving EHCCS with breakdown by level of impairment.

The number of elderly cases currently receiving IHCS(FC) and EHCCS with breakdown by age group of the service users and the number of elderly cases currently receiving IHCS(FC) with breakdown by level of impairment as assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) from 2013-14 to 2014-15 are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of Elderly Cases Currently Receiving IHCS(FC) by Age Group

Financial year	2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)
Age	No. of cases currently receiving services	No. of cases currently receiving services
60 to 64	13	13
65 to 69	58	54
70 to 74	69	81
75 to 79	153	141
80 to 84	237	243
85 and above	431	466

Table 2: Number of Elderly Cases Currently Receiving EHCCS by Age Group

Financial year	2013-14 (As at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)
Age	No. of recipients currently receiving services	No. of recipients currently receiving services
60 to 64	89	94
65 to 69	253	279
70 to 74	398	432
75 to 79	874	896
80 to 84	1 443	1 601
85 and above	2 292	2 756

Table 3: Number of Elderly Cases Currently Receiving IHCS(FC) by Level of Impairment as Assessed under the SCNAMES

SCNAMES result	2013-14	2014-15
Moderately impaired	816	864
Severely impaired	110	105
N.A. ^[Note]	35	29

[Note] Cases received before the implementation of SCNAMES in 2000

- Applicants waiting for long term care services, including IHCS(FC) and EHCCS, with proven urgent needs for the relevant services will be specially considered by SWD for arrangement of priority services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0219****(Question Serial No. 0198)**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 regular and surprise inspections conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on residential care homes for the elderly and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services in each of the past 3 years, detailing the number of complaints investigated and advisory/warning letters issued with a breakdown by public and private sectors. What are the manpower and expenditure involved each year? Moreover, has SWD set up any new mechanism to enhance the publication of information on the inspections to the public? What are the manpower and expenditure involved in this regard?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

SWD monitors the service quality of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) through surprise inspections and service monitoring visits, as well as investigations into complaints, issuance of advisory/warning letters, etc.

In the past 3 years, the number of surprise inspections on RCHEs conducted, complaints investigated and advisory/warning letters issued by SWD was as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No. of surprise inspections	5 254	5 445	3 949
No. of complaints investigated	257	217	205
No. of advisory letters issued	3 204	3 028	2 028
No. of warning letters issued	364	320	297

In the past 3 years, the number of service monitoring visits conducted and advisory letters issued by SWD in respect of EHCCS was as follows –

SWD conducted 48, 26 and 30 service monitoring visits for EHCCS in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) respectively.

SWD did not issue any advisory letter regarding EHCCS in 2013-14 and 2014-15. For 2015-16, SWD issued a total of 6 advisory letters.

In the past 3 years, the number of SWD staff responsible for monitoring the service quality of RCHEs and EHCCS was 47 in 2013-14; 47 in 2014-15 and 50 in 2015-16.

As for SWD's expenditure on monitoring RCHEs and EHCCS in the past 3 years, the actual expenditure was \$43.8 million in 2013-14 and \$46.3 million in 2014-15; and the revised estimate is \$53.6 million for 2015-16.

SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0220

(Question Serial No. 0199)

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 amount of financial assistance provided to self-help organisations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses with a breakdown by type of target service users, in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

To foster the spirit of self-help and mutual help among persons with disabilities and their families/carers, the Social Welfare Department has since 2001 implemented a two-year time-defined Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses (Financial Support Scheme) to provide funding support to self-help organisations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses (self-help organisations). The numbers of self-help organisations which benefitted from the Financial Support Scheme in 2012-14 and 2014-16 were 68 and 79 respectively, involving funding allocation of about \$24.3 million and about \$29.43 million. The amounts of funding allocated by the Government for the two terms of the Financial Support Scheme broken down by type of target service users are set out in Annex.

Amount of Provision for Financial Support Scheme

	Term of Financial Support Scheme			
	2012-14		2014-16	
	Total amount of provision (For 2 years) (\$)	Number of self-help organisations (No.)	Total amount of provision (For 2 years) (\$)	Number of self-help organisations (No.)
Autism	375,000	(1)	390,000	(1)
Chronic illness/ visceral disability	14,460,140	(40)	16,861,742	(45)
Industrial injury or disease	1,036,800	(3)	1,148,280	(3)
Hearing impairment	1,123,250	(3)	1,600,000	(4)
Visual impairment	1,500,000	(4)	1,593,558	(5)
Mental illness	1,874,650	(5)	2,760,000	(7)
Persons with intellectual disability	1,242,500	(4)	1,742,800	(5)
Persons with Physical disability	815,000	(3)	1,288,360	(4)
Others	1,874,175	(5)	2,049,920	(5)
Total	24,301,515	(68)	29,434,660	(79)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0221****(Question Serial No. 0200)**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 by district the social work manpower deployed to subvented parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in each of the past 3 years and the subvention received by each centre. For some of the districts which do not have this type of resource centre, has the Government assessed the need for such service in these districts? In this connection, will the government consider increasing the number of subvented centres in the future?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 23)Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating PRCs have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided an additional full-year expenditure of around \$3.2 million in 2015-16 to increase the number of social workers in 6 subvented PRCs in order to enhance support to parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons. The amounts of annual funding allocation for the 6 PRCs in Hong Kong in the past 3 years were as follows –

Financial year	Annual funding allocation (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	13.2
2014-15 (Actual)	14.3
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	19.2

The 6 PRCs are located in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West, where relevant services are being provided to parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons. SWD has no plan at hand to increase the number of subvented PRCs, but 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 the target service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0222

(Question Serial No. 0201)

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)” under this Programme, the Government is going to launch the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme, with an additional 1 800 vouchers expected to be issued this year. With reference to Paragraph 12G of Legislative Council Paper No. “CB(2)574/15-16(03)”, the Social Welfare Department plans to set up a “Centralised Team” in “the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme”.

Please provide the establishment, ranks, expenditure and scope of work of these new posts in the “Centralised Team”.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The purpose of setting up the Centralised Team is to step up the monitoring of the services provided by the recognised service providers (RSPs) under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme) and provide assistance to voucher holders. In addition to monitoring the RSPs, the Centralised Team will also serve as the first point of contact for potential voucher users and provide dedicated support and assistance in collaboration with Responsible Worker to voucher holders including the provision of information on RSPs and assistance to elderly persons for making decisions in applying for vouchers, selecting RSPs and service packages, as well as switching RSPs when necessary, etc.

There will be a total of 7 additional posts under the establishment of the Centralised Team, including posts in the Social Work Officer and Clerical grades, involving a full-year expenditure of some \$3.5 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0223

(Question Serial No. 0331)

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 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 cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) involving elderly CSSA recipients failing to declare the cash received from family member as income in the past 2 years; and among them, the number of cases involving RCHEs;
3. the number of Old Age Living Allowance, Disability Allowance and Old Age Allowance recipients in various types of RCHEs in each of the past 2 years;
4. the number of complaints regarding financial disputes involving various types of RCHEs received by SWD in the past 2 years, and the number of such complaints involving the RCHEs and their residents;
5. 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; and the manpower and expenditure for the inspections of RCHEs in the coming year and whether there will be increased manpower and expenditure for the year.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, 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	2014-15	
	No. of elderly recipients	Average amount of CSSA payments for a single elderly person per month (\$)
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	15 418	4,489
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	25 004	7,262

Type of residential care places for the elderly	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	
	No. of elderly recipients	Average amount of CSSA payments for a single elderly person per month (\$)
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	15 419	4,697
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	24 692	7,613

2. SWD does not capture the information sought.
3. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, the numbers of recipients of Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Disability Allowance (DA) in subsidised or non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly are as follows –

Type of residential care places for the elderly	2014-15		
	OAA	OALA	DA
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	636	4 899	2 363
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	953	4 218	5 742

Type of residential care places for the elderly	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)		
	OAA	OALA	DA
Subsidised residential care places for the elderly	706	5 102	2 542
Non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly	1 006	4 004	5 918

4. SWD does not capture the information sought.
5. The Social Work Inspectorate Team (SWIT) under LORCHE of SWD is responsible for inspecting the management of RCHes, including the fee-charging arrangements and the handling of property of elderly residents, to check compliance with the licensing requirements. LORCHE conducted 5 445 and 3 949 surprise inspections on RCHes respectively in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end December 2015), with 1 782 and 1 306 of the surprise inspections conducted by SWIT. SWD plans to re-organise LORCHE and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0224****(Question Serial No. 2273)**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 2016 Policy Address (paragraph 164) that the Government will make greater efforts towards “building an age-friendly environment”. An “age-friendly environment”, as defined by the World Health Organisation, is characterised by respect, social inclusion, civic participation and employment. Would the Government please provide the following information –

	2014	2015
1. Percentage of elder abuse cases in various districts (per 100 000 elderly persons)		
2. Number of companies/organisations/government departments offering concessions/discounts/priority services to elderly persons under the Senior Citizen Card Scheme (the Scheme)		
3. Percentage of registered elderly volunteers		

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 67)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2014	2015
1. Prevalence rate of elder abuse cases to the total population of elderly persons (per 100 000 elderly persons) as recorded by the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases of the Social Welfare Department	37.4	34.8

	2014	2015
2. Number of companies/organisations/government departments offering concessions/discounts/priority services to elderly persons under the Scheme	2 617	2 460
3. Percentage of registered elderly volunteers under the Volunteer Movement to the total population of elderly persons	9.76%	9.77%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0225

(Question Serial No. 2279)

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 “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 in the past 2 years;
2. the numbers of licensed RCHDs and RCHDs still operating on a certificate of exemption (CoE) for the 3 categories of subvented, self-financing and non-profit-making as well as private (bought place/non-bought place) RCHDs at present;
3. whether the Government has provided assistance to RCHDs only operating on CoE and drawn up a timetable requiring them to get licensed; if no, the intended timeframe for completion of the transition stage for licensing;
4. the total number of RCHDs that ceased operation in the past 2 years and the number of persons with disabilities involved; and
5. the number of applications received since the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) was implemented upon the commencement of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance, the amount involved, the amount granted so far, and the number of improvement works in progress or completed?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of RCHDs in the past 2 years is as follows –

Year	Number of RCHDs
2014-15 (as at end-February 2015)	310
2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)	311

2. The number of RCHDs issued with a licence or a CoE as at end-February 2016 is as follows –

Type of RCHDs	With licence	With CoE
Subvented RCHD	20	205
Self-financing RCHD	5	13
Private RCHD	15	53
Total	40	271

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), through a number of measures, assists and encourages RCHDs in meeting the licensing requirements. With funding support from the Lotteries Fund, SWD provides subsidy for subvented RCHDs and self-financing RCHDs operated by non-governmental organisations to carry out improvement works for meeting the licensing requirements. FAS for private RCHDs has also been introduced with funding support from the Lotteries Fund to provide subsidy for private RCHDs to carry out improvement works for meeting the licensing requirements. SWD will continue to maintain close liaison with RCHDs to examine the feasible options and measures of their improvement works with anticipated completion dates, so as to assist them in meeting the licensing requirements and standards as soon as possible.
4. A total of 2 RCHDs ceased operation in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-February 2016). All the 36 affected residents have been admitted to other RCHDs or referred to receive the required services.
5. As at end-February 2016, SWD had received a total of 36 applications under FAS for private RCHDs, involving a total amount of some \$16 million. At present, an amount of some \$2 million has been approved, with the improvement works in respect of 7 applications being in progress or completed.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0226

(Question Serial No. 2280)

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 under Social Security Allowance (SSA), would the Government please advise the following –

1. the number of recipients of 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 new applications in which the recipients of the above forms of social security have resided in HK for less than 2 years and their respective percentage of total new applications in the past year;
3. the number of recipients of the above forms of social security who are ethnic minorities and their respective percentage of the total in the past year;
4. further to the above, a breakdown of the recipients of the above forms of social security by ethnicity;
5. 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. 58)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. As at 31 December 2015, there were 18 715 CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years, accounting for about 5% of the total number of CSSA recipients. Meanwhile, there were 2 066 CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 2 years, accounting for about 1% of the total number of CSSA recipients.

Applicants for the SSA Scheme (including Disability Allowance, Old Age Allowance and Old Age Living Allowance) are eligible for the allowance only if they have resided in HK for at least 7 years, in addition to meeting other relevant requirements.

3. & 4. As at 31 December 2015, the number of CSSA recipients by place of origin and such recipients as a percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients were as follows –

Place of origin	Number of recipients	Percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients
China	351 118	96%
Pakistan	6 490	4%
Thailand	1 199	
Indonesia	1 170	
The Philippines	1 130	
India	958	
Vietnam	728	
Nepal	559	
Malaysia	267	
Europe	46	
Others	1 181	
Subtotal of recipients whose place of origin is not China	13 728	
Total	364 846	100%

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of SSA recipients broken down by place of origin.

5. 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 a family basis to enhance the employability of employable able-bodied CSSA recipients according to their needs. NGOs also allocate resources to groups with special needs, such as new arrivals and ethnic minorities, for the provision of employment assistance services that can more specifically meet their needs. The estimated expenditure for IEAPS for 2016-17 is about \$112 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0227

(Question Serial No. 2281)

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. Regarding various residential services for persons with disabilities under this Programme, please provide the 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. Given the perennial shortage of hostels for moderately and severely mentally handicapped persons and hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, the waiting time could often be more than 8 years. However, the numbers of places will only be increased by 100, 12 and 0 respectively in the coming year. What are the reasons?
4. There is still a difference of almost 40% between the cost per residential place of RCHDs operated by the subvented sector and that of RCHDs participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) in the coming year. How can the Government ensure the quality of the RCHDs participating in BPS?
5. In face of the long-term shortage of RCHD places, will the Government consider making reference to the measures being adopted for residential care homes for the elderly, such as introducing residential care vouchers, extending BPS to self-financing homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and implementing more support measures, so as to increase the supply of residential places and enhance the incentives for private operators?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Regarding various residential services for persons with disabilities, the number of people on the waiting list, average waiting time and cost per place per month are set out at Annex.
2. The information on the rehabilitation service places provided by various types of RCHDs is provided in the table below –

Type of RCHDs	Number of places		Average enrolment rate ^[Note]	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16
Subvented home	12 370	12 370	97%	Not yet available
Self-financing home	425	424	87%	Not yet available
Private home	3 853	3 861	82%	Not yet available

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average enrolment rate is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The Government plans to provide additional 515 places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 993 places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and 225 places of hostel for severely physically handicapped persons approximately in the coming 5 years (i.e. 2016-17 to 2020-21). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision in its review of service planning.
4. The cost per place per month of RCHDs participating in BPS in 2016-17 is \$8,558. Target users are applicants waitlisting for long stay care homes and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons. The cost per place per month of RCHDs operated by the subvented sector is \$14,161, covering different types of residential services with different care levels, such as hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostel for severely physically handicapped persons, small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children, care-and-attention homes 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. 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.
5. SWD currently has no plan to introduce residential care vouchers or extend BPS to self-financing homes operated by NGOs. The supply of places for persons with disabilities and the implementation of BPS will continuously be monitored for considering the way forward.

Table 1: Number of people on the waiting list and average waiting time for various residential services for persons with disabilities

Type of service	Number of persons on the waiting list		Average waiting time (in months)	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15	2015-16 ^[Note]
Halfway house	652	731	7.6	Not yet available
Long stay care home	1 614	1 800	31.0	
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	1 784	1 943	39.0	
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	2 205	2 220	96.5	
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	565	600	27.6	
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	421	443	47.8	
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind	131	127	9.0	
Supported hostel	1 500	1 644	19.4	
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home	94	79	9.7	
Residential special child care centre	38	21	15.8	

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 2: Cost per place per month for residential services for persons with disabilities

Cost per place per month for residential services for persons with disabilities (\$)	
2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
13,174	13,857

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0228****(Question Serial No. 2284)**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 applicants, the amount of subsidy approved and the number of cases receiving different amounts of subsidy so far upon the regularisation of “training subsidy for children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services”;
4. whether the number of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services will be increased in the coming year; if yes, by how many, and the expenditure involved; and
5. whether the Government will, in consideration of the demand for pre-school rehabilitation services, review the entire policy so that services can be provided to children in need?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 47)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of children with special needs having been assessed and referred to waitlist for pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centre (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP), through the central referral system (CRS) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 3 years are as follows –

Year	Number of new applicants
2013-14	4 016
2014-15	4 279
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	3 940

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 allocation of applicants for the aforementioned services. Since the applicants may choose to wait 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 (in months)		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EETC	19	19.6	N/A
SCCC	18.5	17.3	N/A
IP	14.1	13	N/A

N/A: Information not available.

3. Since the regularisation in October 2014 of the “training subsidy for children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services” up to 31 December 2015, a total of 2 245 children received the subsidy. Among them, 561 children received the higher rate (capped at \$3,867 a month) and 1 684 children received the normal rate (capped at \$2,763 a month).
4. It is planned that in 2016-17, there will be 287 additional EETC places and 142 additional SCCC places. The estimated expenditure in 2016-17 for EETC and SCCC is about \$215 million and about \$304 million respectively.

In addition, the Government will continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme). This two-year Pilot Scheme has received a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund for 16 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with experience in implementing pre-school rehabilitation services to coordinate inter-disciplinary service teams (comprising social workers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists/educational psychologists and special child care workers) to provide 2 925 training places for children with special needs attending more than 450 kindergartens or kindergarten-cum-child care centres. Most of the children participating in the Pilot Scheme are on the waiting list for SWD-subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. The services provided by the projects under the Pilot Scheme commenced by phases between November 2015 and January 2016.

As stated in Paragraph 3 above, the Government has also specially provided training subsidies for eligible children who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school services for them to purchase self-financing services. Starting from 2016-17, the Government will increase the maximum level of the training subsidy from the current \$3,867 per month to \$5,995 per month for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCC. Moreover, starting from the 2017/18 school year, children on the waiting

list for SCCC will be entitled to the training subsidy without undergoing a means test, and the fee for SCCC services will be waived.

5. The implementation of the abovementioned Pilot Scheme is mainly to test out a new service mode which provides services as early as possible for children with pre-school rehabilitation needs. The Government will review the Pilot Scheme in due course to help determine the mode of service should the scheme be regularised in the future. In this connection, the Government has set aside a full-year expenditure of about \$470 million for the expansion and ongoing implementation of the services after the end of the two-year Pilot Scheme. When regularised in the future, the number of places offered by the scheme will be increased to 7 000. Meanwhile, the Government is proactively identifying suitable sites for providing EETC and SCCC services. In this connection, the Government has earmarked sites for the provision of about 1 700 EETC and SCCC places in the next 5 years. In addition, through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, the Government will encourage NGOs to better utilise their land for providing more places for subvented pre-school services through in-situ expansion, redevelopment or new development. It is expected that there will be an additional 3 800 places for pre-school rehabilitation services if all the projects are completed according to the preliminary plans of the applicant organisations.

Table 1 – Number of places for pre-school rehabilitation services

District	EETC			SCCC			IP		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	199	199	199	132	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	401	401	204	216	216	174	174	186
Kwun Tong	166	262	262	66	66	66	204	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416	333	333	333	234	234	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	216	216	231	24	30	30	192	192	210
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	205	205	205	84	84	108
Sha Tin	191	291	291	138	138	138	156	156	168
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	192	192	192	168	168	168
Yuen Long	172	172	172	108	108	108	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	277	384	384	168	168	168	192	192	198
Tuen Mun	165	165	229	120	120	120	138	138	156
Total	2 628	2 991	3 070	1 757	1 775	1 775	1 860	1 860	1 980

Table 2 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for EETC

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list for EETC		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	358	355	307
Eastern/Wan Chai	441	400	402
Kwun Tong	391	310	327
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	558	506	484
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	453	478	453
Sham Shui Po	216	250	226
Sha Tin	472	409	414
Tai Po/North	350	321	337
Yuen Long	143	193	219
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	427	459	460
Tuen Mun	136	172	194
Total	3 945	3 853	3 823

Table 3 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	105	99	98
Eastern/Wan Chai	122	110	96
Kwun Tong	121	118	143
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	185	172	150
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	135	167	135
Sham Shui Po	89	85	101
Sha Tin	140	156	161
Tai Po/North	104	138	147
Yuen Long	106	131	130
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	160	172	167
Tuen Mun	68	89	91
Total	1 335	1 437	1 419

Table 4 – Number of applicants on the waiting list for IP

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list for IP		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	118	109	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	111	83	97
Kwun Tong	180	161	168
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	194	204	183
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	156	148	145
Sham Shui Po	89	87	71
Sha Tin	258	240	214
Tai Po/North	263	240	243
Yuen Long	125	190	199
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	183	135	128
Tuen Mun	107	167	114
Total	1 784	1 764	1 643

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0229

(Question Serial No. 2285)

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 under this Programme that the Department “provided 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. whether all the additional 1 666 places for last year have actually been provided by the Government and whether the waiting time for the services in various districts has been shortened with the new additional places;
3. the Department stated in the reply to a question in last year's Budget exercise that the cost per case served per month in 2015-16 Estimate was \$4,596. However, the revised estimate has now become \$4,430. What are the reasons for this? Is it due to competitive bidding for contracts?
4. the cost per case per month will increase by over \$100 or so for the coming year. How is the estimate calculated?
5. the manpower and expenditure involved for EHCCS in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places and the number of cases served under EHCCS with a breakdown by District Council district over the past 3 years is set out at Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the average duration of using the services and the average waiting time in each district by District Council district. 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 –

Year (As at end March of financial year)	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)
2012-13	3
2013-14	7
2014-15	9

2. The additional 1 666 EHCCS places provided since March 2015 have all been in full operation by end-June 2015. With the provision of the new places, the average waiting time (based on the average of the previous 3 months) was 6 months in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), shorter than the average waiting time in 2014-15.
3. Under the contracts, fees and charges for EHCCS are revised annually according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. The cost per case served per month in 2015-16 Revised Estimate is lower than that in 2015-16 Estimate because the actual inflation rate is lower than the assumed inflation rate adopted when SWD prepared the Estimates, and the number of value-added places proposed and places actually tendered by tenderers are larger than those assumed when SWD prepared the Estimates.
4. The increase in the cost per case served per month in 2016-17 Estimate mainly reflects the assumed inflation rate adopted when SWD prepared the Estimates.
5. Under the contract terms of EHCCS, non-governmental organisations operating the service have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for EHCCS is \$399.3 million.

**Number of places and number of cases served under EHCCS
(2012-13 to 2014-15)**

District	2012-13				2013-14				2014-15			
	By district		By cluster		By district		By cluster		By district		By cluster	
	No. of Places	No. of Cases	No. of Places	No. of Cases	No. of Places	No. of Cases	No. of Places	No. of Cases	No. of Places	No. of Cases	No. of Places	No. of Cases
Central & Western	171	208	154	205	171	228	174	225	171	217	347	294
Wan Chai	154	204			154	194			154	189		
Eastern	206	278			206	264			206	290		
Southern	158	203			158	207			158	212		
Islands	124	96			89	112			89	115		
Yau Tsim Mong	188	267	236	327	188	253	236	323	188	256	535	477
Kowloon City	290	403			290	401			290	389		
Sham Shui Po	255	337			255	362			255	330		
Wong Tai Sin	406	544	428	549	406	533	428	585	406	569	769	675
Sai Kung	228	301			228	308			228	288		
Kwun Tong	421	547	336	429	421	587	336	461	421	555	497	528
Sha Tin	192	260	212	312	192	279	212	311	192	244	394	345
Tai Po	129	175			129	181			129	175		
North	141	184			141	189			141	194		
Yuen Long	163	227	256	326	178	224	256	343	178	263	766	511
Tuen Mun	160	207			160	214			160	207		
Tsuen Wan	235	321			235	315			235	293		
Kwai Tsing	336	466			336	453			336	461		
Total	3 957	5 228	1 622	2 148	3 937	5 304	1 642	2 248	3 937	5 247	3 308	2 830

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0230****(Question Serial No. 1792)**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 efforts by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to combat fraud in relation to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes, would the Government advise –

- (1) the respective numbers of cases of fraud relating to CSSA and SSA Schemes in each of 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 James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 12)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of cases of fraud relating to CSSA and SSA from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	CSSA	SSA	CSSA	SSA	CSSA	SSA
Number of suspected fraud cases reported	2 171	682	1 946	771	1 464	665
Number of established fraud cases	847	46	674	130	423	98
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	62.6	1.0	49.5	4.5	41.4	2.6

- (2) SWD has always processed every application under the CSSA or SSA scheme in a rigorous manner. SWD staff examine all new applications/re-applications to ensure that only those who genuinely meet the application criteria are paid the allowances.

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 also 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 investigation 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

LWB(WW)0231

(Question Serial No. 1793)

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 2016-17, 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, a breakdown of the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of beneficiaries respectively?

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Government plans to add 42 places of day activity centre, 70 places of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre, 25 places of halfway house, 100 places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, 12 places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons, 40 places of care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons, 16 places of small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children, 90 places of supported hostel, 287 places of early education and training centre as well as 142 places of special child care centre.

The estimated number of places and expenditure for the above services in 2016-17 are set out in the Annex.

**Estimated number of places and expenditure for
rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2016-17**

Type of service	Estimated number of places in 2016-17	Estimated expenditure in 2016-17 (\$ million)
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 387	215.2
SCCC	1 971	303.5
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	5 238	583.7
IVRSC	4 482	233.9
Residential services		
HWH	1 534	187.4
HMMH	2 505	270.3
HSMH	3 623	720.2
C&A/SD	1 031	227.2
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	80	7.8
SHOS	706	68.9

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

DAC – day activity centre

IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre

HWH – halfway house

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

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home

SHOS – supported hostel

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1627)

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 last year's Policy Address ((ii) of paragraph 137) that "the Government will, from 2015-16 onwards, gradually increase the subvented 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". In this year's Budget (paragraph 140), the Financial Secretary has said that the Government will continue to provide in phases an additional 3 800 places. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee –

- a) the geographical distribution of the additional places provided in 2015;
- b) the time table for the provision of the additional 3 800 places in the future;
- c) the geographical distribution of the 3 800 places to be provided and the number of places to be provided in each district;
- d) the amount of subvention for each place of EHS at present;
- e) the number and utilisation rate of EHS places in various districts (please set out in table form); and
- f) the number of children on the waiting list for child care service in various districts (please set out in table form).

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) & e) The current number of subvented places (including original and additional places) and utilisation rate of EHS by district are set out in the Annex.
- b) & c) The Government will provide in phases about 5 000 additional places of EHS at aided standalone CCCs and KG-cum-CCCs in districts with high demand starting from 2015-16, so that more pre-primary children in need (aged below 6) can continue to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being

attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. The Government has initially added about 1 200 places in 2015-16, and will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts.

- d) As at December 2015, the total number of subvented places of EHS was 2 204, involving an expenditure of \$30.3 million in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate.
- f) The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the waiting list for child care services in various districts.

**Number of Places and Average Utilisation Rate of EHS
(April to December 2015)**

District	Number of original places	Number of additional places	Total number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	52	22	74	40
Eastern	96	94	190	66
Islands	14	-	14	12
Kowloon City	66	82	148	53
Kwai Tsing	88	44	132	68
Kwun Tong	122	110	232	63
North	58	16	74	60
Sai Kung	56	24	80	64
Sha Tin	82	28	110	45
Sham Shui Po	76	82	158	84
Southern	58	12	70	66
Tai Po	66	30	96	68
Tsuen Wan	50	44	94	72
Tuen Mun	78	88	166	53
Wan Chai	56	38	94	58
Wong Tai Sin	84	112	196	83
Yau Tsim Mong	58	88	146	55
Yuen Long	70	60	130	59
Total	1 230	974	2 204	63

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0233

(Question Serial No. 1628)

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 140 of the Budget Speech that a pilot project will be introduced in the first quarter of this year to provide child care training for grandparents. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following –

- a) the details of the pilot project;
- b) the number of places to be provided;
- c) the units responsible for providing such training;
- d) the districts where such training units will be distributed.

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The Government launched a pilot project in March 2016 to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. The two-year pilot project provides a total of 540 training places across all districts in Hong Kong. To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from the Social Welfare Department and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0234

(Question Serial No. 1629)

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 135) that from 2016-17 onwards the Government would progressively upgrade 1 200 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). Moreover, it is stated in Programme (3) that, during 2016-17, the Department will convert existing EA2 places of EBPS to EA1 places which are of a higher quality. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- a) whether the 1 200 places to be progressively upgraded under the EBPS will include only the existing EA2 places of EBPS;
- b) how will the 1 200 places be selected;
- c) the plan of converting existing EA2 places of EBPS to EA1 places which are of a higher quality, and whether the plan will be for the amount of subsidy for EA2 places to be increased as reported by the press;
- d) If yes, how much is the increase? If no, what is the plan?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

Starting from 2016-17, the Government will progressively upgrade the existing 1 200 EA2 places of EBPS to EA1 places which are of a higher quality, so as to increase the supply of better quality subsidised places and enhance the overall quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The full-year expenditure involved is about \$35 million. The Social Welfare Department will invite all existing EA2 RCHEs to participate in EBPS, and grant approval to those eligible for the upgrade by considering their past performance and the service demand in different districts. After obtaining the approval, RCHEs will receive a higher amount of subsidy for their upgraded EA1 places. Based on the current amount of unit subsidy per place per month in urban areas and in the New Territories, the amounts of subsidy for each upgraded EA1 place will increase by \$2,389 and \$2,300 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0235

(Question Serial No. 1630)

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 private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) under Programme (3) of the Social Welfare Department –

- a) The cost per place per month has increased from \$7,968 in 2013-14 to \$11,408 in 2016-17 (Estimate). What are the reasons for the increase? Is it mainly caused by the increase of rent?
- b) What are the costs per place per month of EA1 places and EA2 places respectively?
- c) What are the amounts of subsidy per place for EA1 places and EA2 places respectively in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The increase in the cost per place per month under EBPS is mainly due to the annual price level adjustment under the established mechanism, as well as the Government's additional full-year expenditure of about \$122.7 million, as from 2014-15, to raise the unit subsidy of all places under EBPS so as to strengthen the care and support for the elderly residents in these RCHEs.
- b) At present, the unit subsidies per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$10,427 and \$9,879 respectively while those for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$8,038 and \$7,579 respectively.
- c) In accordance with the established mechanism, the unit subsidy of EBPS places in 2016-17 will be adjusted following the annual price level adjustment. The RCHEs concerned will be informed of the adjusted amount of subsidy in the second quarter of 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1631)

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:

Vouchers for residential care services for the elderly were originally scheduled to be launched in 2015-16, but the plan has been delayed by an alleged elderly abuse incident in the Tai Po Cambridge Nursing Home in 2015. When will the scheme be launched as planned by the Government? What is the implementation timetable? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The working group under the Elderly Commissions (EC) has explored the feasibility of introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly since July 2014. The consultant team commissioned by EC put forward preliminary recommendations with respect to the feasibility study in January 2015, and organised public engagement exercise in February 2015 to consult stakeholders about their views on the preliminary recommendations. The Government and the consultant team also reported relevant matters to the Panel on Welfare Services and listened to the views of the Legislative Council Members and relevant bodies in February and March 2015.

In view of public concern over the service quality of residential care homes for the elderly, the working group invited the consultant team to further examine its preliminary recommendations, especially on aspects including quality assurance mechanism, complaint handling procedures and casework management arrangements of the pilot scheme in June 2015. The study has generally been completed, and a report is expected to be submitted by the consultant team to EC and the working group shortly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0237

(Question Serial No. 1041)

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 Financial Secretary, the Government has reserved space in 15 development projects or vacant buildings for the provision and conversion of existing facilities into residential care homes and day care centres for the elderly. Where are the 15 development projects and vacant buildings, and how many of the sites are in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin?

To have more vacant buildings for the provision of services for the elderly, will the Financial Secretary consider the criticism of the Audit Commission and the Public Accounts Committee by converting the various vacant school premises as pointed out by them into sites for elderly service use? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The information on the 15 sites reserved for the provision and conversion of new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes), RCHes with day care unit (DCU), and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) is set out in the Annex.

In respect of the vacant school premises referred to by the Director of Audit and the Public Accounts Committee, the Government will ensure that the vacant school premises will continue to be handled in accordance with the established central clearing house mechanism. According to the established mechanism, once the Education Bureau (EDB) confirms that the vacant, or to-be-vacated, school sites/premises (VSPs) are no longer required for allocation for school or other educational uses, EDB would refer them to the Planning Department (Plan D) in accordance with the central clearing house mechanism. Plan D will then consider the suitable long-term alternative use (such as "Government, Institution or Community" (G/IC), residential and other uses). Upon confirmation of the future uses for the sites of VSPs, Plan D will inform the departments concerned for their follow-up as appropriate. In the meantime, relevant bureaux/departments will, where appropriate,

pursue and arrange temporary or short-term uses to ensure the effective utilisation of land resources.

According to the said established mechanism, the Social Welfare Department will maintain close liaison with relevant departments. If the sites of individual vacant school premises are confirmed to be for G/IC use after review by Plan D, the suitability of the sites/premises for long-term provision of welfare services will be explored, taking into account the site location, area, surrounding environment, local service provision and demand, etc.

**Sites reserved for construction and conversion of new RCHEs,
RCHEs with DCU, and DEs**

	District	Location
1	Eastern	Lei King Wan, Sai Wan Ho
2	Sham Shui Po	North West Kowloon Reclamation Area Site 6
3		Treasury Building
4	Sai Kung	Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School site
5	Sha Tin	Shek Mun Estate Phase II
6		Fo Tan Areas 16 & 58D
7	Tai Po	Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School site, Fu Shin Estate
8	North	Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui
9		Queen's Hill, Fanling
10	Yuen Long	West Rail Long Ping Station (North), Long Ping
11	Tuen Mun	Area 44
12		Ex-Kwong Choi market
13		Area 29 West
14		Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School site, Leung King Estate
15	Kwai Tsing	Ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0238

(Question Serial No. 1066)

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 2016-17 Estimates that the Government will allocate an additional provision of \$339.0 million to enhance residential child care services and to provide additional places in crisis centre and refuge centre for women. What is the share of the additional provision for each of these three services? How many people are expected to benefit from these services?

In addition, what is the geographical distribution of the centres and places of the above mentioned services, and what share of the additional facilities and services will be in Kowloon East?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide an additional 39 residential child care places in the New Territories East and Hong Kong Island, involving a full-year additional funding of around \$8 million. In addition, SWD will provide a total of 40 additional residential places in refuge centre for women and the Family Crisis Support Centre in 2016-17, involving a full-year additional funding of around \$6 million.

Residential child care services, refuge centres for women and the Family Crisis Support Centre cater to individuals and families in need across the territory, not just those in the districts where the service units are located.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0239

(Question Serial No. 1071)

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 2016-17 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a pilot project on child care training for grandparents. What are the project details; the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Will SWD join hands with other organisations to run the courses? If yes, what are the details? Has SWD assessed the number of participants and the social benefits of the project?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

In March 2016, the Government launched a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project and the expenditure of some \$3.3 million incurred will be funded by the Lotteries Fund.

To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from SWD and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project. SWD will monitor the implementation progress of the pilot project and develop a set of performance indicators. Subject to the findings of the overall evaluation, SWD will look at the design of the courses and map out the way forward having regard to the experience gained.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0240****(Question Serial No. 1072)**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 mentioned in the Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). What are the estimated expenditure and manpower for the IEAPS in the new financial year? How much is spent on average for training and assisting each recipient in seeking employment? What is the percentage change as compared with the financial year 2015-16? How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients are expected to regain employment with the help of the IEAPS?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 38)Reply:

In January 2013, SWD launched the IEAPS and commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with employment assistance service, so as to enhance their employability and assist and encourage them to secure employment and become self-reliant. In April 2015, SWD extended the IEAPS for two years until March 2017.

The revised estimate for 2015-16 and estimate for 2016-17 for the IEAPS are about \$92 million and \$112 million respectively. About 17 100 CSSA recipients are expected to be served in 2016-17. SWD requires NGOs operating the IEAPS to meet the following service performance requirements relating to securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling –

Category of services	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least one month	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least three months
Ordinary Employment Assistance Services	20%	15%

Category of services	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least one month	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least three months
Strengthened Employment Assistance Services	40%	30%
New Dawn Project Services	40%	30%
Special Training and Enhancement Programme	45%	35%

SWD does not have information on the average amount spent on training and assisting each recipient in seeking employment under the IEAPS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0241

(Question Serial No. 0309)

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 implementation of measures to combat 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; the number of males admitted to the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) last year.
5. Domestic violence cases in the past few years have involved quite a proportion of males. As males have been stereotyped in our society, their needs and problems tend to be hidden. Will the Government provide dedicated support services, hotlines, and crisis centres to address their specific needs in the coming year? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 18)

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 of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), there were 3 917 and 3 382 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Among them, there were 655 and 558 male victims, accounting for 17% and 16% of the total number of newly reported cases in 2014 and 2015 respectively; and 136 and 116 male victims were 60 years old or above.
2. VSP mainly provides support services for victims, including child abuse victims. In 2014-15 and during the period from April to December 2015, 338 male service users participated in VSP, accounting for 27% of the total number of participants.

In 2014-15 and during the period from April to December 2015, 116 male batterers participated in BIP, accounting for 89% of the total number of participants. In the same period, no referral to AVP was received from the court.

3. 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. SWD does not capture the breakdown statistics and expenditure for the support programmes and events specifically provided for men, nor the number of male participants.
4. The Men's Hotline, which is subvented by SWD and 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 2015, 4 367 calls for assistance were received by the Men's Hotline of PLK. There are other hotlines operated by SWD or subvented non-governmental organisations which receive calls for assistance. From April to December 2015, 70 022 calls were received by these hotlines. SWD does not capture the statistical information on the callers' gender. In the same period, 94 and 19 men received short-term accommodation service in FCSC and MCISC respectively.
5. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services, including hotline and MCISC services, to support victims of domestic violence, irrespective of their gender, and families in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0242

(Question Serial No. 0310)

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 provides allowances for persons with disabilities (PWDs) by administering the Social Security Allowance 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 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 year. If no relevant figures are available, what are the reasons? Will relevant statistics be prepared in the coming year? If not, please explain the reasons;
3. The number of DA applications rejected due to various reasons, the number of DA cases discontinued after not being certified as severely disabled in the past year; and how many of these cases had made appeal requests. If no relevant figures are available, please give reasons;
4. The number of concessions offered by the Registration Card for PWDs, the number of users and the expenditure involved in the past 2 years. Will the Government consider enhancing and promoting the Registration Card for PWDs for card holders to enjoy more concessions?
5. When enhancing DA in the coming year, will the Government also review the Registration Card for PWDs in terms of its current positioning, how it is used, its relationship with DA, etc. so that better services and statistics will be available? If not, what are the reasons?

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. According to the records of CRR, there were 74 013 and 77 130 persons with disabilities registered and issued with the Registration Card for PWDs in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) respectively. A breakdown of these numbers by type of disabilities (regardless of the degree of disabilities) is set out in the following table –

	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	1 444	1 639
Autism	7 333	7 862
Hearing impairment	9 460	9 601
Intellectual disability	22 654	22 663
Physical disability	13 102	13 395
Mental illness	18 088	18 672
Specific learning difficulties	1 013	1 126
Speech impairment	5 819	5 948
Visceral disability/chronic illness	17 574	17 634
Visual impairment	4 564	4 616
Total	74 013	77 130

The above are cumulative figures. As a PWD may have more than 1 type of disability, the total number of PWDs registered with the CRR is less than the aggregate sum of the cases of each type of disability.

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. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), the Social Security Appeal Board received a total of 286 DA appeal cases involving medical assessment.
4. & 5. CRR issues Registration Card for PWDs to eligible PWDs to enable the cardholder to produce it, when necessary, as a documentary proof of his/her disability status and type for the convenience of receiving prompt and appropriate assistance. The Card is not associated with the provision of any welfare benefits. Moreover, DA applicants should have been assessed as having severe disability in the Medical Assessment Form such that substantial help from others is required in daily living, with the duration of the disabling condition being not less than 6 months. Holders of Registration Card for PWDs are not necessarily eligible for DA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0243

(Question Serial No. 0059)

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 “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17” that the Government will continue to oversee the implementation of the Guangdong (GD) Scheme. Please advise –

1. How many GD Scheme applications have been received and how many of them have been approved since the commencement of the Scheme?
2. A one-off special arrangement was previously in place under the GD Scheme to allow elderly persons who had already moved to Guangdong and satisfied all other eligibility criteria, but who did not meet the requirement of having resided in Hong Kong continuously for 1 year immediately before the date of application, to benefit from the Scheme without the need to return and stay in Hong Kong. How many people have applied for this special arrangement?
3. How many applications in which the applicants did not meet the requirement of having resided in Hong Kong continuously for 1 year immediately before the date of application have been received since the cessation of this arrangement? And
4. Would the Government consider exercising discretionary waiver based on individual merits or rolling out the special arrangement again?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The GD Scheme (the Scheme) was rolled out in October 2013. As at end-December 2015, 21 202 applications had been received, with 19 019 of them approved.

2. to 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 in place for the first year of implementing the Scheme. This one-off special arrangement ended on 30 September 2014. At this stage, the Government has no plan to grant discretionary exemptions to individual cases or roll out the special arrangement again, but will review the issue in due course. When this one-off special arrangement was in place, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received a total of 20 464 applications, of which 17 053 were eligible under the special arrangement. Since the end of the one-off special arrangement up to December 2015, SWD had received a total of 738 applications (155 of the applicants did not meet the requirement of having resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least 1 year before making application).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0244****(Question Serial No. 0060)**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 changed to “inactive” by the Social Welfare Department for reasons such as applicants having been 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 2013, end-January 2014 and end-January 2015, the numbers of eligible elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised C&A places were 22 400, 23 558 and 25 269 respectively, increasing by 5.5%, 5.2% and 7.3% yearly.
- (2) to (5) Among the applicants on the CWL 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 2013 to 2015 are as follows –

	No. of elderly applicants		
	2013	2014	2015
Allocated with places	4 166	4 311	4 592
Withdrawal	1 968	1 871	1 890
Cases changed to “inactive”	4 170	4 541	5 761
Deceased	3 290	3 657	3 882

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0245****(Question Serial No. 0061)**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 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 to 69	OAA recipients aged 70 or above	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65 to 69	OALA recipients aged 70 or above	Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 65 to 69	DA recipients aged 70 or above	CSSA recipients aged 65 to 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. 23)Reply:

The numbers of OAA, OALA and DA cases as at end-December 2015 by age group and by district were as follows –

District	Number of cases				
	OAA cases aged 70 or above	OALA cases aged 65 to 69	OALA cases aged 70 or above	DA cases aged 65 to 69	DA cases aged 70 or above
Central & Western	12 200	1 714	5 917	327	1 247
Eastern	28 909	9 439	25 861	885	3 103
Islands	3 123	1 938	4 154	102	321
Kowloon City	18 212	5 692	15 918	440	1 744
Kwai Tsing	12 911	12 739	29 910	642	1 810
Kwun Tong	17 149	15 623	39 583	681	2 797
North	6 200	4 850	10 893	298	844
Sai Kung	9 103	7 139	14 738	373	1 193
Sha Tin	16 855	13 833	27 078	890	2 359
Sham Shui Po	13 335	6 597	17 660	417	1 541
Southern	9 540	4 312	13 019	436	1 472
Tai Po	6 781	5 160	10 476	379	980
Tsuen Wan	9 731	4 394	11 927	309	1 050
Tuen Mun	8 382	11 188	17 242	621	1 055
Wan Chai	9 809	773	3 057	150	948
Wong Tai Sin	12 685	9 420	28 844	428	1 767
Yau Tsim Mong	13 736	3 295	9 286	312	1 200
Yuen Long	10 801	8 416	16 931	465	1 169
Total	219 462	126 522	302 494	8 155	26 600

The numbers of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) aged 65 or above as at end-December 2015 by age group and by district were as follows –

District	Number of recipients	
	CSSA recipients aged 65 to 69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above
Central & Western	277	1 546
Eastern	1 311	6 638
Islands	473	1 192
Kowloon City	1 468	6 186
Kwai Tsing	3 041	11 714
Kwun Tong	4 630	17 868
North	1 491	5 681
Sai Kung	960	3 260
Sha Tin	2 080	7 539
Sham Shui Po	2 525	10 441
Southern	693	4 084
Tai Po	893	4 454
Tsuen Wan	759	3 883
Tuen Mun	2 558	8 354
Wan Chai	142	720
Wong Tai Sin	2 208	9 810
Yau Tsim Mong	853	3 450
Yuen Long	2 797	8 791
Total	29 159	115 611

Based on Planning Department's information, the population aged 65 or above as at mid-2015 by age group and by District Council district were as follows –

District Council district	Population	
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above
Central & Western	12 700	28 600
Eastern	34 800	72 500
Islands	6 000	11 800
Kowloon City	21 800	51 700
Kwai Tsing	28 400	58 800
Kwun Tong	34 600	80 300
North	13 200	26 100
Sai Kung	18 000	31 600
Sha Tin	35 100	57 600
Sham Shui Po	20 400	51 900
Southern	14 300	31 400
Tai Po	14 000	25 300
Tsuen Wan	14 500	31 700
Tuen Mun	26 400	37 100
Wan Chai	8 200	19 400
Wong Tai Sin	21 500	57 600
Yau Tsim Mong	16 800	36 500
Yuen Long	22 500	44 100
Total	363 400	753 900

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0246****(Question Serial No. 0114)**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 mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17" that the Government will continue to oversee the implementation of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA). Please provide the number of OALA applicants over the past 3 years with a breakdown by their age, gender, residential location and type of residence (public housing/residential care homes/private housing).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 6)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of OALA cases from 2013-14 to 2015-16

Year	Number of cases
2013-14	416 166
2014-15	417 593
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	429 244

Table 2: Number of OALA cases by gender from 2013-14 to 2015-16

Gender	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Male	179 974	180 309	184 550
Female	236 192	237 284	244 694
Total	416 166	417 593	429 244

Table 3: Number of OALA cases by age from 2013-14 to 2015-16

Age	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
65-69	109 723	119 629	126 576
70 or above	306 443	297 964	302 668
Total	416 166	417 593	429 244

Table 4: Number of OALA cases by type of residence from 2013-14 to 2015-16

Type of residence	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Public housing estate	222 191	231 739	241 587
Private housing	Purchased	151 216	145 050
	Rented	26 587	24 480
Residential care home	9 119	9 289	9 281
Others	7 053	7 035	7 117
Total	416 166	417 593	429 244

Table 5: Number of OALA cases by district from 2013-14 to 2015-16

District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	8 533	7 681	7 631
Eastern	35 887	34 851	35 300
Islands	5 677	5 864	6 092
Kowloon City	20 984	20 987	21 610
Kwai Tsing	40 850	41 532	42 649
Kwun Tong	52 733	53 943	55 207
North	14 860	15 141	15 743
Sai Kung	20 074	21 005	21 877
Sha Tin	38 388	39 242	40 913
Sham Shui Po	23 680	23 576	24 258
Southern	17 468	17 056	17 331
Tai Po	14 691	15 011	15 636
Tsuen Wan	16 393	16 059	16 321
Tuen Mun	25 104	26 770	28 430
Wan Chai	4 471	3 910	3 830
Wong Tai Sin	38 468	37 885	38 264
Yau Tsim Mong	13 469	12 425	12 581
Yuen Long	23 219	24 156	25 347
Total ^[Note]	414 949	417 094	429 020

^[Note] As cases with incomplete information are excluded, the total number of cases in this table is different from that in the previous tables.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0247****(Question Serial No. 0117)**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 2015-16, 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;
- (b) the numbers and percentage of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates (PHEs) in Hong Kong, and the expenditure incurred;
- (c) 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
- (d) 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 PHE, and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 24)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of CSSA households and recipients by district as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

District	Number of CSSA households	Number of CSSA recipients
Central & Western	3 048	3 644
Eastern	11 988	17 074
Islands	3 626	6 862
Kowloon City	13 381	19 128
Kwai Tsing	23 962	36 648
Kwun Tong	32 537	51 557
North	12 672	19 043
Sai Kung	7 737	11 892
Sha Tin	15 809	24 775

District	Number of CSSA households	Number of CSSA recipients
Sham Shui Po	22 863	32 706
Southern	7 673	10 220
Tai Po	8 233	11 959
Tsuen Wan	7 045	10 467
Tuen Mun	18 841	26 999
Wan Chai	1 562	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	18 559	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	9 502	12 053
Yuen Long	23 216	38 212
Total	242 254	363 140

The revised estimate for CSSA in 2015-16 (including the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates) was \$22.381 billion. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by district. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (b) The numbers of CSSA households and recipients in each of the PHEs as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Ap Lei Chau	490	11%	874	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	19%	61	10%
Broadview Garden	23	5%	37	3%
Butterfly	1 147	22%	1 752	15%
Chai Wan	393	25%	559	15%
Chak On	480	27%	746	18%
Cheung Ching	502	10%	954	7%
Cheung Fat	343	31%	518	20%
Cheung Hang	507	12%	816	6%
Cheung Hong	1 263	15%	2 116	10%
Cheung Kwai	52	11%	95	7%
Cheung Lung Wai	283	22%	571	16%
Cheung On	445	38%	647	22%
Cheung Sha Wan	280	20%	472	14%
Cheung Shan	143	9%	295	6%
Cheung Wah	630	37%	989	23%
Cheung Wang	739	17%	1 209	10%
Ching Ho	1 735	25%	3 204	16%
Cho Yiu Chuen	210	9%	323	4%
Choi Fai	160	12%	279	7%
Choi Fook	674	20%	1 160	13%
Choi Ha	196	38%	293	24%
Choi Hung	1 243	17%	2 080	11%
Choi Ming Court	494	18%	755	8%
Choi Tak	997	17%	1 629	12%
Choi Wan (I)	666	11%	1 266	7%
Choi Wan (II)	357	12%	668	7%
Choi Ying	849	21%	1 400	13%
Choi Yuen	1 160	23%	1 912	15%
Chuk Yuen (North)	491	40%	741	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 309	22%	2 119	14%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	114	12%	163	6%
Chun Shek	364	17%	563	10%
Chung On	455	17%	789	9%
Clague Garden Estate	76	14%	126	8%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Easeful Court	39	8%	114	6%
Fortune	698	33%	881	18%
Fu Cheong	1 670	28%	2 295	14%
Fu Heng	608	38%	917	22%
Fu Shan	264	17%	453	11%
Fu Shin	654	31%	1 075	20%
Fu Tai	713	14%	1 395	8%
Fu Tung	153	9%	297	5%
Fuk Loi	506	16%	820	11%
Fung Tak	590	50%	800	32%
Fung Wah	119	33%	166	19%
Fung Wo	256	16%	417	12%
Grandeur Terrace	632	15%	1 655	11%
Hau Tak	597	14%	1 032	8%
Healthy Village	135	12%	193	7%
Heng On	331	42%	604	25%
High Prosperity Terrace	47	6%	127	4%
Hin Keng	304	49%	516	28%
Hin Yiu	183	23%	298	15%
Hing Man	244	12%	471	8%
Hing Tin	144	36%	270	22%
Hing Tung	255	12%	434	7%
Hing Wah (I)	384	17%	592	8%
Hing Wah (II)	702	20%	1 128	13%
Ho Man Tin	944	20%	1 389	11%
Hoi Fu Court	710	26%	1 137	14%
Hoi Lai	715	15%	1 626	9%
Hong Tung	207	45%	256	30%
Hung Fuk	605	16%	1 172	13%
Hung Hom	685	25%	1 044	15%
Jat Min Chuen	442	12%	651	6%
Ka Fuk	313	16%	496	8%
Ka Wai Chuen	282	17%	423	10%
Kai Ching	823	16%	1 411	11%
Kai Tin	465	21%	729	11%
Kai Yip	953	23%	1 482	16%
Kam Peng	47	19%	98	13%
Kin Ming	1 164	17%	2 213	11%
Kin Sang	163	31%	258	19%
King Lam	597	40%	815	28%
Ko Cheung Court	209	12%	536	8%
Ko Yee	259	22%	404	12%
Kwai Chung	2 633	19%	4 559	13%
Kwai Fong	1 007	16%	1 644	9%
Kwai Hing	131	41%	220	30%
Kwai Luen	461	16%	896	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 189	19%	1 823	10%
Kwai Shing (West)	688	13%	1 174	8%
Kwong Fuk	864	14%	1 544	9%
Kwong Tin	303	13%	557	8%
Kwong Yuen	508	44%	773	28%
Kwun Lung Lau	212	10%	356	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	642	14%	1 023	8%
Lai King	621	15%	1 008	9%
Lai Kok	718	25%	1 117	16%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Lai On	257	19%	394	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	215	8%	340	5%
Lai Yiu	398	14%	728	9%
Lakeside Garden	21	9%	35	5%
Lam Tin	638	21%	1 088	13%
Lee On	543	15%	901	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	534	46%	829	29%
Lei Muk Shue	1 570	15%	2 696	9%
Lei Tung	628	30%	965	19%
Lei Yue Mun	673	21%	1 116	12%
Lek Yuen	515	16%	870	10%
Leung King	819	33%	1 267	21%
Lok Fu	651	18%	977	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	438	13%	664	7%
Lok Wah (North)	280	9%	593	6%
Lok Wah (South)	1 730	25%	2 627	19%
Long Bin IH	6	60%	2	10%
Long Ping	906	26%	1 604	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	663	15%	1 189	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	806	53%	1 242	35%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	790	12%	1 395	7%
Lung Hang	449	10%	863	6%
Lung Tin	104	24%	149	15%
Lung Yat	147	15%	307	11%
Ma Hang	79	9%	112	4%
Ma Tau Wai	363	18%	643	12%
Mei Lam	646	16%	1 063	10%
Mei Tin	1 254	19%	2 230	12%
Mei Tung	469	19%	847	14%
Ming Tak	242	17%	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	207	10%	301	5%
Model Housing	89	13%	159	7%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	114	12%	180	8%
Nam Cheong	242	37%	387	23%
Nam Shan	570	21%	929	13%
Nga Ning Court	46	11%	75	5%
Ngan Wan	60	14%	110	8%
Oi Man	720	11%	1 385	7%
Oi Tung	1 043	27%	1 497	16%
On Tin	81	11%	216	7%
On Ting	965	19%	1 491	12%
On Yam	728	14%	1 415	9%
Pak Tin	1 826	25%	2 774	14%
Ping Shek	563	12%	945	8%
Ping Tin	1 210	22%	1 814	12%
Po Lam	472	29%	802	18%
Po Tat	1 607	22%	2 739	12%
Po Tin	2 181	27%	2 618	23%
Pok Hong	399	36%	689	23%
Prosperous Garden	93	14%	100	6%
Sai Wan	51	8%	125	6%
Sam Shing	224	13%	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	802	20%	1 401	13%
Sau Mau Ping	2 605	22%	4 270	12%
Sha Kok	1 231	20%	1 993	13%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	54	8%	98	3%
Shan King	1 277	22%	2 118	15%
Shatin Pass	211	17%	349	11%
Shek Kip Mei	2 103	24%	3 472	15%
Shek Lei (I)	931	19%	1 532	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 721	19%	2 841	11%
Shek Mun	355	18%	652	13%
Shek Pai Wan	784	15%	1 288	8%
Shek Wai Kok	876	14%	1 529	9%
Shek Yam (East)	464	20%	677	11%
Shek Yam	540	20%	921	11%
Sheung Lok	151	44%	183	32%
Sheung Tak	898	16%	1 460	8%
Shin Ming	377	19%	597	14%
Shui Chuen O	369	13%	743	10%
Shui Pin Wai	627	27%	969	16%
Shun Lee	669	15%	1 136	10%
Shun On	566	19%	938	13%
Shun Tin	1 192	17%	2 105	11%
Siu Sai Wan	653	11%	1 247	6%
Sun Chui	915	14%	1 601	9%
Sun Tin Wai	412	12%	754	8%
Tai Hang Tung	587	29%	837	17%
Tai Hing	1 719	20%	2 727	14%
Tai Ping	75	31%	137	17%
Tai Wo	729	43%	1 044	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 211	16%	2 076	10%
Tai Yuen	693	15%	1 344	9%
Tak Long	1 178	15%	2 038	11%
Tak Tin	901	46%	1 246	32%
Tin Chak	829	21%	1 461	12%
Tin Ching	1 492	24%	2 826	17%
Tin Heng	769	13%	2 088	9%
Tin King	193	23%	371	15%
Tin Ping	341	34%	546	18%
Tin Shui	984	13%	1 873	7%
Tin Tsz	719	22%	1 066	12%
Tin Wah	802	22%	1 265	11%
Tin Wan	603	20%	889	10%
Tin Yan	1 625	29%	2 424	22%
Tin Yat	458	14%	1 195	10%
Tin Yiu	1 109	13%	2 050	8%
Tin Yuet	924	22%	1 624	13%
Tsing Yi	253	40%	381	25%
Tsui Lam	283	19%	555	12%
Tsui Lok	126	40%	188	25%
Tsui Ping (South)	585	13%	920	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 396	44%	2 129	30%
Tsui Wan	184	35%	262	20%
Tsz Ching	1 781	22%	2 590	11%
Tsz Hong	281	14%	647	9%
Tsz Lok	1 125	18%	1 742	9%
Tsz Man	339	17%	625	10%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	23	9%	39	5%
Tung Tau	886	41%	1 299	26%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Tung Wui	403	31%	535	20%
Un Chau	1 702	23%	2 534	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 726	26%	2 533	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 125	23%	1 721	14%
Verbena Heights	180	19%	242	13%
Wah Fu	990	11%	1 764	7%
Wah Kwai	364	36%	501	22%
Wah Lai	200	14%	366	8%
Wah Ming	562	39%	840	22%
Wah Sum	270	18%	429	9%
Wan Hon	454	46%	640	32%
Wan Tau Tong	264	47%	374	29%
Wan Tsui	539	15%	952	9%
Wang Tau Hom	699	12%	1 181	7%
Wing Cheong	309	21%	574	15%
Wo Che	782	13%	1 554	8%
Wo Lok	355	18%	574	12%
Wu King	403	9%	844	6%
Yan On	434	17%	712	11%
Yat Tung	1 757	15%	4 109	10%
Yau Lai	1 669	20%	2 961	13%
Yau Oi	1 252	14%	2 340	9%
Yau Tong	788	22%	1 305	13%
Yee Ming	270	13%	547	10%
Yiu On	331	35%	542	20%
Yiu Tung	719	14%	1 080	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	64	7%	95	4%
Yue Wan	364	17%	674	11%
Yung Shing Court	358	21%	555	9%

The revised estimate for CSSA in 2015-16 (including the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates) was \$22.381 billion. SWD does not capture the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by PHE. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (c)(i) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 076	255	338	480	216	233	46	3 644
Eastern	9 179	1 585	1 393	2 807	908	958	244	17 074
Islands	2 145	321	792	1 556	807	1 038	203	6 862
Kowloon City	9 413	1 277	1 659	4 065	965	1 505	244	19 128
Kwai Tsing	18 389	2 970	3 303	5 978	2 894	2 560	554	36 648
Kwun Tong	27 821	2 048	5 063	9 346	2 934	3 617	728	51 557
North	9 001	1 427	1 912	4 097	813	1 336	457	19 043
Sai Kung	5 331	1 000	1 589	1 953	839	862	318	11 892

Sha Tin	11 423	1 852	3 387	5 078	1 247	1 125	663	24 775
Sham Shui Po	16 162	1 669	3 454	6 436	1 690	2 839	456	32 706
Southern	5 388	1 406	989	1 285	569	404	179	10 220
Tai Po	6 105	766	1 542	2 168	365	685	328	11 959
Tsuen Wan	5 483	685	875	2 047	648	564	165	10 467
Tuen Mun	14 018	2 473	2 937	4 181	1 165	1 759	466	26 999
Wan Chai	989	61	128	201	37	208	94	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	14 884	1 592	2 785	5 051	1 615	1 862	394	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	5 291	457	1 196	2 710	564	1 598	237	12 053
Yuen Long	15 657	2 201	4 580	8 496	2 361	4 130	787	38 212
Total	178 755	24 045	37 922	67 935	20 637	27 283	6 563	363 140

(c)(ii) The number of CSSA households by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

The revised estimate for CSSA in 2015-16 (including the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates) was \$22.381 billion. SWD does not capture the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by case nature and district. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

(d)(i) The numbers of CSSA recipients in each of the PHEs by case nature as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	345	128	113	180	48	49	11	874
Bo Shek Mansion	52	5	1	-	3	-	-	61
Broadview Garden	18	3	2	12	1	-	1	37
Butterfly	1 099	79	155	286	30	90	13	1 752
Chai Wan	324	28	57	112	11	18	9	559
Chak On	476	21	46	155	5	40	3	746
Cheung Ching	506	39	75	180	58	79	17	954
Cheung Fat	304	59	36	69	15	27	8	518
Cheung Hang	442	52	81	100	55	60	26	816
Cheung Hong	1 301	113	122	349	99	114	18	2 116
Cheung Kwai	45	4	9	14	6	17	-	95
Cheung Lung Wai	219	18	39	180	33	70	12	571
Cheung On	427	45	45	67	9	42	12	647
Cheung Sha Wan	237	14	35	113	36	30	7	472
Cheung Shan	179	11	24	24	47	9	1	295
Cheung Wah	560	46	112	143	46	50	32	989
Cheung Wang	540	106	92	219	89	151	12	1 209
Ching Ho	1 220	101	360	921	215	341	46	3 204
Cho Yiu Chuen	223	10	14	20	34	17	5	323
Choi Fai	136	10	31	54	24	22	2	279
Choi Fook	515	30	83	329	76	114	13	1 160
Choi Ha	163	19	33	42	23	12	1	293
Choi Hung	1 131	74	223	412	109	117	14	2 080
Choi Ming Court	370	57	125	87	45	65	6	755
Choi Tak	794	36	148	451	65	99	36	1 629
Choi Wan (I)	584	64	148	281	91	79	19	1 266
Choi Wan (II)	338	25	76	117	42	53	17	668
Choi Ying	697	20	122	376	78	93	14	1 400
Choi Yuen	1 175	135	136	312	46	95	13	1 912
Chuk Yuen (North)	392	31	123	106	36	41	12	741
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 181	87	205	450	105	83	8	2 119
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	118	6	2	10	14	10	3	163
Chun Shek	318	27	82	91	24	19	2	563
Chung On	306	85	93	135	45	98	27	789
Clague Garden Estate	99	7	4	13	3	-	-	126
Easeful Court	28	9	14	29	19	13	2	114
Fortune	617	43	84	84	17	33	3	881
Fu Cheong	1 471	111	243	224	123	111	12	2 295
Fu Heng	448	86	199	101	13	54	16	917
Fu Shan	243	16	48	91	20	30	5	453
Fu Shin	527	61	171	180	30	52	54	1 075
Fu Tai	474	103	173	218	233	176	18	1 395
Fu Tung	106	15	41	83	28	24	-	297
Fuk Loi	489	51	77	148	16	32	7	820
Fung Tak	497	44	99	80	33	40	7	800

	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
PHE								
Fung Wah	84	12	23	18	8	17	4	166
Fung Wo	116	21	53	178	22	13	14	417
Grandeur Terrace	333	78	232	494	231	262	25	1 655
Hau Tak	473	72	128	160	80	102	17	1 032
Healthy Village	125	8	19	13	16	10	2	193
Heng On	263	40	94	108	34	37	28	604
High Prosperity Terrace	24	4	18	40	28	9	4	127
Hin Keng	269	28	72	79	30	20	18	516
Hin Yiu	131	15	47	80	17	7	1	298
Hing Man	199	30	36	104	73	27	2	471
Hing Tin	107	8	65	43	28	16	3	270
Hing Tung	197	39	43	80	49	23	3	434
Hing Wah (I)	311	70	59	81	37	31	3	592
Hing Wah (II)	663	60	92	220	42	43	8	1 128
Ho Man Tin	759	80	187	179	80	85	19	1 389
Hoi Fu Court	693	37	117	140	86	60	4	1 137
Hoi Lai	429	101	238	387	243	210	18	1 626
Hong Tung	217	14	8	15	-	2	-	256
Hung Fuk	329	52	131	457	60	132	11	1 172
Hung Hom	613	52	91	152	48	73	15	1 044
Jat Min Chuen	478	34	48	40	23	15	13	651
Ka Fuk	268	53	36	81	13	35	10	496
Ka Wai Chuen	305	21	54	22	5	14	2	423
Kai Ching	543	59	88	518	64	129	10	1 411
Kai Tin	368	40	120	90	43	54	14	729
Kai Yip	1 012	30	107	250	17	59	7	1 482
Kam Peng	43	3	10	19	4	14	5	98
Kin Ming	559	146	394	555	295	244	20	2 213
Kin Sang	133	25	30	28	19	22	1	258
King Lam	498	56	104	73	15	61	8	815
Ko Cheung Court	128	19	79	160	77	64	9	536
Ko Yee	254	18	29	66	20	17	-	404
Kwai Chung	1 704	268	530	1 026	509	449	73	4 559
Kwai Fong	766	106	230	185	183	163	11	1 644
Kwai Hing	115	18	18	31	18	20	-	220
Kwai Luen	247	37	89	301	93	113	16	896
Kwai Shing (East)	967	94	207	240	129	169	17	1 823
Kwai Shing (West)	660	64	91	213	67	61	18	1 174
Kwong Fuk	772	91	187	291	61	109	33	1 544
Kwong Tin	218	21	97	102	49	54	16	557
Kwong Yuen	336	89	106	128	20	33	61	773
Kwun Lung Lau	155	25	20	61	51	41	3	356
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	669	28	104	90	61	66	5	1 023
Lai King	610	56	67	143	62	59	11	1 008
Lai Kok	631	55	106	207	41	67	10	1 117
Lai On	204	43	56	57	5	29	-	394
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	20	37	27	17	20	1	340

	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
PHE								
Lai Yiu	334	54	63	94	121	56	6	728
Lakeside Garden	19	6	8	2	-	-	-	35
Lam Tin	577	32	111	211	94	49	14	1 088
Lee On	397	83	182	142	28	52	17	901
Lei Cheng Uk	456	54	64	146	37	60	12	829
Lei Muk Shue	1 171	212	314	543	237	185	34	2 696
Lei Tung	516	96	88	167	39	44	15	965
Lei Yue Mun	586	38	118	213	69	81	11	1 116
Lek Yuen	373	47	139	205	46	20	40	870
Leung King	654	84	153	207	58	96	15	1 267
Lok Fu	456	63	125	198	52	76	7	977
Lok Man Sun Chuen	447	16	54	55	50	41	1	664
Lok Wah (North)	258	32	74	120	35	62	12	593
Lok Wah (South)	1 989	57	131	333	21	75	21	2 627
Long Bin IH	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Long Ping	859	78	176	288	39	131	33	1 604
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	535	25	144	268	57	142	18	1 189
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	603	96	135	236	96	57	19	1 242
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	585	91	173	304	93	132	17	1 395
Lung Hang	356	35	143	212	73	24	20	863
Lung Tin	67	22	6	22	2	30	-	149
Lung Yat	97	15	26	104	20	31	14	307
Ma Hang	52	9	11	18	7	10	5	112
Ma Tau Wai	274	56	54	190	21	41	7	643
Mei Lam	554	49	147	227	26	39	21	1 063
Mei Tin	723	97	332	708	185	160	25	2 230
Mei Tung	366	50	66	199	72	79	15	847
Ming Tak	217	19	48	50	22	12	7	375
Ming Wah Dai Ha	214	21	18	16	14	17	1	301
Model Housing	51	29	22	21	22	11	3	159
Moon Lok Dai Ha	130	4	17	15	8	4	2	180
Nam Cheong	214	33	38	51	27	24	-	387
Nam Shan	459	55	93	251	21	48	2	929
Nga Ning Court	26	4	7	18	10	6	4	75
Ngan Wan	37	10	5	33	18	7	-	110
Oi Man	607	103	192	290	89	89	15	1 385
Oi Tung	861	159	122	197	77	62	19	1 497
On Tin	35	4	18	93	35	23	8	216
On Ting	856	91	98	285	57	96	8	1 491
On Yam	555	115	135	225	246	122	17	1 415
Pak Tin	1 565	122	294	427	129	204	33	2 774
Ping Shek	590	26	85	117	49	73	5	945
Ping Tin	1 015	89	195	292	87	110	26	1 814
Po Lam	405	60	96	147	39	46	9	802
Po Tat	1 356	114	254	427	230	312	46	2 739
Po Tin	1 491	160	341	295	41	255	35	2 618
Pok Hong	405	19	75	124	26	24	16	689

	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
PHE								
Prosperous Garden	89	-	6	2	-	-	3	100
Sai Wan	38	6	18	19	24	20	-	125
Sam Shing	209	40	23	71	26	46	11	426
Sau Mau Ping (South)	607	53	121	347	107	143	23	1 401
Sau Mau Ping	2 173	234	454	594	342	412	61	4 270
Sha Kok	1 034	97	296	421	36	70	39	1 993
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	51	5	12	13	6	11	-	98
Shan King	1 182	143	224	357	62	124	26	2 118
Shatin Pass	119	23	37	106	33	28	3	349
Shek Kip Mei	1 809	104	387	731	184	230	27	3 472
Shek Lei (I)	817	111	124	271	107	81	21	1 532
Shek Lei (II)	1 248	167	223	591	339	213	60	2 841
Shek Mun	170	16	120	219	67	39	21	652
Shek Pai Wan	612	105	115	191	149	87	29	1 288
Shek Wai Kok	805	95	140	313	81	84	11	1 529
Shek Yam (East)	406	62	53	70	55	25	6	677
Shek Yam	483	77	75	166	66	43	11	921
Sheung Lok	146	7	4	24	-	2	-	183
Sheung Tak	702	90	194	220	116	124	14	1 460
Shin Ming	257	36	77	153	40	33	1	597
Shui Chuen O	185	34	79	274	95	59	17	743
Shui Pin Wai	601	31	82	156	40	54	5	969
Shun Lee	666	45	107	167	42	96	13	1 136
Shun On	583	49	65	138	35	65	3	938
Shun Tin	1 222	71	214	277	86	205	30	2 105
Siu Sai Wan	457	148	131	304	84	117	6	1 247
Sun Chui	829	96	164	295	101	70	46	1 601
Sun Tin Wai	381	66	70	162	50	22	3	754
Tai Hang Tung	508	34	85	108	47	53	2	837
Tai Hing	1 682	128	227	437	95	122	36	2 727
Tai Ping	56	11	28	26	-	14	2	137
Tai Wo	649	60	121	115	34	42	23	1 044
Tai Wo Hau	1 056	151	227	368	116	139	19	2 076
Tai Yuen	426	128	319	226	72	133	40	1 344
Tak Long	737	100	176	687	128	193	17	2 038
Tak Tin	805	48	182	106	39	45	21	1 246
Tin Chak	606	81	200	283	78	173	40	1 461
Tin Ching	1 017	114	293	869	169	307	57	2 826
Tin Heng	365	88	311	520	343	431	30	2 088
Tin King	135	37	41	107	18	28	5	371
Tin Ping	284	38	82	84	24	29	5	546
Tin Shui	778	110	233	365	154	205	28	1 873
Tin Tsz	610	52	148	126	53	67	10	1 066
Tin Wah	622	88	183	214	44	95	19	1 265
Tin Wan	464	81	100	102	87	44	11	889
Tin Yan	1 175	98	272	543	70	235	31	2 424
Tin Yat	274	43	162	304	161	229	22	1 195

	CSSA case nature (number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
PHE								
Tin Yiu	920	88	311	397	134	158	42	2 050
Tin Yuet	631	71	211	280	202	210	19	1 624
Tsing Yi	227	22	29	53	11	34	5	381
Tsui Lam	216	34	77	145	37	31	15	555
Tsui Lok	145	7	5	22	4	5	-	188
Tsui Ping (South)	522	34	96	139	75	49	5	920
Tsui Ping (North)	1 233	85	251	316	99	132	13	2 129
Tsui Wan	153	28	20	40	8	11	2	262
Tsz Ching	1 487	136	275	351	157	174	10	2 590
Tsz Hong	187	34	72	166	104	81	3	647
Tsz Lok	979	101	148	251	89	156	18	1 742
Tsz Man	273	26	65	121	67	68	5	625
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	18	2	6	8	4	1	-	39
Tung Tau	755	72	96	192	86	86	12	1 299
Tung Wui	369	19	37	79	12	14	5	535
Un Chau	1 464	129	260	334	156	174	17	2 534
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 634	93	248	239	121	182	16	2 533
Upper Wong Tai Sin	994	130	153	235	81	120	8	1 721
Verbena Heights	184	6	21	6	-	22	3	242
Wah Fu	817	194	165	334	145	92	17	1 764
Wah Kwai	299	45	61	49	30	14	3	501
Wah Lai	135	35	50	79	42	25	-	366
Wah Ming	411	99	81	132	35	49	33	840
Wah Sum	229	59	48	37	21	32	3	429
Wan Hon	539	6	13	64	10	5	3	640
Wan Tau Tong	219	44	46	33	10	19	3	374
Wan Tsui	423	109	85	219	54	56	6	952
Wang Tau Hom	498	112	127	251	74	98	21	1 181
Wing Cheong	217	21	56	162	43	73	2	574
Wo Che	588	96	296	313	148	78	35	1 554
Wo Lok	315	29	64	108	15	34	9	574
Wu King	292	50	150	198	55	86	13	844
Yan On	248	31	96	234	14	71	18	712
Yat Tung	900	174	540	1 039	670	703	83	4 109
Yau Lai	1 387	63	296	806	170	213	26	2 961
Yau Oi	1 127	129	268	421	198	167	30	2 340
Yau Tong	656	59	167	187	129	91	16	1 305
Yee Ming	182	11	82	154	57	54	7	547
Yiu On	235	52	96	98	19	22	20	542
Yiu Tung	598	113	99	124	59	78	9	1 080
Yue Kwong Chuen	54	12	10	10	4	3	2	95
Yue Wan	290	54	54	207	21	46	2	674
Yung Shing Court	261	67	52	68	50	48	9	555
Total	118 766	13 490	26 576	45 409	15 821	18 399	3 248	241 709

(d)(ii) The numbers of CSSA households in each of the PHEs by case nature as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455
Clague Garden Estate	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Prosperous Garden	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458

PHE	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	48	100	9	1 702
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752

The revised estimate for CSSA in 2015-16 (including the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates) was \$22.381 billion. SWD does not capture the

breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by case nature and PHE. The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0248****(Question Serial No. 0118)**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 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 25)Reply:

As at end-December 2015, 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

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	5 049
Female	4 508
Total	9 557

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 to 19	331
20 to 29	1 285
30 to 39	1 575
40 to 49	3 729
50 to 59	2 637
Total	9 557

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	Number of recipients
1 year or less	493
More than 1 year to 2 years	711
More than 2 years to 3 years	543
More than 3 years to 4 years	567
More than 4 years to 5 years	566
More than 5 years	6 677
Total	9 557

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	1 024
Clerk	354
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	309
Delivery worker	573
Domestic helper/baby sitter	232
Driver	464
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	2 311
Salesperson	671
Waiter/waitress	687
Watchman/guard	502
Others	2 430
Total	9 557

Table 5: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by monthly earnings from employment

Monthly earnings from employment	Number of recipients
Less than \$4,000	2 226
\$4,000 – less than \$6,000	3 603
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	1 663
\$8,000 or above	2 065
Total	9 557

Table 6: Number of CSSA recipients under the low-earnings category by district

District	Number of recipients
Central & Western	82
Eastern	366
Islands	280
Kowloon City	459
Kwai Tsing	1 233
Kwun Tong	1 461
North	468
Sai Kung	363

District	Number of recipients
Sha Tin	635
Sham Shui Po	844
Southern	195
Tai Po	218
Tsuen Wan	270
Tuen Mun	556
Wan Chai	24
Wong Tai Sin	698
Yau Tsim Mong	283
Yuen Long	1 122
Total	9 557

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. \$2,010 as at end-December 2015) and with no less than 120 working hours per month. The number of recipients in this reply refers to all recipients who fall within the definition of CSSA low-earnings recipients.

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)0249****(Question Serial No. 0119)**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 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 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 26)Reply:

As at end December 2015, the numbers of CSSA recipients under the unemployment category, their gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, past occupation, earnings from employment and geographical distribution are set out in table form as follows –

Table 1: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	8 542
Female	7 765
Total	16 307

Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 to 19	592
20 to 29	1 064
30 to 39	1 603
40 to 49	4 846
50 to 59	8 202
Total	16 307

Table 3: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	2 019
More than 1 to 2	1 467
More than 2 to 3	1 029
More than 3 to 4	933
More than 4 to 5	876
More than 5	9 983
Total	16 307

Table 4: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	232
Clerk	15
Construction worker/labourer/decoration worker	32
Delivery worker	150
Domestic helper/baby sitter	138
Driver	47
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	463
Salesperson	78
Waiter/waitress	95
Watchman/guard	25
Others	484
Jobless	14 548
Total	16 307

Table 5: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by earnings from employment

Monthly earnings from employment	Number of recipients
\$0	14 548
\$1 to less than \$1,000	506
\$1,000 to less than \$2,000	1 253
Total	16 307

Table 6: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by district

District	Number of recipients
Central & Western	148
Eastern	677
Islands	438
Kowloon City	826
Kwai Tsing	1 342
Kwun Tong	2 246
North	729
Sai Kung	540
Sha Tin	781
Sham Shui Po	1 866
Southern	327

District	Number of recipients
Tai Po	384
Tsuen Wan	375
Tuen Mun	1 010
Wan Chai	126
Wong Tai Sin	1 300
Yau Tsim Mong	1 063
Yuen Long	2 129
Total	16 307

Unemployed CSSA recipients refer to those who are unemployed, or with monthly earnings from employment less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$2,010 as at end-December 2015) or with less than 120 working hours per month. The number of recipients in this reply refers to all recipients who fall within the definition of unemployed CSSA recipients.

Unemployed CSSA 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

LWB(WW)0250

(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:

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 3 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 3 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 3 years; if no, how are the needs for social welfare services (if any) of those elderly persons being addressed?
4. the number of cases served by SWD over the past year for elderly persons who have returned from the Mainland, and the support required in such cases;
5. 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. 28)

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 from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme
No. of elderly recipients	2 096	17 194	1 917	17 145	1 772	16 199
Total expenditure (\$ million)	86	84	81	275	78	227

2. The numbers of cases of leaving the PCSSA Scheme and GD Scheme from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
No. of cases of leaving the Schemes due to	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme
(i) Death	235	30	224	557	172	482
(ii) Return to Hong Kong due to personal reasons	111	46	69	531	44	720

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 consultation, counselling, emergency assistance, various types of groups and activities, 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 2014-15 were \$6.1 million and \$6.6 million respectively, and the revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$6.9 million.
4. After returning to Hong Kong, elderly persons may seek assistance from district elderly community centres, social security field units, integrated family service centres or integrated services centres. Services provided by these service units include provision of information, counselling, emergency assistance, supportive groups, referral service, etc. SWD does not capture statistics about elderly persons who have returned from the Mainland.
5. SWD has been publicizing various social security schemes through different channels to provide those in need with relevant information.

The PCSSA Scheme has been in place for many years. Its features have not undergone significant changes and are well known to CSSA elderly recipients.

The GD Scheme will continue to be publicised through different free channels in order to target elderly persons who choose to retire in GD. Such channels include setting up a webpage (which contains some frequently-asked-questions), distributing press releases to GD's mainstream media through the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong and the Information Services Department as necessary, as well as placing promotional materials in different places in GD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0251

(Question Serial No. 2677)

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 2016-17 that the Department will “follow up a consultancy study to advise on the long-term development of child care services”. Please advise us of the amount of expenditure earmarked for following up on the consultancy study; the details of the study and the estimated time for the completion of the study.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have consulted non-governmental organisations for their views on the areas to be covered in the study and other relevant matters. The views are now being collated for drawing up the details of the study. It is expected that the consultancy study will take at least 1 year to complete. The expenditure required for the consultancy study will be absorbed within SWD's existing provision.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0252

(Question Serial No. 2679)

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 as well as the expenditure on and the details of work for combating 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 applicants for such support services over the past 3 years; whether the Government has assessed the effectiveness of the various measures; and if yes, please give the details; if not, please give the reasons; and
- (c) the expenditure and the details of support services in relation to handling domestic violence and sexual violence in 2016-17

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The expenditure on the publicity and public education programmes for the prevention of domestic violence and sexual violence in each of the past 3 years was around \$5 million. In addition, in 2013-14 and 2015-16, there was an additional one-off allocation of about \$2.9 million and \$0.8 million respectively for the production of a series of docudramas and for the promotion of positive thinking.
- (b) & (c) 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.

The expenditure of these services in the past 3 years and 2016-17 is set out below –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2
2016-17 (Estimate)	3,063.2

SWD does not capture the statistics on the number of victims of domestic violence and sexual violence as users of the above services, nor the breakdown expenditure on the work relating to domestic violence and sexual violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0253

(Question Serial No. 2680)

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) 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.
- (b) The places for standalone child care centres (CCCs) in 2015-16 was 736. It is stated in the Policy Agenda (page 130) that the Government will “provide in 2018-19 about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places for children aged below three”. Does it mean that there will not be any planned increase in the number of places in aided standalone CCCs for the next 2 financial years? Please give the reasons for not increasing the number of places.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), 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 financial 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.
- (b) In 2014-15 and 2015-16, SWD provided a total of 46 additional places through in-situ expansion in 6 existing aided standalone CCCs. It is planned that in 2018-19 about 100 additional aided long full-day child care places will be provided in Sha Tin for children aged below 3. SWD will continue to identify suitable locations for increasing the number of places required. The Government has also invited non-governmental organisations participating in the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses to actively explore the option of setting up work-based CCCs.

**Table 1 – Number of Places and Utilisation Rate/Number of Service Users
for Standalone CCCs, CCCs Attached to KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(2013-14)**

(2015-14)

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs Attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	55	1 162	63	52	42	14	35	14	18.9	40	205
Southern Islands	-	N.A.	1 661	56	58	83	16	108	42	5.0	40	297
Eastern	-	N.A.	1 081	33	14	16	12	79	11	5.6	40	371
Wan Chai	449	60	2 713	79	96	70	19	56	-	N.A.	40	402
Kwun Tong	40	100	748	74	56	80	12	59	-	N.A.	40	228
Wong Tai Sin	216	68	1 456	87	122	82	49	76	56	9.9	40	575
Sai Kung	42	36	829	88	84	125	34	81	14	14.8	40	691
Kowloon City	-	N.A.	2 221	67	56	51	21	64	-	N.A.	40	888
Yau Tsim Mong	1 168	64	3 106	86	66	58	25	63	-	N.A.	40	451
Sham Shui Po	88	94	1 245	90	58	98	22	68	14	-	40	824
Sha Tin	62	100	732	89	76	116	25	84	37	17.1	40	1 035
Tai Po	70	100	2 091	85	82	57	29	59	-	N.A.	40	535
North	-	N.A.	976	71	66	83	15	69	-	N.A.	40	575
Yuen Long	48	100	704	78	58	74	20	43	14	3.3	40	384
Tsuen Wan	64	100	1 087	97	70	66	35	67	42	3.5	40	888
Kwai Tsing	238	84	1 144	83	50	98	18	77	14	3.2	40	428
Tuen Mun	60	100	1 138	88	88	60	37	71	42	3.8	40	719
Total	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

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs include around 7 200 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

[Note 3] 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 KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(2014-15)**

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs Attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	92	1 318	57	52	46	13	37	14	22.5	53	482
Southern	-	N.A.	1 492	62	58	63	18	95	42	0.9	53	360
Islands	-	N.A.	1 094	38	14	3	13	72	11	1.6	53	364
Eastern	464	91	3 040	77	96	68	22	52	-	N.A.	53	398
Wan Chai	48	99	749	80	56	70	10	73	-	N.A.	53	273
Kwun Tong	216	98	1 555	91	122	71	50	74	56	12.0	53	687
Wong Tai Sin	42	88	807	92	84	91	34	83	14	13.8	53	717
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 321	68	56	55	20	54	-	N.A.	53	908
Kowloon City	1 144	86	3 708	82	66	59	22	64	-	N.A.	53	632
Yau Tsim Mong	128	92	1 262	88	58	65	22	63	14	0.1	53	880
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	76	87	26	84	37	17.2	53	900
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	82	53	30	54	-	N.A.	53	672
Tai Po	-	N.A.	1 011	76	66	84	17	73	14	10.9	53	690
North	48	100	728	93	58	66	16	54	14	1.7	53	458
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	70	59	34	75	42	2.4	53	1 135
Tsuen Wan	238	100	1 185	83	50	91	20	63	14	6.5	53	525
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 192	89	88	57	34	81	42	6.0	53	798
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	78	63	33	78	-	N.A.	53	1 020
Total	2 850	92	27 012	79	1 230	67	434	71	314	8.0	954	11 899

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs include around 7 200 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

[Note 3] 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 KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(April to December 2015)**

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs Attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Number of places	Utilisation rate	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	210	70	1 359	53	74	40	13	37	14	27.6	53	423
Southern	-	N.A.	1 494	56	70	66	18	74	42	0.2	53	255
Islands	-	N.A.	956	42	14	12	13	63	-	N.A.	53	339
Eastern	474	65	2 817	75	190	66	22	48	-	N.A.	53	390
Wan Chai	48	100	773	77	94	58	10	75	-	N.A.	53	227
Kwun Tong	216	88	1 436	89	232	63	50	75	56	12.7	53	642
Wong Tai Sin	42	58	807	85	196	83	34	70	14	15.1	53	599
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 296	67	80	64	20	74	-	N.A.	53	644
Kowloon City	1 144	71	3 911	78	148	53	22	65	-	N.A.	53	478
Yau Tsim Mong	128	88	1 177	86	146	55	22	61	14	0.1	53	734
Sham Shui Po	62	100	915	82	158	84	26	89	37	26.6	53	812
Sha Tin	70	100	2 012	88	110	45	30	53	-	N.A.	53	583
Tai Po	-	N.A.	858	77	96	68	17	72	14	10.3	53	626
North	48	100	681	90	74	60	16	63	14	5.0	53	376
Yuen Long	64	100	1 119	100	130	59	34	61	42	2.8	53	913
Tsuen Wan	244	88	1 269	82	94	72	20	47	14	1.5	53	459
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 123	90	132	68	34	72	42	8.2	53	713
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 460	82	166	53	33	63	-	N.A.	53	945
Total	2 874	77	26 463	77	2 204	63	434	66	303	10.0	954	10 158

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs include around 7 000 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

[Note 3] 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)0254

(Question Serial No. 2687)

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 2016-17 that the Department will “launch the pilot project on child care training for grandparents”. Please advise –

- (a) the expenditure earmarked for this pilot project;
- (b) the performance targets and the expected effectiveness; and
- (c) the staffing establishment.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The expenditure of some \$3.3 million to be incurred by the Pilot Project on Child Care Training for Grandparents (the Pilot Project) is funded by the Lotteries Fund.
- (b) A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year Pilot Project. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will monitor the implementation progress of the Pilot Project and evaluate its effectiveness upon completion having regard to the experience gained.
- (c) To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from SWD and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the Pilot Project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0255

(Question Serial No. 3133)

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 the following –

- (a) the number of Domestic Incidents, Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous) cases and Domestic Violence (Crime) cases reported to the Police by District Council district in the past 5 years; and the number of such cases that required referral to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for follow-up; and
- (b) the staffing establishment and the financial resources required by SWD for handling domestic violence.

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

- (a) The number of referrals made by the Police to the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD for follow-up in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of referrals	7 450	7 600	7 474	7 326	6 511

SWD does not have the numbers of Domestic Incidents, Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous) cases and Domestic Violence (Crime) cases reported to the Police by District Council district.

- (b) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and the 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 expenditure for all these services in 2016-17 is about \$3.063 billion. As the above services are also provided to other families in need, SWD does not have breakdown figures on the staffing establishment and funding allocation for handling domestic violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2033)

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 2016-17 that the Department will launch a pilot project on child care training for grandparents. Please advise –

1. the time table for launching the project; the number of target service users and the specific details of the project;
2. whether the project is to be carried out by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or by voluntary agencies; and
3. the total expenditure of the project and whether the Government has any timeline for evaluating the project.

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In March 2016, the Government launched a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project. Apart from equipping the trainees with the contemporary child care knowledge and skills, some training contents will also cover topics focusing on family with a view to strengthening intergenerational support and integration.
2. To ensure service quality, 9 non-governmental organisations which are receiving recurrent subventions from SWD and are also training bodies recognised by the Employees Retraining Board to run its Foundation Certificate in Infant Care/Child Care (Part-time) courses in 2015-16 have been commissioned to implement the pilot project.
3. The expenditure of some \$3.3 million incurred by the pilot project will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. Upon the completion of the pilot project, SWD will evaluate its effectiveness having regard to the experience gained.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0257

(Question Serial No. 2034)

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 2016-17 that the Department will provide additional manpower for refuge centres for women (refuge centres) and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC). Please advise –

1. the numbers of residential places and staff coming under the Government or voluntary agencies as at end February 2016;
2. the number of persons on the waiting list for the above services as at end February 2016; and
3. the total number of additional staff for each of the above 2 services.

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. As at end-February 2016, a total of 260 residential places were provided by the 5 refuge centres and 80 residential places by MCISC. As the above centres have exercised flexibility in admission and set up a mutual referral mechanism with a view to meeting the service demand, they do not have a waiting list.
3. It is stated in the 2016 Policy Address that the Government will provide additional places and manpower in the refuge centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), and provide additional manpower in the refuge centres and MCISC so as to strengthen the support to children temporarily staying in the centres. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide a total of 40 additional residential places in the refuge centre and FCSC in 2016-17, involving a full-year additional funding of around \$6 million. In addition, SWD will provide additional manpower for the refuge centres and MCISC, involving a full-year additional provision of about \$2 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0258****(Question Serial No. 2945)**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-February 2016.

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 Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 4)Reply:

The number CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in each PHE with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible household members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Ap Lei Chau	176	163	60	30	7	2
Bo Shek Mansion	36	9	2	-	-	-
Broadview Garden	7	11	2	-	-	-
Butterfly	555	428	77	21	1	-
Chai Wan	251	81	32	9	1	-
Chak On	209	213	25	5	-	1
Cheung Ching	194	170	65	24	11	7
Cheung Fat	178	97	32	10	-	-
Cheung Hang	268	112	49	16	9	7
Cheung Hong	534	484	117	27	17	6
Cheung Kwai	19	16	6	3	-	2
Cheung Lung Wai	106	76	60	26	4	1
Cheung On	220	90	30	10	2	1
Cheung Sha Wan	140	65	36	14	5	1
Cheung Shan	39	52	15	14	4	3
Cheung Wah	274	216	44	15	5	2

Number of eligible household members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Cheung Wang	389	146	88	38	13	5
Ching Ho	796	416	262	138	31	10
Cho Yiu Chuen	113	52	17	7	3	1
Choi Fai	79	37	15	9	4	2
Choi Fook	330	180	85	34	12	2
Choi Ha	106	33	16	5	5	-
Choi Hung	536	432	124	39	14	5
Choi Ming Court	287	111	41	16	6	4
Choi Tak	500	304	97	32	14	3
Choi Wan (I)	244	219	84	34	31	2
Choi Wan (II)	121	105	59	26	7	-
Choi Ying	436	235	109	26	11	-
Choi Yuen	528	466	81	34	10	1
Chuk Yuen (North)	220	107	30	11	3	3
Chuk Yuen (South)	590	484	103	34	14	1
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	68	29	7	1	2	-
Chun Shek	175	124	27	7	3	1
Chung On	225	118	57	25	7	1
Clague Garden Estate	34	27	6	1	2	-
Easeful Court	5	8	11	5	4	2
Fortune	519	93	45	3	3	1
Fu Cheong	1 124	312	82	36	24	4
Fu Heng	343	131	47	17	7	1
Fu Shan	133	58	41	15	3	-
Fu Shin	260	241	58	16	4	1
Fu Tai	328	118	85	48	28	35
Fu Tung	58	33	22	14	7	2
Fuk Loi	234	170	55	12	4	-
Fung Tak	333	100	30	15	2	1
Fung Wah	71	17	4	6	2	-
Fung Wo	127	71	33	10	1	-
Grandeur Terrace	49	182	194	84	39	19
Hau Tak	303	129	72	39	9	6
Healthy Village	69	34	12	3	-	-
Heng On	93	82	49	13	7	1
High Prosperity Terrace	3	18	9	8	4	1
Hin Keng	70	86	33	11	1	-
Hin Yiu	90	53	15	6	5	-
Hing Man	86	78	29	10	10	5
Hing Tin	45	37	24	6	1	2
Hing Tung	130	58	23	17	5	3
Hing Wah (I)	239	55	37	18	6	3
Hing Wah (II)	328	268	47	21	3	1
Ho Man Tin	561	201	65	31	11	4
Hoi Fu Court	384	202	44	25	13	7
Hoi Lai	221	179	121	88	39	19
Hong Tung	156	40	3	2	-	-
Hung Fuk	242	137	161	32	3	4
Hung Hom	417	142	58	28	3	5
Jat Min Chuen	233	144	23	9	2	-
Ka Fuk	181	58	32	14	4	3
Ka Wai Chuen	154	80	19	7	1	1
Kai Ching	400	210	129	33	7	5
Kai Tin	276	88	38	18	9	4
Kai Yip	459	378	55	19	1	1
Kam Peng	20	11	6	7	2	-

Number of eligible household members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Kin Ming	536	219	179	103	25	22
Kin Sang	84	29	14	7	3	-
King Lam	382	103	30	12	6	-
Ko Cheung Court	26	65	56	25	10	9
Ko Yee	148	62	14	14	2	3
Kwai Chung	1 342	588	302	163	64	19
Kwai Fong	589	169	98	45	27	11
Kwai Hing	59	40	11	2	1	2
Kwai Luen	209	93	91	37	6	7
Kwai Shing (East)	710	267	86	36	20	9
Kwai Shing (West)	300	234	70	37	4	2
Kwong Fuk	326	332	93	35	16	5
Kwong Tin	136	73	32	23	10	3
Kwong Yuen	277	91	40	19	5	2
Kwun Lung Lau	113	41	17	17	5	2
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	319	205	41	26	8	1
Lai King	281	214	53	16	9	2
Lai Kok	345	257	52	13	4	2
Lai On	169	42	13	12	9	1
Lai Tak Tsuen	101	64	15	8	3	2
Lai Yiu	179	114	24	10	17	17
Lakeside Garden	10	6	3	1	-	-
Lam Tin	318	148	77	42	10	2
Lee On	257	157	61	16	10	1
Lei Cheng Uk	226	146	36	21	4	1
Lei Muk Shue	761	394	156	96	31	14
Lei Tung	274	188	44	14	3	2
Lei Yue Mun	331	175	75	30	16	-
Lek Yuen	224	164	53	28	4	1
Leung King	465	167	73	24	9	7
Lok Fu	372	130	58	22	5	4
Lok Man Sun Chuen	232	120	38	10	2	3
Lok Wah (North)	83	83	49	29	11	2
Lok Wah (South)	808	771	66	10	3	-
Long Bin IH	-	1	-	-	-	-
Long Ping	283	334	118	43	8	2
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	297	203	80	36	14	3
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	435	169	64	27	7	5
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	340	209	93	51	11	6
Lung Hang	161	147	58	30	16	3
Lung Tin	68	19	2	5	2	1
Lung Yat	39	42	40	9	4	1
Ma Hang	38	22	5	3	-	-
Ma Tau Wai	138	130	51	16	3	-
Mei Lam	288	226	65	22	4	1
Mei Tin	573	287	191	79	30	3
Mei Tung	212	126	77	25	9	-
Ming Tak	147	49	22	6	1	4
Ming Wah Dai Ha	115	68	8	5	-	-
Model Housing	41	12	11	5	1	5
Moon Lok Dai Ha	61	32	12	1	1	1
Nam Cheong	118	67	18	5	8	1
Nam Shan	235	209	58	17	2	2
Nga Ning Court	23	9	2	6	-	-
Ngan Wan	19	17	11	2	3	-
Oi Man	252	217	120	47	15	6

Number of eligible household members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Oi Tung	680	213	73	22	9	4
On Tin	8	26	17	12	7	3
On Ting	520	290	78	14	12	3
On Yam	337	139	73	47	30	30
Pak Tin	1 079	365	155	75	21	7
Ping Shek	261	171	72	18	5	2
Ping Tin	707	250	99	52	13	-
Po Lam	184	162	52	14	3	2
Po Tat	819	343	182	91	35	15
Po Tin	1 627	318	64	21	5	1
Pok Hong	126	127	43	14	6	2
Prosperous Garden	69	12	1	1	-	-
Sai Wan	11	16	11	6	2	2
Sam Shing	81	90	22	17	4	1
Sau Mau Ping (South)	375	208	128	28	15	4
Sau Mau Ping	1 405	543	287	113	35	29
Sha Kok	553	477	75	44	5	3
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	26	14	6	1	4	-
Shan King	521	514	110	36	5	4
Shatin Pass	112	49	27	6	5	-
Shek Kip Mei	1 058	614	220	69	29	11
Shek Lei (I)	450	280	89	29	15	7
Shek Lei (II)	938	345	189	83	33	18
Shek Mun	164	97	45	27	7	2
Shek Pai Wan	407	196	70	32	16	8
Shek Wai Kok	355	331	96	36	11	-
Shek Yam (East)	296	76	29	22	7	1
Shek Yam	281	134	47	33	9	7
Sheung Lok	111	33	2	-	-	-
Sheung Tak	493	176	93	42	18	9
Shin Ming	193	109	43	11	1	1
Shui Chuen O	139	74	81	38	7	3
Shui Pin Wai	328	211	40	11	2	5
Shun Lee	279	230	68	28	5	3
Shun On	248	224	36	19	4	4
Shun Tin	475	464	100	52	21	8
Siu Sai Wan	271	145	101	43	10	17
Sun Chui	385	317	95	38	18	4
Sun Tin Wai	154	139	60	21	4	3
Tai Hang Tung	386	128	25	11	2	7
Tai Hing	843	594	149	42	6	4
Tai Ping	20	23	10	4	2	1
Tai Wo	388	139	42	22	4	2
Tai Wo Hau	572	363	113	62	17	10
Tai Yuen	233	227	103	48	12	8
Tak Long	552	340	150	51	21	5
Tak Tin	573	156	45	16	7	3
Tin Chak	397	187	120	55	12	6
Tin Ching	608	397	232	117	42	4
Tin Heng	70	201	202	108	49	46
Tin King	53	60	29	14	4	-
Tin Ping	116	88	40	16	2	-
Tin Shui	390	274	138	63	21	16
Tin Tsz	441	139	60	26	7	2
Tin Wah	466	146	94	30	11	5
Tin Wan	384	95	59	18	3	5

Number of eligible household members	1	2	3	4	5	6 and above
Tin Yan	948	389	137	48	12	2
Tin Yat	57	131	124	62	27	17
Tin Yiu	476	293	163	60	34	6
Tin Yuet	489	173	109	60	23	15
Tsing Yi	137	52	23	9	-	1
Tsui Lam	66	112	40	14	6	3
Tsui Lok	58	58	1	1	1	-
Tsui Ping (South)	327	130	55	22	7	5
Tsui Ping (North)	700	395	109	34	11	4
Tsui Wan	106	39	13	1	3	-
Tsz Ching	1 170	260	142	71	19	6
Tsz Hong	49	93	68	25	12	6
Tsz Lok	643	242	102	42	14	6
Tsz Man	161	69	40	25	12	5
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	4	2	2	-	-
Tung Tau	468	220	53	20	7	2
Tung Wui	298	61	24	5	4	-
Un Chau	1 030	373	121	52	21	8
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 159	313	105	66	16	10
Upper Wong Tai Sin	646	262	106	29	9	5
Verbena Heights	127	35	8	3	-	1
Wah Fu	372	322	134	56	8	6
Wah Kwai	219	61	24	5	5	-
Wah Lai	98	30	31	14	6	4
Wah Ming	253	130	48	21	6	-
Wah Sum	149	54	23	12	6	3
Wan Hon	251	172	11	3	-	-
Wan Tau Tong	146	53	16	8	2	-
Wan Tsui	221	172	63	32	9	1
Wang Tau Hom	340	153	74	40	12	5
Wing Cheong	139	80	38	20	4	7
Wo Che	275	236	124	62	20	7
Wo Lok	162	126	35	8	1	1
Wu King	101	131	85	40	9	1
Yan On	228	112	57	16	2	2
Yat Tung	523	366	304	202	115	78
Yau Lai	719	565	177	80	23	16
Yau Oi	490	389	155	80	34	14
Yau Tong	389	198	80	42	14	2
Yee Ming	101	53	70	20	8	1
Yiu On	127	96	28	14	2	-
Yiu Tung	439	138	53	28	10	5
Yue Kwong Chuen	29	19	5	1	-	-
Yue Wan	133	148	41	21	3	2
Yung Shing Court	238	48	24	19	11	2
Total number of cases	70 888	38 391	14 932	6 394	2 241	1 023
Total expenditure (\$ million)	75	56	27	13	5	2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0259

(Question Serial No. 2948)

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 2016-17” that the Government will follow up a consultancy study to advise on the long-term development of child care services. What is the specific content of the study? Will the public or organisations providing child care services be consulted and informed of the details, and if yes, what is the timetable? What was the expenditure incurred in this study?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have consulted non-governmental organisations for their views on the areas to be covered in the study and other relevant matters. The views are now being collated for drawing up the details of the study. It is expected that the consultancy study will take at least 1 year to complete. The expenditure required for the consultancy study will be absorbed within SWD's existing provision.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0260****(Question Serial No. 2952)**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-February 2016, 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 Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance (with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members), and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance were as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance as at end-December 2015	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance in December 2015 (\$ million)
1	14 205	20.8
2	8 388	22.7
3	4 922	18.3
4	2 028	8.2
5	670	2.8
6 and above	293	1.5
Total	30 506	74.4

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0261

(Question Serial No. 2953)

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 number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases served under the 2016-17 Estimate will decrease by 5 000 as compared with that under the 2015-16 Revised Estimate. What are the data based on which a decrease in the number of recipients is estimated? If it turns out that the number has increased, how will the Department deal with it and what corresponding measures will be taken?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The estimated decrease in the number of CSSA cases to be served under the 2016-17 Estimate as compared with that under the 2015-16 Revised Estimate is based on the decline in the actual number of CSSA cases recorded in 2015-16. The Social Welfare Department will keep in view the changes in the number of CSSA cases and make timely financial and staffing arrangements as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0262****(Question Serial No. 2954)**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 set out in the table the number of people on the waiting lists and the waiting time for different types of homes in the Central Waiting List (CWL) for residential care services for elderly persons as at end-February 2016.

	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes	Nursing homes (NHs)
No. of people on the waiting list		
Average waiting time		

2. How many elderly persons had passed away while on the CWL for residential care services for elderly persons as at end-February 2016?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 7)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The waiting time and the number of people on the waiting lists for subsidised C&A places and NH places as at end-December 2015 are set out below –

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]	No. of persons on the waiting list
C&A places		
- Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes)	36	27 050 ^[Note 3]
- Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	8	
Overall	20	
NH places ^[Note 4]	26	6 113 ^[Note 5]

^[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged (H/A) since 1 January 2003. Currently, subsidised residential

care services (RCS) for the elderly available for application include C&A places and NH places.

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past three months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past three months, and cases transferred from home for the aged places to the converted care and attention places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 8 171 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL. To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either RCS or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 500 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 934 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

2. In 2015, 5 881 elderly persons had passed away while on the waiting lists for subsidised C&A places and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0263****(Question Serial No. 2955)**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 services for the elderly as at end-February 2016 –

	Elderly persons under Ordinary Cases (OC)		Elderly persons under Frail Cases (FC)		Persons with disabilities		Individuals with special needs		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	No. of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time
Day care centres/ units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)										
Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)										
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)										

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

As at end-December 2015, there were 2 829 elderly persons waiting for DEs/DCUs (excluding 373 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly) and the average waiting time was about 6 months (average from the past 3 months).

Frail elderly persons who had been assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may apply for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. As at end-December 2015, there were 2 704 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS (excluding 83 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly) and the average waiting time was about 6 months (average from the past 3 months). Based on the records of the non-governmental organisations providing the services, as at end-December 2015, there were 3 754 elderly persons, 212 persons with disabilities and 85 individuals/families with social needs waiting for IHCS(OC). The Social Welfare Department does not capture the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0264

(Question Serial No. 2956)

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/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please provide –

1. the number of elderly persons on the waiting lists for the services as at end-February 2016;
2. the geographical distribution of the approximately 70 additional places to be provided in 2016-17 by 18 districts.
3. It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Department will provide additional day care places for the elderly. Does the Department consider the 70 additional places to be enough for meeting growing needs? It was proposed in the Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16 that 78 additional places would be provided, which means there will actually be less additional places to be provided. How will the target additional places be met?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

1. As at end-December 2015, 2 829 elderly persons were waiting for the services of subsidised DEs/DCUs, excluding 373 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
2. In 2016-17, there will be 70 additional places for subsidised day care service for applicants living in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts.
3. To render further support for elderly persons living in the community, the Government will allocate an additional full-year funding of some \$17 million to provide about 160 additional day care places from 2016-17 onwards. In addition, the Social Welfare

Department has earmarked sites in new development projects or vacant buildings for the construction and conversion of residential care homes for the elderly and DEs/DCUs. It is expected that an additional 540 day care places will be provided. The Government is also proactively implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses to increase the number of elderly service places through the redevelopment or extension of existing service facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0265****(Question Serial No. 2957)**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 residential care services for persons with intellectual disabilities, 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 2016.

	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 (HWH)	Long stay care home (LSCH)
Current no. of places							
No. of people on the waiting list							
Waiting time							

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 10)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

Number of Places, Number of Persons on Waiting List and Average Waiting Time for Various Residential Services for Persons with Disabilities

Type of service	Number of places in 2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)	Number of persons on waiting list in 2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)	Average waiting time in 2014-15 (in months)^[Note]
HWH	1 509	698	7.6
LSCH	1 587	1 840	31.0
HMMH	2 405	1 950	39.0
HSMH	3 611	2 236	96.5
HSPH	573	610	27.6
C&A/SD	991	438	47.8
C&A/AB	825	135	9.0

[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. Moreover, the figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0266

(Question Serial No. 2958)

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. The numbers of places for hostels for moderately and severely mentally handicapped persons in the 2016-17 Estimate are higher than those in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate by 100 and 11 respectively. How did the Department come to the assessment that the problem of long waiting time for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) can be solved effectively by the small increase in places?
2. Does the Government have any plan for over 3 years for constructing new RCHDs or has the Government specified any maximum waiting period for admission to RCHDs to let parents of persons with disabilities know their place in the waiting line so as to facilitate their making arrangements for other family members and the entire family?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In view of the high demand from persons with disabilities for various rehabilitation services, the Government will continue to proactively identify sites and premises for the provision of additional places through a multi-pronged approach, including reserving sites for setting up RCHDs at the Government's site planning stage as far as possible; paying close attention to some government properties and school premises which will be made available for setting up RCHDs due to service re-engineering; and proactively identifying some vacant flats in public housing estates for conversion into RCHDs. The Government plans to provide additionally about 515 places of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), and 993 places of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in the coming 5 years (i.e. 2016-17 to 2020-21). The Government will also continue to implement the "Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses", encouraging non-governmental organisations to optimise their use of land through expansion, redevelopment or new

development with a view to providing diversified subvented and self-financing services. As preliminarily estimated by the applicant organisations, about 600 HMMH places and about 600 HSMH places are expected to be provided. The Social Welfare Department will oversee the planning of relevant services by monitoring the service demand and the overall service provision on an ongoing basis.

2. The waiting time for RCHDs depends on the actual supply and demand of various types of RCHD places and is affected by a number of factors, including the location preference of those waiting for RCHDs, the turnover rates of RCHDs, etc. While waiting for RCHDs, the Government will refer the persons with disabilities to day training, vocational rehabilitation and community support services having regard to individual circumstances as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0267

(Question Serial No. 2959)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that a pilot project on strengthening the support for persons with autism and their parents/carers will be launched. Please advise the following –

1. the number of beneficiaries;
2. the launch date and the duration of the project;
3. the objectives and specific details of the service; and
4. the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) secured a funding of about \$27 million from the Lotteries Fund to commission 2 non-governmental organisations to launch a pilot project on strengthening the support for persons with autism and their parents/carers (the project) in April 2016 for a period of 30 months. The objective of the project is to enhance and develop the abilities of high-functioning young persons with autism through the professional multi-disciplinary teams, including clinical psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists etc., with a view to helping them cope with various challenges during their transition into adulthood, offering support services for the parents/carers of people with autism, and providing professional support and training for subvented rehabilitation service units serving persons with autism. It is expected that the project will provide casework service for no less than 400 high-functioning young persons with autism and their parents/carers, and it will also benefit other subvented rehabilitation units serving persons with autism. An academic institution will be commissioned by SWD to review the effectiveness of the project to facilitate the Government's consideration of whether the project should be regularised and the service mode to be adopted when regularised.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0268****(Question Serial No. 2960)**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. From 2014-15 to 2016-17, the numbers of places for On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway – On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) have remained unchanged at 432 and 311 respectively. Has the Government tried to find out why? Is it because the programmes are unpopular or because people with disabilities do not know how to apply for a place under the programmes?
2. How much money is involved under these two programmes? Are the trainees able to get employment opportunities each year; if yes, how many of them?

Asked by: Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (Member Question No. 13)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The target service users of OJT are persons with disabilities aged 15 or above, while those of Sunnyway are persons with disabilities aged 15 to 29 or teenagers with early signs of mental illness as assessed by psychiatrists. The programmes cover job attachment and job trial. The numbers of places of OJT and Sunnyway have remained unchanged from 2014-15 to 2016-17 mainly because the existing service places can still accommodate more disabled service users. In 2014-15, there were a total of 431 service users in OJT and 302 in Sunnyway. There were 1 and 9 vacant places in OJT and Sunnyway respectively in 2014-15.
2. The expenditure for OJT and Sunnyway as well as the number of cases with trainees having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in the programmes are as follows –

Type of service	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ million)	Number of cases with trainees having secured employment for more than 6 months ^[Note]
		2014-15
OJT	13.3	165
Sunnyway	14.7	138

[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the number of cases with trainees having secured employment for more than 6 months 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0269

(Question Serial No. 1171)

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:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the latest number of applications for the Low-income Working Family Allowance, the distribution of applications by the 18 District Council districts according to an applicant's residential address, the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the Scheme for the coming 3 financial years, and the estimated amount of allowance to be provided on a recurrent basis in the respective years as well as its percentage in the total expenditure of the Scheme.

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

Reply:

As the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme will start receiving applications in May 2016, there are no application statistics now.

The LIFA Scheme will be implemented by the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. The WFAO will create 375 civil service posts (including 3 time-limited posts) and recruit about 160 non-civil service contract staff on a time-limited basis to process the applications submitted under the scheme. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on manpower is \$153.7 million and that on the disbursement of allowances is \$2,934 million. The amount of allowances and expenditure beyond 2016-17 can only be estimated on the basis of actual figures available after the implementation of the LIFA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0270

(Question Serial No. 0072)

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 policy objectives of “encouraging self-reliance and easing inter-generational poverty” under the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme:

1. How to ensure that the applicants will use the allowance properly to achieve self-reliance?
2. Please briefly explain how the allowance can ease inter-generational poverty.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. A family (of 2 or more members) applying under the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme must have at least one working member (LIFA applicant). The Scheme has a Basic Allowance and a Higher Allowance, which is tied to working hours to encourage self-reliance, with more allowance granted to those who work more. To encourage sustained employment, the allowance is calculated on a monthly basis. The applicant is granted the allowance for each month in which the eligibility criteria are met.
2. Each eligible child in the family eligible for LIFA may receive a Child Allowance at a rate of \$800 per month if the family income is less than 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) or at a half rate of \$400 per month if the family income is higher than 50% but less than 60% of the MMDHI. It is estimated that 200 000 low-income families with 700 000 people, including 170 000 eligible children, are eligible under the Scheme. After implementation of the Scheme, it is expected that the poverty rate of children will drop by 4.2 percentage points from 18.2% to 14%, thereby easing inter-generational poverty.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0271

(Question Serial No. 1355)

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:

- (1) The actual expenditure on the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme in 2015-16 was \$121.4 million, representing a 31.8% decrease against the estimate. What were the reasons for the decrease?
- (2) What is the estimated number of applications under the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme and the estimated average number of applications handled by each post?
- (3) What are the details, expenditure and manpower involved in promoting the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 covered mainly the manpower and operational expenses required for taking forward the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme. Provision for the LIFA Scheme was approved in January 2015 and the Scheme is scheduled to start receiving applications from May 2016 onwards. The original estimate of expenditure was made with December 2014 as the reference point and comprised mainly the expenses on staffing and office rentals. As the expenses for the related items were incurred at a later time in 2015-16, the revised estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is reduced by 31.8%.
- (2) On the basis of the estimation that 200 000 families are eligible for LIFA, the number of applications each year will amount to around 400 000. The Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance

Agency will create 375 civil service posts (including 3 time-limited posts) and employ about 160 non-civil service contract staff on a time-limited basis to process the applications and perform relevant support duties. As regards the number of applications handled by each post, this will only be available after the implementation of the Scheme when there is a more concrete basis for the estimation.

- (3) From November 2015 onwards, the WFAO has launched various promotional activities for the LIFA Scheme including Announcements of Public Interest on TV and radio, press releases, leaflets, posters, briefing sessions and via the website. A 24-hour telephone hotline has also been set up to answer public enquiries. Two officers of the WFAO are engaged to co-ordinate all publicity activities. They work closely with staff of other units in promoting the Scheme.

The estimates of expenditure on promotion and publicity for 2015-16 and 2016-17 are \$5.01 million and \$2.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0272

(Question Serial No. 3070)

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:

Under this Programme, the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency provides a means-tested allowance to eligible low-income working families. With regard to the Low-income Working Family Allowance, please set out the standards for disbursement of allowance, amounts and estimated number of student beneficiaries for 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) is a family-based allowance which aims to encourage self-reliance and ease inter-generational poverty. A family of 2 or more members meeting the income and asset limits specified under the Scheme may apply for the allowance if the applicant meets the working hour requirements specified under the Scheme. Each eligible child may also receive an additional Child Allowance. The details are listed in the table below:

Monthly Working Hours of the Applicant (Hours)	Monthly Allowance	Monthly Child Allowance for Each Eligible Child
144 to less than 192 (non-single-parent families) 36 to less than 72 (single-parent families)	Full-rate ¹ Basic Allowance: \$600 Half-rate ² Basic Allowance: \$300	Full-rate ¹ Child Allowance: \$800 Half-rate ² Child Allowance: \$400
192 or more (non-single-parent families) 72 or more (single-parent families)	Full-rate ¹ Higher Allowance: \$1,000 Half-rate ² Higher Allowance: \$500	

¹ Families with a family income not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) can receive a full-rate allowance.

² Families with a family income exceeding 50% of MMDHI but not higher than 60% of MMDHI can receive a half-rate allowance.

The Government estimates that 200 000 low-income families, including about 170 000 eligible children or youths, are eligible for LIFA. The amount of allowances to be disbursed under the LIFA Scheme in 2016-17 is about \$2.934 billion.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0733)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Department will 'continue to monitor the operation of the Scheme'.

Please advise on the following:

- (1) What concession schemes have the public transport operators successfully implemented in the past 5 years? (Please list out by year and operator)
- (2) What were the specific subsidy amounts granted by the Government under these schemes? What were the numbers of passenger trips benefited? (Please list out by year and operator)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) In the past five years, public transport operators have been providing passengers with different types of fare concessions. Apart from half-fare concessions for the elderly and children as offered by public transport operators, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and some ferry and green minibus (GMB) operators also provide various fare concessions to persons with disabilities. There are other types of fare concessions on offer. For example, full-time students aged between 12 and 25 can enjoy about half-fare concessions on MTR lines (excluding Airport Express, first-class service of the East Rail Line, journeys to and from Lo Wu Station and Lok Ma Chau Station). Monthly passes are also available to certain MTR passengers. Concessions such as section fares and interchange discounts are offered by franchised

bus companies and GMB operators, and monthly passes by the Hong Kong Tramways and certain ferry operators. Interchange fare concessions between different public transport operators are also available such as fare discounts offered to passengers who interchange between the MTR and certain franchised bus, GMB and ferry routes.

The Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) was implemented in phases starting from 2012. 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. The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015. As at end March 2016, 154 GMB operators are covered under the Scheme, representing 96% of the total number of GMB operators. Information on the GMB operators covered under the Scheme has been uploaded to the websites of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Transport Department.

- (2) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme each year between 2012 and 2015 are listed below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		Elderly ^(Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 2)
MTRCL	2012	209 000	33 700
	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
	2015	290 000	46 000
Franchised bus operators	2012	355 400	40 900
	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
	2015	437 000	60 000
Ferry operators	2012	Not yet implemented	
	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600
	2015	5 900	700
GMB operators	2012	Not yet implemented	
	2013		
	2014		
	2015	160 000	22 000

(Note 1) Elderly people aged 65 or above.

(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.

In 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme in each financial year is tabulated below:

Public transport operator	2012-13 Actual \$'000	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
MTRCL	86,001	148,371	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	139,216	340,725	385,961	418,427
Ferry operators	673	16,918	21,087	28,293
GMB operators	-	-	492	238,907
Total	225,890	506,014	581,169	890,206

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0274

(Question Serial No. 0741)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) was extended to cover green minibuses (GMBs) last 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. 35)

Reply:

The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases starting from 29 March 2015. As at end March 2016, 154 GMB operators running 496 routes have joined the Scheme, representing 96% of the total number of GMB operators and routes. These routes cover all 98 routes serving the Hong Kong Island, 123 routes serving Kowloon, 237 routes serving the New Territories and 38 inter-district routes. Information on the GMB routes and operators covered under the Scheme has been uploaded to the websites of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Transport Department.

The 2016-17 estimate for reimbursing the GMB operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is about \$331 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0275

(Question Serial No. 2549)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 55)

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 2011 to 2015 (classified by the intended purpose of using the services) is tabulated as follows:

Intended purpose of using DAR Services	Number of orders for DAR services not entertained				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1. Receiving medical treatment	8 817	7 795	7 430	5 684	5 172
2. Attending social activities	3 701	2 898	2 534	2 154	1 313
3. Attending school / training	1 131	1 340	1 295	1 060	593
4. Going home /to rehabilitation centre	2 672	2 630	1 818	1 864	1 757
5. Going to work	140	81	208	328	80
6. Others	378	361	350	396	327
Total number of cases:	16 839	15 105	13 635	11 486	9 242

2. The total number of rehabus drivers retired and resigned between 2011 and 2015 were 29 and 101 respectively. The HKSR does not keep records of the reasons of resignation of rehabus 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 rehabus drivers.
4. The Government plans to allocate additional provision of about \$18.8 million to the HKSR in 2016-17 to cover the capital cost of procurement of nine rehabuses and replacement of ten rehabuses with higher vehicle age. Four of the nine rehabuses procured will be deployed on SR services and the remaining five on DAR services. During non-peak periods, rehabuses intended for provision of SR services will be flexibly deployed for provision of DAR services. These nine additional rehabuses should be able to cater for all of the applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services and further reduce the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained.

Given that receiving medical treatment at hospitals is the intended purpose of a majority of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained, the HKSR has introduced two hospital feeder services and is planning to introduce additional hospital feeder services in 2016-17.

The Government plans to allocate an additional recurrent provision of about \$2.89 million in 2016-17 to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the nine additional rehabuses and recruiting more drivers. This represents an increase of 33% over last year during which six additional rehabuses were procured and an additional recurrent provision of about \$2.17 million was allocated. Furthermore, the HKSR will enhance the fleet efficiency by improving the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers. The HKSR will also continue to adopt other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, extending the

retirement age of drivers, inviting retired drivers to continue to work as part-time drivers, and encouraging service users to jointly use the Rehabus services where applicable.

The Government will review from time to time the fleet size, routeings and mode of operation of Rehabus. At the same time, the Government will 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**LWB(WW)0276****(Question Serial No. 0388)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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 Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), will the Government inform this Committee of :

- (1) the amounts of subsidies the Government has provided over the past 3 years;
- (2) the share of subsidies at different ranges of differential fare to the total subsidy amount in percentage terms over the past 3 years;

	Less than \$2	\$2.1-\$5	\$5.1-\$10	\$10.1-\$15	Over \$15.1
2013-14					
2014-15					
2015-16					

- (3) the estimated expenditure for 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 75)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1)&(3) In 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Scheme ^(Note) in each financial year is provided below:

Public transport operator	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000	2016-17 Estimate \$'000
MTR Corporation Limited	148,371	173,629	204,579	251,678
Franchised bus operators	340,725	385,961	418,427	506,324
Ferry operators	16,918	21,087	28,293	28,392
Green minibus (GMB) operators	-	492	238,907	331,186
Total	506,014	581,169	890,206	1,117,580

(Note)

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. The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015.

- (2) The Government does not have the information on reimbursement by the differential fare ranges and their respective share to total reimbursement in percentage terms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0277****(Question Serial No. 3213)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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 Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), there were newspaper reports earlier that some non-Hong Kong residents aged over 65 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) at the concessionary fare for the purpose of parallel trading, resulting in the rise of the absurd phenomenon of using public money to fund parallel trading activities. This went against the original intention of the Scheme, i.e. "to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging these groups (the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities) to participate more in community activities".

In this regard, will the Government provide the following figures for the past 3 years:

a) Use of Elder Octopus

	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
2013						
2014						
2015						

- b) Local residents using Personalised Octopus with “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Status”

	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
2013						
2014						
2015						

- c) Non-local residents using Personalised Octopus with “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Status”

	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
2013						
2014						
2015						

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 52)

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^(Note 1)). The average daily passenger trips of the above services provided by the franchised bus companies under the Scheme in the past three years are as follows:

Franchised bus operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 2)	
		Elderly ^(Note 3)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 4)
KMB	2013	3 070	240
	2014	3 870	300
	2015	4 490	380

Franchised bus operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 2)	
		Elderly ^(Note 3)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 4)
CTB	2013	1 640	80
	2014	1 920	90
	2015	2 170	100
NLB	2013	1 060	80
	2014	1 290	110
	2015	1 440	130

(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 Lantao 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	2013-14	4,522	865
	2014-15	5,959	1,142
	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	4,973	998

Franchised bus operator	Financial year	Elderly (\$'000)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (\$'000)
CTB	2013-14	2,042	249
	2014-15	2,507	283
	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	2,072	247
NLB	2013-14	1,018	195
	2014-15	1,353	296
	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	1,015	216

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). Eligible persons with disabilities are recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme with 100% disabilities or recipients of Disability Allowance and are all Hong Kong residents.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0278

(Question Serial No. 0319)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please provide the following information:

- (1) List out the number of passenger trips made by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by public transport mode;
- (2) Provide the amount reimbursed by the Government to each of the public transport operators for their fare revenue forgone in each of the past 3 years;
- (3) Since the implementation of the Scheme, how many cases of abuse of the fare concession have been received? Among these cases, what is the subsidy amount involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in the past three years are listed below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 1)	
		Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 3)
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
	2015	290 000	46 000
Franchised bus operators	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
	2015	437 000	60 000
Ferry operators	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600
	2015	5 900	700
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2013	Not yet implemented	
	2014		
	2015	160 000	22 000

(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 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. The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015.

(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) In the past three years, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme in each financial year is tabulated below:

Public transport operator	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
MTRCL	148,371	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	340,725	385,961	418,427
Ferry operators	16,918	21,087	28,293
GMB operators	-	492	238,907
Total	506,014	581,169	890,206

(3) The Government has been closely monitoring the implementation of the Scheme and has received a total of 23 complaints / incidents on suspected abuse of the Scheme since its implementation. During site monitoring surveys jointly conducted by the

Transport Department (TD) and the public transport operators, over 150 cases of abuse have been found. When implementing the Scheme, the TD has requested the public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work and arrange surveys to monitor the situation. The public transport operators have also enhanced publicity and reminded passengers to honestly tender the fares payable. At present, non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares by the MTRCL are liable to a surcharge or even prosecutions. Bus captains or field staff of bus companies, staff of ferry companies and GMB drivers will also observe the boarding passengers. Non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares will normally be required to pay the shortfall on the spot. Depending on the circumstances, individual cases may be referred to the Police for follow up. As the amount of differential fares in such cases have been deducted from the amount reimbursed to the public transport operators concerned, no Government's reimbursement has been involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0279

(Question Serial No. 5452)

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 is the estimate of the pay and allowances for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 211)

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 2016-17 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0280

(Question Serial No. 5522)

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 Labour and Welfare Bureau placed advertisements and made announcements in different media channels to promote the retirement protection scheme in the past year. Please provide in table form the date, the newspapers and the expenses involved in each advertisement placed or announcement made and the total expenses of the whole marketing campaign.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 290)

Reply:

A six-month public engagement exercise on retirement protection was launched on 22 December 2015. To encourage members of the public to make an informed discussion and to express their views on the subject of retirement protection, public education and publicity activities are carried out through various channels, including distributing the consultation document, its executive summary and leaflets, displaying posters, broadcasting Announcements of Public Interest, as well as setting up a thematic website and Facebook Page, etc. The Government also placed advertisements on the Facebook in February this year to publicise the thematic website, Facebook Page and posts, and hung broadview banners in MTR train compartments in March. The total expenditure on the above public education and publicity was \$1.435 million in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0281

(Question Serial No. 6607)

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, please provide the following information:

1. The number of intake of the centres, the average age of trainees enrolled, 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. Does the Government know whether the trainees will invoke the Productivity Assessment for Employees with Disabilities upon their graduation and when they seek employment? If yes, please list the number of trainees who have invoked the assessment.
4. The performance indicators show that the number of specific assessment programmes in the coming year will be lower than that in 2014-15. What are the reasons?
5. 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 year and for the coming year for enhancing the employability of the trainees?
6. As the unemployment rate of persons with disabilities is generally higher, what methods and encouragement measures will the Government adopt to increase the placement rate of the trainees and help them stay employed? Will the Government introduce any allowance and assistance to enhance the incentives for employers to employ them?

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In the 2014/15 academic year, there were 673 full-time trainees (including those undergoing the first and second years of training in respect of two-year full-time training courses) and 595 part-time trainees enrolled to the Shine Skills Centres (the Centres); the average age of the trainees enrolled was 20; and there were 253 full-time and 525 part-time graduates respectively. The waiting time ranged from 2 to 4 months for full-time training courses while there was no waiting list for part-time training courses.
2. In the 2014/15 academic year, the placement rate of economically active graduates was 86% and there were 114 employers hiring the graduates. The average income of graduates was about \$5,000 per month.
3. In the employment status questionnaire survey for the graduates, the Centres will ask them whether they have participated in the Productivity Assessment for Employees with Disabilities. According to the statistics, 4 of the graduates in the 2014/15 academic year participated in the assessment.
4. Through a series of assessments, the specific vocational assessment service evaluates 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 2014/15 academic year, the actual number of specific vocational assessments conducted was higher than expected. It was mainly because the Centres assisted some non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in implementing special programmes in that academic year. 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 specific vocational assessment service under normal circumstances (including factors like the number of special school leavers), the Centres have made downward adjustments to the estimated number of cases for the 2016/17 academic year accordingly.

5. To ensure that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and the market, reviews and assessments are conducted regularly on the effectiveness of the vocational training courses. The Centres also enhance existing courses and launch new courses as necessary in consultation with the employer, the trade and the Committee on Vocational Training for People with Disabilities of the Vocational Training Council which comprises representatives from relevant government departments, parents and various sectors of the community. The table below is a summary of the major changes to the programmes in the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 academic years:

Academic year	Programme additions, deletions or modifications
2014/15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of outcome-based curriculum 2. Revision of the “Design and Desktop Publishing” programme by adding the module “Popular Photography” 3. Revision of programmes under the “Service Stream” by adding the module “Special Cleaning” 4. Revision of the “Design and Desktop Publishing” programme and the “Computer and Network Practice” programme by adding a sub-module “Application Software for Smart Device” 5. Revision of the “Computer and Network Practice” programme by adding the module “Web-shop Practice” 6. Closing of the “Massage Service” programme
2015/16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of outcome-based curriculum 2. Development of a new full-time “Sports and Recreation Service” programme – survey and curriculum drafting completed 3. Revision of the “Integrated Service” programme by adding the new modules on “Office Cleaning”, “Household Cleaning”, “Kitchen Equipment Cleaning” and “Commercial Building Cleaning” 4. Revision of the “Design and Desktop Publishing” programme by adding a sub-module “Popular Photography” 5. Closing of the “Programme Assistant Practice” programme in SSC(PF)
2016/17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch of the “Sports and Recreation Service” programme 2. Revision of programmes under the “Service Stream” by adding a sub-module on “Products Distribution” 3. Revision of programmes under the “Business Stream” by replacing the sub-module “Internet” with “Internet and the Use of Apps”, replacing the sub-module “Leaflet production” with “PowerPoint and Leaflet production” and adding a sub-module “Multipurpose Copier”

6. The courses offered by the Centres emphasise not only technical knowledge but also lifelong learning skills to foster a holistic and balanced development of the trainees, thus upkeeping their employability and competitiveness. 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”.

In order to enhance the placement rate of graduates, career guidance services are provided by vocational counsellors in the Centres. The services include sourcing

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 help trainees access information about employment support services for persons with disabilities provided by the Government and NGOs. Technical aids and workplace equipment are provided or tailor-made where necessary to help graduated trainees overcome obstacles in the work environment.

Large-scale activities 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 for persons with disabilities. To give recognition and encouragement to employers for hiring persons with disabilities, annual commendation events are held for employers who offer job opportunities to graduated trainees.

The Labour Department (LD) has launched the Work Orientation and Placement Scheme to increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the open market. The Scheme provides an allowance to encourage employers to offer more job opportunities to job seekers with disabilities. An eligible employer who employs a disabled person with employment difficulty will be granted an allowance equivalent to the actual monthly salary paid to the employee minus \$500 (subject to a ceiling of \$5,500 per month) for each of the first 2 months of employment. After the first 2 months, the employer will be granted an allowance equivalent to 2/3 of the actual monthly salary paid to the employee (subject to a ceiling of \$4,000 per month) for up to 6 months. In 2016-17, the LD will continue to implement the Work Orientation and Placement Scheme to encourage employers to hire persons with disabilities. Besides, the LD will engage NGOs in a pilot scheme to provide counselling service for job seekers with disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0282

(Question Serial No. 3650)

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:

Please provide information about the prevalence and types of regulatory breaches committed by social workers as well as the penalties and number of de-registration for the past 10 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 128)

Reply:

As stipulated in Section 7(1)(g) of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505), disciplinary offences of social workers are dealt with by the Social Workers Registration Board in accordance with the Ordinance. The Labour and Welfare Bureau does not have the requested statistics.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5969)

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 set out, by household size, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly payments) below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.
2. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly payments) 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 case nature, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 household size, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 type of accommodation (public housing, rented private housing, self-owned property), the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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, type of accommodation (public housing, rented private housing, self-owned property) and household size, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 and case nature, the number of CSSA cases with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 comprising only able-bodied members with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 child with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly 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 elderly member aged 60 or above with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly payments) below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

11. Please set out, by district of residence, the number of CSSA cases involving households with at least 1 member who is in ill health, disabled or in need of long-term care with CSSA payments (i.e. average monthly payments) below, comparable with and above the poverty line and the number of recipients involved since the poverty line was drawn.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 182)

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2014, there were about 66 500 CSSA poor households after the recurrent cash interventions in 2014, involving a poor population of about 173 600. Among them, about 6.8% were from 1-person household, 49.8% from 2-person households, 26.3% from 3-person households, 11.7% from 4-person households, 3.9% from 5-person households, and 1.5% from 6-and-more-person households. The number of CSSA poor households by District Council districts was as follows –

District	No. of CSSA poor households
Central & Western	400
Wan Chai	300
Eastern	3 300
Southern	1 500
Yau Tsim Mong	1 900
Sham Shui Po	5 000
Kowloon City	2 700
Wong Tai Sin	5 200
Kwun Tong	10 200
Kwai Tsing	7 200
Tsuen Wan	1 700
Tuen Mun	5 200
Yuen Long	7 500
North	3 400
Tai Po	2 700
Sha Tin	4 900
Sai Kung	2 200
Islands	1 100
Total	66 500

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

Other statistical figures stated in the question are not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0284

(Question Serial No. 5984)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The rank of the Commissioner for Rehabilitation has been upgraded from Executive Officer to Administrative Officer, 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

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 effective implementation by the 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.

The post was upgraded with effect from September 2014. Since then, the incumbents of C for R have maintained close collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) and listened to its views on the provision of rehabilitation services, transport services, training, employment and barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities. C for R has also enhanced 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 the community. Details of some of the work involved are as follows:

Co-ordinating the promotion of employment of persons with disabilities

- To co-ordinate the provision of services and supporting facilities for promoting employment of persons with disabilities among relevant government departments, including the vocational rehabilitation and training services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), Shine Skills Centres of the Vocational Training Council and the Employees Retraining Board; and the support provided by the Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department (LD) for job seekers with disabilities who are fit for open employment.
- To participate in the review of the Disability Allowance (DA) and assist in the implementation of measures announced in the 2016 Policy Address for promoting the employment of persons with disabilities. These measures include:
 - implementing a pilot scheme through the LD to procure counselling services from a NGO, in accordance with the recommendation of the Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the DA;
 - raising the maximum level of disregarded earnings for recipients with disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme;

- providing an additional subsidy for eligible persons with disabilities who are receiving Higher DA and engaged in paid employment; and
- preparing early for the regularisation of the pilot scheme on peer supporters for ex-mentally ill patients.
- To continue to promote 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 internship and 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 2016, the number of participating organisations has increased from about 380 a year ago to more than 500.

Building a barrier-free environment

- To provide advice and support for the review of “Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 (Design Manual)” being conducted by the Buildings Department (BD): The BD has set up the Technical Committee on Design Manual (Technical Committee) to collect and listen to the views from the building sector, rehabilitation sector and stakeholders 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. The Technical Committee is considering some 80 proposals made by the rehabilitation sector, and will issue practice notes in respect of those proposals supported by the Committee. Subject to the progress of the work of the Technical Committee, the BD intends to launch various promotional activities in due course, probably sometime between late 2016 and early 2017, to engage the stakeholders, including the rehabilitation and building sectors, with a view to updating stakeholders on the progress of the review of the Design Manual and gauging their views.
- To enhance Rehabus service: In 2016-17, the Government plans to allocate funding of \$18.8 million to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) for procuring 19 rehabuses (9 for providing new services and 10 for replacing existing ones of higher vehicle age), thus increasing the total number of rehabuses from 147 to 156. Besides, the Government will provide recurrent funding of about \$2.83 million for the HKSR to cover the operational expenses of the 9 new rehabuses, and to increase the ratio between new rehabuses and drivers from 1:1 to 1:2. The Government is also assisting the HKSR 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.

- To promote the development of sign language in Hong Kong: The LWB has included sign language courses in the language domain of the Continuing Education Fund (CEF). Course providers may apply for registration of their sign language courses with the CEF. The LWB is also assisting the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities and Hong Kong Council of Social Service in compiling the “List of Sign Language Interpreters in Hong Kong”. Besides, the LWB will, in collaboration with the RAC and the Radio Television Hong Kong, produce a series of TV programmes to promote the use of sign language in the community and to provide the hearing impaired with sign language interpretation to facilitate their access to information on current affairs.
- To co-ordinate the relevant bureaux and departments to ensure that persons with disabilities are fully consulted on the Government’s planning for barrier-free facilities in major infrastructure projects.

Monitoring the rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

- To co-ordinate the rehabilitation services provided by the SWD and to develop new measures for persons with disabilities, including the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Pilot Scheme): With an allocation of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund, the two-year Pilot Scheme is implemented by inter-disciplinary teams co-ordinated by 16 NGOs with experience in providing subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, to provide 2 925 training places for children with special needs studying in more than 450 kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), which cover about half of all KGs and KG-cum-CCCs in Hong Kong. The projects under the Pilot Scheme were launched in phases from November 2015 to January 2016.
- To help set up a working group to explore the provision of affordable professional trust services to parents of children with special needs, and to review the related guardianship system under Part IVB of the Mental Health Ordinance. The working group will comprise stakeholders, including legal professionals, representatives of NGOs in the rehabilitation sector and parent organisations. The working group is expected to commence its work in the first half of 2016.
- To co-ordinate the relevant government departments, social welfare organisations and stakeholders in examining and implementing the recommendations on the demand for rehabilitation services of persons with intellectual disabilities made by the RAC’s dedicated working group, so as to provide better services and support for ageing service users in rehabilitation service units: The Government proposes an additional recurrent provision of \$9.46 million in 2016-17 to increase the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme, with a view to enhancing the primary medical services and support for ageing service users at residential care homes. In addition, the Government will apply around \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for procurement of 73 centre buses for 58 Day Activity Centres cum Hostels for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons and 4 Community Rehabilitation Day Centres. An additional recurrent provision of \$18.2 million is also proposed for the relevant service operators to hire motor drivers and to meet other related expenses. C for R will continue to follow up

on the implementation of other improvement measures proposed by the working group.

Representing the LWB in international and regional activities

- Co-ordinated the seminar-cum-field study programme held in Hong Kong from 17 to 19 December 2014 for the United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) to promote a barrier-free environment and public transportation system accessible to persons with disabilities in Asian and Pacific regions. 10 UN ESCAP member states attended the programme.
- Led a team from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Office of the Communications Authority to attend an international workshop jointly held by the China Disabled Persons' Federation and the UN ESCAP in Shanghai from 15 to 17 December 2015, and engaged in the exchange and sharing of experience in promoting accessibility to information with participating representatives from Asian and Pacific countries and regions. Dozens of UN ESCAP member states attended the workshop.

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, and to encourage NGOs to put their land to better use through expansion, redevelopment or new development for providing diversified subsidised and self-financing services. Of the about 60 preliminary proposals submitted by applicant organisations, 39 involve the provision of an addition of some 8 000 rehabilitation service places.

2. Policies on matters concerning persons with disabilities fall under 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. 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 part 1 of the answer above, C for R has effectively co-ordinated 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. The Government does not have any plan to change the present arrangement of placing the C for R post under the LWB.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0285

(Question Serial No. 5985)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) is being 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 4 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. The Scheme has been extended to green minibuses (GMB) in phases starting from 29 March 2015.

To date, the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the Scheme is around \$1.27 million, with about \$1.12 million elderly people aged 65 or above and about 150 000 eligible persons with disabilities (^{Note 1}). Since the introduction of the Scheme and up to 29 February 2016, the Government has reimbursed the following amounts to the relevant public transport operators their revenue forgone under the Scheme:

Public transport operator	Reimbursement by the Government (Up to 29 February 2016) (\$'000)
MTR Corporation Limited	595,050
Franchised bus operators	1,252,018
Ferry operators	61,221
GMB operators	196,526
Total	2,104,815

(Note 1) 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 will conduct a comprehensive review of the Scheme in 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0286

(Question Serial No. 5986)

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 address their needs. Will the Government consider developing an integrated assessment mechanism or tool to comprehensively analyse and arrange the support services required by persons with disabilities in terms of financial assistance, long-term care, employment and education?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

In formulating policies and services relating to persons with disabilities, government bureaux and departments generally make reference to the definition of disabilities under the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan, which is generally in line with article 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Given that service needs vary among persons with different categories and severities of disabilities, bureaux and departments will use appropriate assessment tools for suitable demarcation of target service users when formulating relevant policies and service programmes.

In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of the Disability Allowance (the Working Group) had completed the review. The Government will implement the recommendations of the Working Group, which include inviting the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee to continue to monitor the adoption of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health established by the World Health Organisation as the basis for disability classification in neighbouring places, with a view to exploring how to devise a set of comprehensive and widely accepted definition of disability and the level of disability.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0287****(Question Serial No. 5987)**

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 last Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) was drawn up in 2007. There was a large discrepancy between the policy directions and implementation of the RPP and the quality of life of persons with disabilities in reality. As a policy guiding document, the RPP should have covered a planning period of 5 years. However, as the RPP has not been further reviewed for more than 6 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 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 the details of such plan and its implementation timetable. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 53)

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.

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. These objectives are consistent with the spirit and

core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention).

To ensure that our services keep pace with social developments and meet the needs of users, starting from 2012, the Government has formally implemented the enhanced mechanism as proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee after consultation with the social welfare sector. The mechanism provides for platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level, and advisory committee level on an annual basis. The Government will continue to plan the priorities for rehabilitation services and implement various specific measures every year through the aforesaid 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 the views of stakeholders.

The Government will make reference to the experience of the Elderly Commission in formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan when considering the revision of the existing RPP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0288

(Question Serial No. 5990)

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.

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 expenses?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

The Government has introduced the Low-income Working Family Allowance, which aims to relieve the financial burden of non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance low-income working families (especially those with children and youth), encourage self-reliance and alleviate intergenerational poverty. A review of the Scheme will be conducted one year after its implementation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0289

(Question Serial No. 5991)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 59)

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 have 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 \$28.6 billion in 2015-16. It is estimated that the relevant expenditure will continue to rise to \$30.1 billion in 2016-17. Meanwhile, to promote to the public the spirit and core values enshrined in the Convention and the message of building a barrier-free and inclusive society, the Government has from 2009 onwards substantially increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from \$2 million to about \$13.5 million.

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

LWB(WW)0290

(Question Serial No. 5999)

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 lead to further increase in the population of persons with disabilities. In this connection, will the Government take any measures in response, such as formulating a new rehabilitation programme plan for policy planning?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 73)

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 keep pace with social development and meet the needs of users, starting from 2012, the Government has formally implemented the enhanced mechanism as proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee after consultation with the social welfare sector. The mechanism provides for a platform for consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services at district level, central level and advisory committee level on an annual basis. The Government will continue to plan the priorities for rehabilitation services and implement various specific measures every year through the aforesaid 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 the views of the stakeholders.

The Government will make reference to the experience of the Elderly Commission in formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan when considering the revision of the existing RPP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0291

(Question Serial No. 6000)

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:

As pointed out in Report No. 62 of the Census and Statistics Department, of 578 600 persons with disabilities (PWDs), 106 000 (18.3%) indicated that they had a lot of difficulties in day-to-day living due to their disabilities. Of various day-to-day activities, most PWDs had difficulty in doing housework. A total of 107 000 PWDs (19.2%) experienced a lot of difficulty in doing housework or could not do it at all.

1. As the Report pointed out that 106 000 PWDs had a lot of difficulties in day-to-day living, what are the Government's measures to address such needs? What are the implications for the formulation of policies?

2. The Report pointed out that 107 000 PWDs had a lot of difficulty in doing housework or could not do it at all. However, household cleaning and regular meal delivery services, which are available in the home care services for the elderly, are not covered by the home care services for persons with severe disabilities or Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities. Given this apparent difference between the services for the elderly and PWDs, will the Government consider re-planning them to meet the needs of users? If yes, what are the specific details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 75)

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 the rehabilitation services having regard to service needs and changing circumstances.

Since 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented case management service for the Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities and the Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities, in order to provide support for persons with disabilities living in the community. Multi-disciplinary services are

coordinated by case managers in a one-stop approach to provide a package of professional integrated home-based care service, including personal care, escort, occupational therapy/physiotherapy rehabilitation training and nursing care service for persons with disabilities. The case managers will coordinate and mobilise community resources according to actual circumstances of individual cases to meet the needs of service users. SWD will closely monitor the implementation of these two services.

In addition, recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who have obtained medical certification and social workers' recommendation may apply for the Care and Attention Allowance under the CSSA Scheme to cover the costs of care and attention services, including the actual expenses of hiring carers. The Chief Executive also announced in the 2016 Policy Address to invite the Community Care Fund to launch pilot schemes to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities to further support persons with disabilities and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0292

(Question Serial No. 6001)

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 easily comprehensible charts and graphics, which are very helpful for the elderly and persons with dementia or intellectual disabilities.

Will the Government consider publishing such easy-to-read graphic version for public consultation documents in the future to allow different community groups easier access to information? This will also help the Government fulfil its obligation of providing accessible information as stipulated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 76)

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 actual needs and circumstances.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0293****(Question Serial No. 6015)**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:

Regarding the employment support for persons with disabilities, please advise this Committee of:

1. the number of persons with disabilities employed by the Government in the past 5 years;
2. the outcome of the Talent-Wise Employment Charter launched by the Government to encourage enterprises to employ persons with disabilities, and the actual number of vacancies created for persons with disabilities;
3. how the Government puts its employment support for persons with disabilities into practice in procurement exercises;
4. the number of persons with disabilities employed by government-subsidised organisations in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 134)Reply:

The required information is provided as follows:

1. According to the statistics compiled by the Government as at 31 March each year ^[Note 1], the number of persons with disabilities employed in the civil service in the past 5 years ^[Note 2] is as follows:

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
The number of civil servants with disabilities	3 317	3 391	3 401	3 415	3 319

^[Note 1] The statistics are compiled on the basis of information available to the management of bureaux/departments (e.g. through the requests of applicants during the recruitment process for special arrangements for selection interview/test having regard to their disabilities, or applications from serving officers with disabilities for financial assistance to purchase technical aids to assist in their performance of duties).

^[Note 2] Persons with colour blindness or defective colour perception are excluded.

2. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has launched the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme (the Scheme) to mobilise the business sector, public bodies, subvented and non-governmental organisations, and government departments, etc. to work together for providing internship and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through one of the following four inclusion measures with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to realise their potential and facilitating their integration into the community. These inclusion measures include participating in publicity and public education activities for the open employment of persons with disabilities; using products or services provided by rehabilitation social enterprises; setting aside shops or stalls for social enterprises or self-employed persons with disabilities to run business or sell their products; or directly employing persons with disabilities in the organisations. As at end March 2016, over 510 organisations have participated in the Scheme, including some 110 small and medium enterprises. The LWB does not keep the figures of persons with disabilities employed in these organisations.
3. The Government's procurement policy is based on the objectives of value for money as well as open and fair competition. The existing procurement system allows sufficient flexibility for the procuring departments to fulfil the procurement policy objectives and at the same time cater for or dovetail with the policy objectives of other bureaux/departments. For instance, extra marks will be given to contractors who are willing to employ more persons with disabilities when evaluating specific types of tenders.
4. The Government does not keep the figures of persons with disabilities employed by government-subvented organisations in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0294

(Question Serial No. 6047)

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 10 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 17)

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 a 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, the Women's Commission 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

LWB(WW)0295

(Question Serial No. 6048)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare, (4) Manpower Development

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The Government has all along been keeping a close watch on the manpower demand of the welfare sector. To this end, the Government has implemented the following measures 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 2-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (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 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 continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Among the graduates of the first 11 classes, over 90% have joined the social welfare sector after graduation.

The Government has since the 2015/16 academic year launched the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors to subsidise around 1 000 students per cohort to pursue designated full-time locally accredited self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines so as to nurture talent to meet Hong Kong's social and economic needs. In the 2015/16 and 2016/17 academic years, the numbers of subsidised places provided by the scheme in the nursing discipline are 420 and 480 respectively, and the subsidy for each place is \$70,000 per year. The scheme is run on a pilot basis to subsidise 3 cohorts of students. The Government is assessing the effectiveness of the scheme.

As regards professional therapists, with the support of the University Grants Committee, in the 2016-19 triennium the number of training places of undergraduate programmes in physiotherapy will increase by 20 per cohort (i.e. from 110 to 130) while that of

undergraduate programmes in occupational therapy will increase by 10 per cohort (i.e. from 90 to 100). 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 two programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental welfare organisations to offer tuition fee sponsorship to students whom they recruited. Students obtaining the sponsorship have to work for the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned for not less than 2 years. The first and second cohorts of 59 and 56 students graduated in January 2014 and January 2016 respectively. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will co-operate with SWD again to implement the third batch of the Master in Physiotherapy programme and Master in Occupational Therapy programme in 2016-17, with an initial total capacity of 72 places.

From 2014-15 onwards, the Government has also increased the annual 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, to encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, SWD launched a "first-hire-then-train" pilot project (the Pilot Project) in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Young people were recruited to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly. The Pilot Project was implemented in 2 phrases, providing a total of 200 places. In addition, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD has selected 5 organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at 31 December 2015, 3 of the organisations enrolled about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

In addition, the Elderly Commission (EC) is formulating the Elderly Services Programme Plan and has completed 2 stages of public engagement. EC is expected to submit its report to the Government in the second quarter of 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0296

(Question Serial No. 6370)

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 almost 8 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 an update of the Design Manual with a view to keeping pace with social development and promoting barrier-free accessibility?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The review of the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 (Design Manual) is now under way. The Buildings Department (BD) has set up the Technical Committee on Design Manual (Technical Committee) to collect and listen to the views of the building sector, rehabilitation sector and relevant stakeholders in respect of the 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.

The Technical Committee is chaired by an Assistant Director of Buildings with official representatives from the Labour and Welfare Bureau, BD, Architectural Services Department and Housing Department. For non-official representatives, besides the representatives from the building professional institutes and the academia, there are 5 representatives of the rehabilitation sector consisting of a visually impaired person, a hearing impaired person, a physically handicapped person, a representative of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), and a building professional of the Sub-committee on Access under Rehabilitation Advisory Committee. The rehabilitation sector collected the views of persons with different disabilities through the HKCSS in mid-2015 and made more than 80 proposals to improve the Design Manual. The Technical Committee is now discussing the proposals and will issue practice notes in respect of those proposals supported by the Committee. Subject to the work progress of the Committee, the BD intends to launch promotional activities in due course (expected to be sometime between late 2016 and early 2017) to engage the stakeholders, including the rehabilitation and the building sectors, with a view to updating stakeholders on the progress of the review on the Design Manual and gauging their views.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0297

(Question Serial No. 6427)

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:

Please set out the estimated number of households to benefit from the Low-income Working Family Allowance and the expected decrease in poverty rate, with a breakdown by household size.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 177)

Reply:

The Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme will start receiving applications in phases from May 2016 onwards. It is estimated that 200 000 families will be eligible for the scheme. The Scheme is estimated to reduce the overall poverty rate by 2 percentage points and the child poverty rate by 4.2 percentage points.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0298

(Question Serial No. 6756)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew CHEUNG's salary, allowance and other expenses in each month of the past 5 years. Please also advise on the amount of his monthly pension when he retires and the total expenditure on his pension payment.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 349)

Reply:

The monthly salary of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare was \$282,080 from April 2011 to January 2015, and \$298,115 from February 2015 onwards. The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not incurred any expenditure on job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Secretary. Besides, according to the remuneration package for politically-appointed officials serving in the fourth-term SAR Government, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and all other politically-appointed officials do not receive any pension benefits apart from the MPF contributions from the Government.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0299

(Question Serial No. 7094)

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, Chief Secretary for Administration

Question:

Regarding the studies on retirement protection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the Government expenditure on retirement protection studies in the past 5 years;
2. the expenditure in the past year on Professor Nelson Chow's study on the future development of retirement protection in Hong Kong commissioned by the Social Security and Retirement Protection Task Force under the Commission on Poverty.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 655)

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

LWB(WW)0300

(Question Serial No. 7109)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 670)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not reserved any provision for subsidising grassroots women to participate in international conferences.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0301

(Question Serial No. 7110)

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 for 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 sources. What supporting measures have been 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 in the past 5 years and for the next financial year respectively?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 671)

Reply:

The Government makes appointments to its advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) based on merit, 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 as well as the relevant statutory requirements governing statutory bodies. The Government will continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and continue to invite women's associations and professional organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the Central Personality Index administered by the Home Affairs Bureau.

In 2004, the Government introduced a 25% gender benchmark of appointing female members to Government ASBs as a working target. In 2010, the overall percentage of women's participation in ASBs as non-official members already exceeded 25%. On the recommendation of the Women's Commission (WoC), the Government raised the benchmark to 30%. In 2015, the Chief Executive announced in his Policy Address that he had accepted the recommendation of WoC and would further raise the benchmark to 35% starting from 1 April 2015. As at 31 December 2015, the overall percentage of women's participation in ASBs with Government-appointed non-official members was 31.1%.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0302

(Question Serial No. 7111)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 672)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Chief Executive has accepted the recommendation of the Women's Commission (WoC) requesting that starting from 2015-16, all bureaux and departments should refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist) as revised by WoC in 2009 and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major government policies and initiatives.
- (b) In the light of the above initiative put forward in the 2015 Policy Address, from April 2016 onwards, all bureaux and departments should continue to refer to the Checklist and apply gender mainstreaming to conduct gender impact assessments when formulating major government policies and initiatives, and should also consult the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on this issue. In mid-December 2015, LWB organised the Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming which was attended by over 150 participants, including representatives from bureaux and departments, non-governmental organisations and women's groups.

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0303

(Question Serial No. 7112)

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 HKSAR's second report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: the Government should allocate adequate resources to combat violence against women, including domestic violence; and the Government will provide details about budget allocation in the next report.

What are the resource allocations for the promotion and publicity of the Convention for the past 5 years and the next financial year? Will there be any provision for the women's groups to publicise the Convention and the concluding observations of the UN? Please also list in a table the specific details of the additional manpower and relevant posts. If there are no such allocations and manpower, what are the reasons?

What assistance is provided for children who have witnessed domestic violence to help them in their physical and psychological development?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 673)

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 fulfil 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. 7130)

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 inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How will policies and services related to women be reviewed? What models of other countries will serve as reference? Will pressure groups and human rights organisations be consulted?
- (b) What are the specific details?
- (c) What were the expenditures in the past 5 years? And what is the estimated expenditure for the next financial year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 698)

Reply:

- (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 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, and proposed legislation to implement the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission Report on Child Custody and Access), 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, pilot project on child care training for grandparents, promotion of family-friendly employment practices and consolidation of part-time jobs, 2015 Chinese New Year Service of the "Smart Living" Scheme of the Employees Retraining Board, free kindergarten education, 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, retirement protection, welfare sector's recommendations and priorities concerning welfare services (for families, children and youth), Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services, and Equal Opportunities Commission's Public Consultation on Discrimination Law Review.

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.

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 percent points 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, women's views should be more fully reflected in government policies and initiatives.

(c) In the past 5 years, the financial provision of LWB under Programme (3) Women's Interest is listed as follows:

2011-12 Actual (million)	2012-13 Actual (million)	2013-14 Actual (million)	2014-15 Actual (million)	2015-16 Revised estimate (million)
24.8	24.1	25.5	28.4	29.8

As for 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to provide the WoC with funding to implement its work. The general provisions for subheads are as follows:

Subheads	Provision (\$'000)
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	8,000
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and other tasks on encouraging women's employment	2,100
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	3,300
Enhancing liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions	400
Salaries, allowances and other personnel related expenses	14,700
Others (including the expenses of organising the fifth conference)	4,500
Total	33,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0305

(Question Serial No. 4299)

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:

Expecting that our ageing society will have far-reaching implications for our future public finances, the Financial Secretary has earmarked \$50 billion for retirement protection. Please advise on the following:

1. Has the Government calculated the monthly costs of living for an elderly person of 65 to cover all his basic needs for clothing, food, accommodation and transportation? If yes, what are the monthly costs? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Has the Government calculated the total costs of living for an elderly person of 65 to cover all his basic needs in the 20 years subsequent to his retirement? If yes, what are the costs? If no, what are the reasons?
3. Without government assistance, what is the minimum amount the Government thinks an elderly person of 65 should save up to cover all his basic needs in the 20 years subsequent to his retirement?
4. Will the Government allocate additional resources on top of the \$50 billion for retirement protection, so as to address the increasingly serious problem of population ageing? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not made estimations on the figures mentioned in the question.

4. Retirement protection is a very important social issue. On 22 December 2015, the Commission on Poverty launched a six-month public engagement exercise (until 21 June 2016) on how to improve the retirement protection system. 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**LWB(WW)0306****(Question Serial No. 6835)**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 2011-17 on an annual basis.

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 2016-17? 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. 1061)

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 from 2011-12 to 2015-16 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 website of the LWB 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 has been uploaded onto the website of the 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 website of the CIIF 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 report on MP2022 has been uploaded onto the website of the LWB for public information.
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Survey on time use pattern and women employment	1,890	2013	Completed (7/2015)	The survey findings can provide the Government and the community with the relevant statistical data for reference, to help understand the situation of women in Hong Kong.	The report of the survey has been uploaded onto the website of the Census and Statistics Department for public information.
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	Completed (10/2015)	The Government has taken the relevant findings into account in the review of the disability allowance.	The study report has been set out in the paper of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services for the meeting held on 15 February 2016.
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Survey Study on Ageing of Service Users with Intellectual Disabilities	39	2014	Completed (5/2015)	The LWB will take the findings of the study into account when formulating measures for persons with intellectual disabilities to better address their needs for rehabilitation services.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the LWB for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the feasibility of a voucher scheme	1,430	2014	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 (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?
		on residential care services for the elderly					
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
SEE Network Limited	Tender	Public Engagement Exercise on Retirement Protection	3,685	2015	In progress	N/A	N/A
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Study on the Longer Term Development of Child Development Fund Project Participants	1,150	2015	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 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 the PFD for public information.
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

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?
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 consultant is finalising its report. The Government has worked out the level of different voucher values for the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly based on the initial findings.	N/A
Labour Department (LD)							
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 (MWC) 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 LD 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 MWC 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 LD for public information.
SEE Network Limited	Tender	Public engagement and consultation on working hours issues conducted by the Standard Working Hours Committee (SWHC)	3,000	2014	Completed (12/2015)	With reference to the views collected, SWHC continues to explore working hours policy directions suitable for Hong Kong.	The consultancy report has been uploaded onto the website of the SWHC 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?
MOV Data Collection Center Limited	Tender	Study on the working hours situation of Hong Kong conducted by SWHC	5,680	2014	Completed (12/2015)	With reference to the study findings, SWHC continues to explore working hours policy directions suitable for Hong Kong.	The study report has been uploaded onto the website of the SWHC for public information.
Business, Economic and Public Policy Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Invitation of quotations	Independent analysis of views collected through the second-stage consultation of SWHC	1,080	2015	In progress	N/A	N/A

b. In 2016-17, 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	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))
LWB				
Not yet commissioned	Study on manpower development	N/A	2016	Under planning
SWD				
Not yet commissioned	Consultancy study on child care services	N/A	2016	Under planning

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0307

(Question Serial No. 3983)

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 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 30)

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 2016-17 are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0308****(Question Serial No. 6330)**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:

The estimated provision for 2016-17 is 10.4% higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. What are the reasons for the increase in provision? What are the items contributing to the increase? Please explain in detail.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 250)Reply:

The provision under this Programme for 2016-17 is \$415 million, \$39 million (or 10.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. A breakdown of the increase/decrease in provision is provided below:

Description	Amount (\$ million)
Increase in departmental expenses for various projects/programmes and recurrent subvention relating to social welfare	+23.3
Increase in provision for other charges, including those incurred by 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	+17.8
Increase in personal emoluments	+2.7
Decrease in cash flow requirement for non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	-4.8
Total :	+39.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0309

(Question Serial No. 6338)

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:

Please provide the following information about the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients since its regularisation in 2012:

- (a) the actual number of service users per year, the number of elderly patients on the waiting list, and the longest and average waiting time;
- (b) the annual fund allocation for the Programme;
- (c) the number of staff and service cost involved for each case;
- (d) any time limit for participating in the Programme and, if there is such a limit, the maximum participation period allowed. If participants are still in need of the service when the participation period reaches the limit, what measures will be taken by the Government?
- (e) the criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of the Programme.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 258)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) In 2012-13 and 2013-14/2014-15/2015-16, about 25 300 and 33 000 people participated in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) each year respectively. There is no waiting mechanism for IDSP.

- (b) and (c) The amount of provisions for IDSP each year and the cost per case are as follows:

Year	Provision	Cost per case
2012-13 (actual expenditure)	\$156,246,000	\$6,175
2013-14 (actual expenditure)	\$163,063,000	\$4,818
2014-15 (actual expenditure)	\$171,593,000	\$5,070
2015-16 (revised estimate)	\$176,227,000	\$5,207

IDSP adopts a multi-disciplinary approach to form Discharge Planning Teams and Home Support Teams comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers and care workers. The teams formulate personalised discharge plans for high-risk elderly patients who are discharged from hospitals but may be re-admitted as an emergency, and offer post-discharge support services according to the individual needs of each case.

- (d) IDSP mainly formulates personalised discharge plans for the abovementioned high-risk elderly patients before discharge and offers transitional integrated support services to those elderly persons in need. In general, more intensive and personal support is provided for 6 to 8 weeks after discharge (i.e. the golden period of recovery) to meet the special needs of newly-discharged elderly patients and their carers.
- (e) 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 emergency 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

LWB(WW)0310

(Question Serial No. 6341)

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:

Regarding the work to “conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies, and participate in key international and regional fora on women matters”, would the Government provide details of the number of meetings, exchanges, and international and regional fora held, the policies discussed and the women's groups and service agencies involved in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 261)

Reply:

In the past 3 years, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) attended 5 international and regional conferences, including 3 annual meetings of the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women, as well as the Consideration Meeting on the third report of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and the APEC Women and Economy Forum held in 2014.

During the same period, LWB and WoC organised 13 meetings and exchanges with local women's groups, non-governmental organisations providing women services, and relevant Government departments to discuss various policy issues that were of relevance to women, including women employment, gender mainstreaming, women's health, and women poverty etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0311****(Question Serial No. 4417)**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:

1) Please set out in table form the duty visits made by the politically appointed officials of the Bureau since the current-term Government took office, including the destination, purpose and programme of each visit, a list of the politically appointed officials in the entourage, the number of civil servants in the entourage and the total expenditure.

2) Please set out in table form the dates of vacation leave taken by the politically appointed officials of the Bureau since the current-term Government took office, and whether they were outside Hong Kong during their leave.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 80)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) Details of the duty visits made by the politically appointed officials of the Labour and Welfare Bureau since July 2012 are provided as follows:

Year of visit	Number of visits	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose and programme of visit	Approximate total expenditure (\$)
2012-13	1	Mainland	2	To attend the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.	1,000
2013-14	3	Mainland	4-8	To visit residential care homes for the elderly, introduce the Guangdong Scheme to the Guangdong Provincial Government, and exchange views/hold meetings with relevant Mainland authorities.	64,000

Year of visit	Number of visits	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose and programme of visit	Approximate total expenditure (\$)
2014-15	2	Mainland and Vietnam	1-2	To attend the Sixth Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Human Resources Development Ministerial Meeting, and a conference on facilitating the sharing of benefits from social and economic developments with persons with disabilities.	40,000
2015-16	1	Mainland	6	To visit residential care facilities for the elderly.	2,400

The above visits were led by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) or the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare (USLW). Participants included officials of various ranks.

- 2) Since assuming the positions in 2012, the SLW, USLW and the Political Assistant to the SLW have been entitled to paid vacation leave of 22 working days per year of service or such proportion of it on a pro rata basis. They took vacation leave within their entitlement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0312

(Question Serial No. 4477)

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:

Regarding the staff establishment and operational expenses for Programme (3) Women's Interests, please provide information on the following:

1. Among the 12 staff members under Programme (3), the number of staff on Directorate Pay Scale and their respective ranks;
2. The expenses on staff salaries, allowances and job-related allowances respectively, as well as personnel related expenses;
3. The expenses pertaining to directorate civil servants in respect of each of the items mentioned in Point 2 above and their percentage;
4. The amount of departmental expenses for this programme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 153)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) Under Programme (3), there is 1 directorate post of Principal Assistant Secretary at the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C.
- (2) In the 2016-17 estimates for Programme (3), staff salaries and allowances, personnel related expenses and other relevant operational expenses account for \$14.7 million.
- (3) The estimated expenditure on salaries (based on notional annual mid-point salary) for the directorate post is \$1.97 million, accounting for 13.4% of the total estimated expenditure on staff-related expenses.
- (4) The estimated expenditure on Programme (3) for 2016-17 is \$33 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0313

(Question Serial No. 5209)

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. 285)

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 pursue academic studies. At present, a total of 132 elder academies have been set up in primary schools, secondary schools and tertiary institutions, providing more than 10 000 learning places every year. Pursuant to the 2014 Policy Address, LWB injected an additional \$50 million into the Elder Academy Development Foundation in March 2014 to strengthen the support for the Scheme. The total funding expenditure of the Scheme since 2007 amounted to around \$31 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. From 2016 onwards, NAAP has merged with the Opportunities for the Elderly Project under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for better use of resources. The merged project is being administered by SWD and the resources involved will be borne by SWD.

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. Extensive public engagement events were arranged by EC in both exercises and the total expenditure involved is \$2.63 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0314

(Question Serial No. 5210)

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 is the amount of expenditure involved for the Elderly Commission in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 286)

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 Scheme in 2007. In 2016-17, the Elder Academy Development Foundation (EADF) has reserved around \$2.7 million to support the relevant funding for the 5 projects approved in 2014-15 and 11 projects approved in 2015-16. EADF 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. The EADF is vested in the trusteeship of the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0315

(Question Serial No. 5211)

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:

Regarding the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, please advise 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. 287)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) From its establishment in 2002 to mid-March 2016, the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) received a total of 1 329 applications. Of the 24 batches of 1 286 applications processed, 325 (25.3%) were approved and 961 (74.7%) were rejected. The total amount of grant approved was about \$395 million. The CIIF Committee is currently vetting another 43 applications under the 25th 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 usually will 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. The Labour and Welfare Bureau does not have the breakdown figures requested in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0316****(Question Serial No. 5234)**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:

- (1) What is the official poverty line set by the Government for 2016? Please provide the information with a breakdown by household size.
- (2) How many 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. 2052)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) According to the latest 2014 poverty statistics released by the Government in October 2015, the 2014 poverty line by household size is set out below:

Household size	Poverty line
1-person	\$3,500
2-person	\$8,500
3-person	\$13,000
4-person	\$16,400
5-person	\$17,000
6-person and above	\$18,800

The 2015 poverty line will be set out in the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2015 to be published later this year.

- (2) The size of poor population living in CSSA households and the corresponding poverty rates after recurrent cash intervention in the past 5 years are set out below:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Poor population	240 400	238 900	235 600	205 800	173 600
Poverty rate	49.3%	50.7%	54.6%	50.0%	44.4%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0317

(Question Serial No. 7212)

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 in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Bureau will "enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies" (ASBs). Would the Government advise of the following:

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.
4. The number and increase of curricula vitae of females in the Central Personality Index in the past 3 years.
5. Ways for the department and other bureaux to enhance women's participation in ASBs in the coming year, and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

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

	Number of appointed non-official members (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2013	4 038 (67.6%)	1 936 (32.4%)
2014	4 154 (68.0%)	1 951 (32.0%)
2015	4 434 (68.9%)	1 999 (31.1%)

The Government sincerely hopes that the proportion of female non-official members appointed to ASBs will increase concurrently with the number of appointed female non-official members, the target of which is 35%.

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

	Number of appointed non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs (as at 31 December)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2013	323 (61.1%)	206 (38.9%)
2014	338 (61.8%)	209 (38.2%)
2015	372 (64.5%)	205 (35.5%)

In the past 3 years, the number of appointed female non-official members who served on 3 or more ASBs accounted for around 10.5% of all appointed female non-official members whereas the figure stood approximately at 8.1% for appointed male non-official members. Details are tabulated as follows:

	Percentage (%) of appointed male non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed male non-official members	Percentage (%) of appointed female non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed female non-official members	Percentage (%) of all appointed non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs over all appointed non-official members
2013	7.9%	10.6%	8.9%
2014	8.1%	10.7%	9.0%
2015	8.4%	10.3%	9.0%

(Note: figures as at 31 December each year)

- (3) As at end March 2015, the list of ASBs with no appointed female non-official members, and the list of ASBs with less than 30% of appointed members being female are at Annex I and Annex II respectively.

- (4) The number and growth rate of curriculum vitae (CV) provided by female data subjects in the Central Personality Index (CPI) of the Government for the past 3 years are set out below:

	Number of CV of female data subject	Growth rate
2013	8 382	3.3%
2014	8 704	3.8%
2015	8 920	2.5%

- (5) The Government will continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and continue to invite women's associations and professional organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the CPI administered by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). The expenditure involved will be absorbed by HAB and is not separately accounted for.

The Government makes appointments to 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 requirements of statutory bodies. The Labour and Welfare Bureau will remind bureaux and departments from time to time to consider appointments to ASBs under their purviews in accordance with the said principle and meet the latest 35% gender benchmark as far as possible. Justifications are required when the gender benchmark is not met.

ASBs with No Appointed Female Non-official Members

(As at 31 March 2015)

Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities
Asbestos Administration Committee
Board of Directors of the 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
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Risk Management Committee of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Road Safety Council
Secondary Four Placement Committee
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

Note: The 30% gender benchmark of appointing female non-official members to ASBs was only available until 31 March 2015.

ASBs with Less Than 30% of Appointed Members Being Female
(As at 31 March 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 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 Registration Committee Panel
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 the 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
Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
Chinese Medicine Development Committee
Chinese Temples Committee
Commission on Strategic Development
Commission on Youth
Committee on Community Support for Rehabilitated Offenders
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 Sustainable Development
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
Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel
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
Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee
Hospital Authority
Independent Police Complaints Council
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Innovation and Technology Support Programme Assessment Panel under the Innovation & Technology Fund
Inspectors Registration Committee Panel
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 Advisory 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
Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Appeals Tribunal
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board
Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee
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
Registration of Persons Tribunal
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
Secondary Four Placement Committee
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 (QF) Fund
Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology in Education
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel
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
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
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Note: The 30% gender benchmark of appointing female non-official members to ASBs was only available until 31 March 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0318****(Question Serial No. 5267)**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:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

(1) How many additional civil service Information Technology (IT) posts were applied by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) from the Civil Service Bureau over the past 3 years? How many of these posts applied were approved by the CSB (please list by department, year and post title)?

(2) What were the justifications of the CSB if application requests of such IT posts were revised or rejected?

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 41)Reply:

1. The number of civil service posts approved for creation in the grades of information technology (IT) staff (the IT grades include (1) Analyst/Programmer; (2) Computer Operator and (3) Data Processor) in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in the past 3 years is set out below:

Financial Year	Number of posts approved
2013-14	1
2014-15	0
2015-16	0

2. The Government's guiding principles for considering the creation of additional civil service posts are as follows: when the operational need is fully justified; and the work involved cannot be handled by streamlining the procedures, re-organisation, re-deployment of existing staff or any other means. The above principles are applicable across all the civil service grades, including the IT grades. Manpower in the IT grades will be increased as and when it is fully justified on the grounds of maintaining effective operation and addressing the manpower needs arising from new and improved services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0319****(Question Serial No. 5295)**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 respect of the public relations expenditure of government departments, please inform this Committee of the following:

(1) the total expenditure of the Labour and Welfare Bureau for publishing advertisements, sponsored content or advertorials in newspapers registered under the Registration of Local Newspapers Ordinance in the past year as well as the relevant details:

Date of publish (Day/Month/Year)	Status (one-off/ ongoing/ ended) (as at 29 February 2016)	Government or public organisation (including policy bureau/ department/ public organisation/ government advisory body)	Name and purpose of advertisement	Name of media organisation and newspaper	Frequency (as at 29 February 2016)	Expenditure (as at 29 February 2016)

(2) the expenditure of the Labour and Welfare Bureau for sponsoring local free-to-air television stations, paid television stations and radio stations to provide information and produce programmes or materials in the past year as well as the relevant details:

Date of broadcast (Day/Month/Year)	Status (one-off/ ongoing/ ended) (as at 29 February 2016)	Government or public organisation (including policy bureau/ department/ public organisation/ government advisory body)	Name and purpose of advertisement	Media organisation	Frequency (as at 29 February 2016)	Expenditure (as at 29 February 2016)

(3) the media organisations which published or broadcast advertisements/sponsored content of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in the past 3 years, as well as the frequency and the total expenditure involved (in descending order of amount spent):

Name of media organisation	Frequency	Total expenditure (\$)

(4) the websites/network platforms on which the Labour and Welfare Bureau published online advertisements/sponsored content in the past 3 years, as well as the frequency, the duration (days) and the total expenditure involved (tabulated in descending order of amount spent):

Website/ network platform	Content of advertisement	Frequency	Duration (days)	Hit rate, frequency of exposure and number of viewers	Total expenditure (\$)

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The total expenditure incurred by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) on publishing advertisements or advertorials in newspapers and publications registered under the Registration of Local Newspapers Ordinance in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) was about \$370,000. The details are set out below:

Date of publish	Title and objective of advertisement	No. of times	Status
13 May 2015	Enhancing public understanding of the Child Development Fund	1	All the advertisements have ended
13 October 2015	Promoting the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Social Capital Micro Film Competition	1	
14 October 2015		1	
18 November 2015	Promoting employment for persons with disabilities and the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme	1	
20 November 2015		1	
1 and 15 February 2016	Promoting a Facebook campaign of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)	2	
15 and 26 February 2016		2	
22 February 2016		1	
22 February 2016	Promoting employment for persons with disabilities and the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme	1	
29 February 2016		1	
29 February 2016		1	

- (2) The total expenditure incurred by the LWB on producing programmes for broadcast by local free-to-air television stations, paid television stations and radio stations in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) was about \$5.17 million. The details are set out below:

Date of broadcast	Status (one-off/ongoing / ended)	Policy bureau/ government advisory body	Title and objective of programme	Media organisation	No. of broadcasts
From 27 September 2015	Ongoing	LWB	<i>A Wall-less World V</i> <u>Objective:</u> To promote the spirit and core values of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)	30
11 October to 13 December 2015	Ended	Women's Commission	<i>Working Women 2015</i> <u>Objective:</u> To promote gender equality through publicity activities	RTHK	29
From 14 February 2016	Ongoing	LWB	<i>Sign Language Capriccios IV</i> <u>Objective:</u> To promote the use of sign language and deaf culture	RTHK	12

- (3) The details of advertisements/sponsored content of the LWB published or broadcast by media organisations from 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) are set out below:

Media organisation	No. of times	Total expenditure (approximate)
Newspapers	28	\$1,170,000
Magazines	1	\$40,000

- (4) The total expenditure incurred by the LWB on publishing online advertisements/sponsored content from 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) was about \$880,000. The details of the advertisements are set out below:

Content of advertisement	Network platform	No. of times	Duration (days)	Hit rate/ Frequency of exposure/ No. of viewers (approximate totals)
Public engagement exercise on retirement protection	Internet social platform	1	11	Hit rate: 47 000 Frequency of exposure: 11 971 000 No. of viewers: 7 041 000
Employment for persons with disabilities, and the Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme	Mobile applications (banner advertisement)	3	7 to 14	Hit rate: 68 000 Frequency of exposure: 16 935 000
	Website	1	14	Hit rate: 340 Frequency of exposure: 1 174 000

Content of advertisement	Network platform	No. of times	Duration (days)	Hit rate/ Frequency of exposure/ No. of viewers (approximate totals)
	Internet social platform	1	1	No. of visitors: 2 000
Women Employment Website	Website	4	40 (average)	Hit rate: 28 000 Frequency of exposure: 21 600 000
CIIF promotional campaign: “Like & Share in Community” Photography Campaign	Website	1	7	Frequency of exposure: 210 000
Hong Kong Secondary Schools Social Capital Micro Film Competition	Internet social platform	9	1	No. of viewers: 75 000
	Website	5	14	Frequency of exposure: 1 567 000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0320****(Question Serial No. 5316)**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) Please tabulate the details concerning the social media platforms set up and run by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and agencies under its commission (including outsourced contractors or consultants) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016).

Commence ment date (month/ year)	Status (updating in progress/ ceased updating)	Bureau/ agencies under its commission	Name	Social media platforms	Purpose of establishmen t and contents	No. of "likes"/ subscribers / average monthly visits	Regular compilation of summary of comments and follow-up (yes/no)	Average no. of posts per day and average no. of interactions per post (total no. of "likes", comments and shares)	Ranks and no. of officers responsible for running the platforms	Expenditure for setting up the platforms and daily operational expenses

(2) Please provide the number of deleted messages and blocked accounts on the above social media platforms.

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 90)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The social media platforms set up and run by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and agencies under its commission (including outsourced contractors or consultants) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016) are provided at the Annex.
- (2) No message was deleted and no account was blocked on the above social media platforms.

The social media platforms set up and run by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and agencies under its commission (including outsourced contractors or consultants) in 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016)

No.	Com-mence-ment date (month/year)	Status (updat-ing in progress/ ceased updat-ing)	Bureau/ agencies under its commis-sion	Name	Social media plat-forms	Purpose of establish-ment and contents	No. of “likes”/ subscri-bers / average monthly visits	Regular compila-tion of summ-ary of com-ments and follow-up (yes/no)	Average no. of posts per day and average no. of interactions per post (total no. of “likes”, comments and shares)	Ranks and no. of officers responsible for running the platforms*	Expenditure for setting up the platforms and daily operational expenses
(1)	January 2016	Keep updating	LWB	勞福天地	Face-book	To provide an additional channel for Facebook users to access information available on LWB website and SLW’s Blog, including introduction of new policy initiatives beneficial to people and sharing of SLW’s frontline visits.	No. of “Page Likes”: 196 Average no. of monthly visitors: 8 680	No	Daily average no. of new posts: 0.86 posts Average no. of feedback: 5.17 times	Staff in POO and SPO of LWB	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(2)	Decem-ber 2015	Keep updating	Vocatio-nal Training Council (VTC)	Trainee-ship Scheme	You-tube	To promote the Traineeship Scheme through 4 video clips relating to the practical tips for beauty care and hairdressing.	No. of “Likes” : 2 900 No. of subscri-bers: 11 Average no. of visitors per month: 1 000	No	N/A	1 executive staff of VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(3)	Decem-ber 2015	Keep updating	LWB	Retirement Protection Forging Ahead	Face-book	To provide information related to the public engagement exercise on retirement protection in Hong Kong.	No. of “Page Likes”: 2 245	No	Average no. of posts per day: 0.84 Average no. of actions per post: 129.56	2 Non-Civil Servant Contract (NCSC) staff at the Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.

No.	Com-mence-ment date (month/year)	Status (updating in progress/ceased updating)	Bureau/agencies under its commission	Name	Social media plat-forms	Purpose of establish-ment and contents	No. of “likes”/ subscribers / average monthly visits	Regular compila-tion of sum-mary of com-ments and follow-up (yes/no)	Average no. of posts per day and average no. of interactions per post (total no. of “likes”, comments and shares)	Ranks and no. of officers responsible for running the platforms*	Expenditure for setting up the platforms and daily operational expenses
(4)	July 2015	Keep updating	LWB	Mental Health Month	Face-book	To promote the public education activity – “2015 Mental Health Month”.	No. of “Likes”: 1 037 Average monthly visit: 148	No	Average no. of posts per day: 0.3 posts Average no. of interaction per post: 124 times	2 staff members of the participating non-govern-mental organisations (NGO)	The manpower involved was absorbed within the approved funding for the participating NGO.
(5)	January 2015	Keep updating	The Commu-nity Invest-ment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) Secreta-riat, LWB	CIIF LWB	You-Tube	To broadcast the latest CIIF videos and promote CIIF activities.	No. of views: 196	Nil	No. of updates: As needed	2 NCSC staff at the Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(6)	July 2013	Keep updating	VTC	Trainee-ship Scheme	Face-book	To promote courses and to publicise information on relevant activities.	No. of subscri-bers: 880	No	Updated once every 4 days. Average no. of interactions for each post: 7	1 executive staff of VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(7)	July 2012	Keep updating	CIIF Secreta-riat, LWB	CIIF 充滿人情味的基金	Face-book	To serve as a platform to engage stakeholders and promote the work of CIIF and the concept of social capital.	No. of “Likes”: 5 528	Yes	No. of updates: Once or twice per week on average No. of reactions, comments and shares: 21 on average	2 NCSC staff at the Executive Officer rank	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources. A vendor was commissioned to implement a one-off promotion campaign, involving financial resources of \$112,500.
(8)	June 2012	Keep updating	VTC	Shine Skills Centre (a member of VTC Group)	Face-book	To share the learning experience of students and promote the skills training for people with disabilities and relevant diverse activities.	No. of “Likes”: 1 129	No	Average no. of posts per day: 0.06 posts Around 20 “likes” and 1 comment per post	1 executive staff and 1 technical staff of Shine Skills Centre	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources of Shine Skills Centre.

No.	Com-mence-ment date (month/year)	Status (updating in progress/ ceased updating)	Bureau/ agencies under its commis-sion	Name	Social media plat-forms	Purpose of establish-ment and contents	No. of “likes”/ subscri-bers / average monthly visits	Regular compila-tion of summ-ary of com-ments and follow-up (yes/no)	Average no. of posts per day and average no. of interactions per post (total no. of “likes”, comments and shares)	Ranks and no. of officers responsible for running the platforms*	Expenditure for setting up the platforms and daily operational expenses
(9)	Septem-ber 2010	Keep updating	VTC	Teen’s Program-me	Face-book	To promote courses and publicise information on relevant activities.	No. of subscri-bers: 874	No	Upload updated course information every 4 months on average. No record of the no. of interactions	1 executive staff of VTC	The manpower involved was absorbed from existing resources.
(10)	July 2010	Keep updating	LWB	“Youth Ambassad-ors of the United Nations Convent-ion on the Rights of Persons with Disa-bilities”	Face-book	To promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the "Inclusive Life - Show Your Different Abilities" Youth Education Campaign.	No. of “Likes”: 398 Average monthly visit: 18	No	Average no. of posts per day: 0.006 posts Average no. of interaction per post: 6.2 times	1 staff member of the contractor	The manpower involved was absorbed within the contract cost.

* The subject officers undertake the platforms in addition to their own respective duties.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0321****(Question Serial No. 5735)**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) Please provide, in table form, the number of requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and its subvented organisations in 2015-16 as well as the relevant details:

Bureau/ Department/ Organisation	Number of requests received	Information involved (items)	Number of requests being handled	Number of requests in which all information was provided	Number of requests in which some information was provided	Average number of days taken to handle the requests (working days)

(2) the 3 pieces of information most frequently requested by the public and the number of such requests;

(3) the 5 requests for information which took the longest time to handle, the number of days taken to handle such requests and the reasons; and

(4) the content of the requests refused, the reasons for the refusal and the number of requests for reviews lodged by the public.

Asked by: Hon Charles Peter MOK (Member Question No. 170)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The number of requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) from 1 April 2015 to 29 February 2016 and the relevant details are set out below:

Bureau/ Department/ Organisation	Number of requests received	Information involved (items)	Number of requests being processed	Number of requests in which all information was provided	Number of requests in which some information was provided	Average number of days taken to process the requests (working days)
LWB	10	Information relating to the application for Registration Cards for Persons with Disabilities and employment matters of the LWB	0	7 (Information requested is not held by the LWB for 2 cases and the request was withdrawn for 1 case)	0	All the cases were processed within 21 days

- (2) Information relating to the application for Registration Cards for Persons with Disabilities was most frequently requested by the public.
- (3) All the above cases were processed within 21 days.
- (4) The LWB did not receive any request for review of the processing of the cases concerned during the above period.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0322

(Question Serial No. 4915)

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 elderly services under this Programme, including the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, will the Government advise on:

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 their average service duration for the past 3 years;
3. whether the Government has the statistics on the number of elderly persons currently receiving community care and residential care services who have used the services of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients;
4. whether it has information on the number of elderly persons who used the services more than once in the past 1 and 2 years. If yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at December 2015), 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	11 203
Queen Mary Hospital	7 529
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	10 547
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	3 593
United Christian Hospital	9 931
Caritas Medical Centre	5 445
Kwong Wah Hospital	5 979
Princess Margaret Hospital	6 768
Yan Chai Hospital	6 239
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and North District Hospital	8 098
Prince of Wales Hospital	6 017
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 yearly, and the average service duration in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of elderly persons who received home support services yearly	Average service duration (days)	Number of elderly persons who received transitional residential care services yearly	Average service duration (days)
2013-14	9 566	58	355	32
2014-15	9 865	56	426	32
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	6 940	54	285	34

3. The Social Welfare Department and the Hospital Authority do not keep the statistics sought in the question.
4. The Hospital Authority does not keep the statistics sought in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0323

(Question Serial No. 4565)

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 new policies will be drawn up by the Labour and Welfare Bureau to ensure the quality of care workers in hostels for the elderly, residential care homes for the elderly, care and attention homes and nursing homes?

How many trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services last year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The Government has all along been encouraging care workers of the elderly care service sector to receive training. At present, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) requires private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to ensure that 75% of their care workers have received relevant training with a view to enhancing their service level.

Various training bodies currently provide training courses on elderly care for care workers. In addition, to enrich the knowledge and skills of the staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in taking care of elderly residents, SWD's Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly has since 2008 been collaborating with the Department of Health to provide training for RCHE staff. Topics include drug safety, infection control, fall prevention, dementia care, prevention of elderly abuse, handling of accidents, management of work stress, etc. From 2008 to end-December 2015, about 13 060 RCHE staff attended the training workshops.

To encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services, the Government launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years. As at end-December 2015, the Navigation Scheme enrolled about 160 trainees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0324

(Question Serial No. 4566)

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 programmes are provided by the Administration to promote active-ageing and what is the amount of expenditure involved? How the effectiveness of elderly persons maintaining an active life after retirement and participating actively in community activities is measured?

Please list out the local bodies or commercial organisations which had participated in active-ageing programmes.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

Since June 2012, the Government has implemented the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in phases on the general Mass Transit Railway lines, franchised buses, ferries and most of the green minibus services. Under the Scheme, elderly persons aged 65 or above may travel on the public transport modes and routes covered by the Scheme at any time at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip, which helps to promote active ageing. In 2016-17, the Government's reimbursement of revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators is estimated to be around \$1.1 billion. The Scheme has been well received by the elderly persons with the number of elderly patronage on the increase over the past few years.

To engage the elderly persons in lifelong learning and encourage them to lead a fulfilling life, in 2016-17, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to implement the Elder Academy (EA) Scheme to provide different courses at 132 elder academies (in primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions). The number of attendance of the EA programmes in 2016-17 is expected to increase as compared with the attendance of about 10 000 in each of the past two years. In 2016-17, the Elder Academy Development

Foundation has reserved around \$2.7 million to support the relevant funding for the 5 projects approved in 2014-15 and 11 projects approved in 2015-16.

In 2016-17, LWB will also provide resources for 18 District Councils (DCs) (\$53,000 for each district) to support the districts in building age-friendly communities in collaboration with non-governmental organisations, and encourage DCs to participate in the World Health Organisation's "age-friendly community" accreditation scheme.

On the other hand, the Social Welfare Department provides funding for social service agencies, district organisations, etc. under the Opportunities for the Elderly Project in organising activities to promote a sense of worthiness among the elderly persons and a spirit of caring for the elderly persons. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for the Project is \$7.3 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0325

(Question Serial No. 4567)

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 people benefited from the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme last year? Many have criticised the application criteria for being too stringent. Under what circumstances will the Bureau review the rate of allowance? If no reviews will be conducted, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 78)

Reply:

The Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme will start receiving applications in phases from May 2016 onwards. It is estimated that 200 000 households (involving 700 000 persons, including 170 000 eligible children or youths) can benefit from the Scheme. The Government will review the Scheme one year after its implementation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0326

(Question Serial No. 5486)

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:

Last year, it was revealed that some elderly persons were stripped naked on an open rooftop while waiting to be bathed at a private residential care home for the elderly (RCHE). The home was alleged to be involved in elder abuse and its licence was subsequently terminated. It is pointed out that the incident was just the tip of the iceberg, as there could be many low-cost RCHEs with substandard services where similar abuse cases often occur, only that it is very difficult for the general public to provide evidence and seek assistance as the places concerned are private premises. In this regard, how many elder abuse cases occurred in RCHEs have been reported to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past? How many of the cases have involved the staff of RCHEs? Are such cases common?

According to a Ms Chan who has 20 years' experience of working for about 50 RCHEs, reportedly she has never come across a home that provides satisfactory service. Based on her account, elderly persons in many large RCHEs in Kowloon have no privacy, and negligence and even physical abuse of various degrees exist. What has been SWD's mechanism for inspecting RCHEs? How many surprise inspections are conducted each year? How many cases are reported to SWD by the residents' family members each year? How many of the elder abuse cases have been substantiated?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 247)

Reply:

The Government will not in any way tolerate elder abuse and will spare no effort in enforcing the law strictly. To ensure RCHEs' compliance with the licensing requirements, the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) has 4 professional inspectorate teams, including the social work inspectorate team, health inspectorate team, building safety inspectorate team and fire safety inspectorate team, responsible for conducting inspection of RCHEs. All inspections conducted by the inspectorate teams are surprise inspections, so as to monitor on an ongoing basis whether

RCHEs comply with the licensing requirements. Apart from the above 4 inspectorate teams conducting inspections, all the supervisory officers in LORCHE select RCHEs already inspected for review inspections on a random basis to ensure the quality of inspections conducted by LORCHE. LORCHE conducts around 5 000 inspection visits to RCHEs on average each year and adjusts the frequency of inspection to a particular RCHE based on the level of risk. In addition to surprise inspections conducted on a regular basis, LORCHE conducts priority surprise inspections and investigations after receiving complaints. When irregularities are found during inspection, LORCHE issues to such RCHEs advisory letters, warnings or directions on remedial measures under section 19 of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, depending on the nature and severity of the irregularities. If the RCHEs concerned do not comply with the requirements of the directives, SWD may initiate prosecutions. Moreover, if any RCHEs/staff are suspected to have committed other criminal offences, SWD will refer the cases to the Police or relevant departments for investigation and follow-up.

LORCHE receives about 250 complaints on average each year. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were 5 abuse cases involving staff of RCHEs, all of which have been referred to the Police for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0327

(Question Serial No. 5488)

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 statistics of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), Yuen Long, with 96 (15.8%) child abuse cases, and Tuen Mun, with 67 (11%) cases, are hardest hit by this problem. Given the relatively high proportion of public housing in the 2 districts, is the Department aware of child abuse cases being particularly substantial among CSSA families? Is there any relationship between low-income families and child abuse cases? While dedicated support services targeting child abuse cases are currently provided by SWD across the territory, the hardest hit districts, Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, are not receiving enough attention. Will the Department allocate manpower and resources based on the actual number of cases in the 18 districts and enhance the services in the hardest hit districts?

Apart from parents, teachers have the closest contact with children. Nevertheless, as SWD has not devoted resources to school teacher-based support and training, efforts in early identification of child abuse cases can only achieve half of the desired results. Since statistics show that Yuen Long and Tuen Mun are the hardest hit districts, will SWD liaise with schools in the districts concerned for teacher training to prevent child abuse?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 250)

Reply:

SWD has set up 11 Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the territory, including 1 each in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, dedicated to handling cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering as well as dispute cases over child custody and supervision so as to help families with child abuse problem restore normal life. SWD deploys FCPSU manpower with due regard to the number of various types of such cases. Compared with other districts, FCPSUs in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun have a higher manpower proportion. SWD will keep in view the workload and manpower of FCPSUs. SWD does not have

statistical information on CSSA families or low-income families involved in child abuse cases.

SWD organises various training courses for frontline professionals (e.g. social workers, educational workers, policemen, healthcare personnel) in the districts on a regular basis to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling child abuse cases and strengthen their capacity in crisis assessment, violence prevention and counselling. In 2015-16, in addition to organising 12 training courses on handling child abuse cases, SWD also sent its officers to attend as speakers at the training programmes on child protection organised by the Education Bureau for school personnel (including guidance teachers and school social workers). The District Social Welfare Offices of SWD have also organised training programmes for their partners in the districts from time to time. In 2015-16, SWD organised 3 training programmes on child protection in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, which included providing training for school personnel at their schools.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0328

(Question Serial No. 5493)

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) now runs 5 refuge centres for women and the CEASE Crisis Centre to provide temporary accommodation for victims of domestic violence. Such refuge service is mainly for women, which overlooks the fact that men may well become the victims of domestic violence after the Domestic Violence Ordinance was extended to cover same-sex cohabitation relationship. SWD's current refuge service for male victims of domestic violence is plainly inadequate. In this regard, does the Government intend to set up refuge centres specifically for men?

Some organisations stated that they, when helping transgender persons to apply for compassionate rehousing, were discriminated against, insulted and even refused service by frontline social workers. This is a problem not to be ignored. Would the Government please inform this Committee whether SWD has courses to train frontline social workers in assisting people with different sexual orientation and transgender persons.

What is SWD's mechanism for arranging "transgender persons" to apply for compassionate rehousing? Whether such applications are handled in light of the gender shown on the identity card or the gender claimed by the parties concerned? There were cases where frontline social workers asked "transgender men" to cut their hair short, dress as man again and then told them to rent flats from property agencies by themselves without offering them assistance in arranging urgent housing. Does SWD have any guidelines on handling transgender persons' cases for frontline social workers?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 257)

Reply:

The objective of service provision by SWD is to provide appropriate assistance to all families and individuals in need, irrespective of their age, gender, race and sexual orientation. If needed, men faced with domestic violence may also use the support services provided by SWD. If they require refuge service in case of domestic violence, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre subvented by SWD can offer

temporary accommodation service to victims of domestic violence or families/individuals (including men) in crisis, while the Family Crisis Support Centre provides people (including men) in crisis or distress with short-term accommodation places. SWD has no plan to set up a refuge centre specifically for men.

SWD has been providing frontline social workers with training courses with different themes and multiple perspectives (including courses relating to sexual minorities and transgender persons). The aim is to enhance their understanding of the related issues, so that they can assess the cases they handle in a professional, comprehensive and independent manner and provide targeted services according to service users' individual needs.

Compassionate Rehousing (CR) is a form of housing assistance, which aims at providing housing assistance to individuals and families (irrespective of their sexual orientation) with genuine and imminent long-term housing needs but, due to their social and medical needs (if applicable) under special circumstances, have no other feasible means to solve their housing problems. While considering whether CR should be recommended, the caseworker will in the meantime explore with the individual concerned on making use of other feasible means to solve his/her housing needs. If it is assessed that there is no other feasible means to solve the housing needs, the caseworker will conduct professional assessment in light of individual case circumstances (including the social and medical needs (if applicable) of the individual concerned or his/her family members), and examine his/her financial condition based on the income and asset limits set by the Housing Authority for public rental housing applications. The individual concerned and his/her family members are required to submit necessary supporting documents (including identity documents) with regard to their individual case circumstances. As the nature, complexity, as well as the resources and support network available to individual cases may differ, the caseworker will assess whether CR can be recommended according to individual circumstances and the information provided by the individual concerned and his/her family members. To ensure consistency in assessment yardsticks, each case recommended for CR will be submitted for examination and endorsement by the relevant District Social Welfare Officer who will then recommend eligible cases to the Housing Department.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0329

(Question Serial No. 5525)

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 list the total number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each of the 18 districts last year, the number of elderly persons on the waiting list by the district of their first choice, and the average waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 293)

Reply:

The number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly (i.e. care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places) with a breakdown by 18 districts and type (as at end-December 2015) is set out at Annex.

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 of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), including the cluster, the district or even a certain specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, 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, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is not able to provide information on the first choice districts of the elderly persons. Neither does SWD capture the waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in individual districts.

The average waiting time for subsidised places in RCHEs under the CWL as at end-December 2015 is set out below –

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]
C&A places	
- Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHEs	36
- Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the EBPS	8
Overall	20
NH places ^[Note 3]	26

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged (H/A) since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places.

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

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

**Number of Subsidised and Non-subsidised Residential Care Places
for the Elderly by 18 Districts
(As at end-December 2015)**

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	778	188	966	13	1 972	75	2 060
Eastern	-	762	133	895	-	3 787	83	3 870
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	864	21	885
Southern	-	1 917	-	1 917	66	1 752	91	1 909
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	458	42	500
Kwun Tong	-	1 714	434	2 148	-	2 765	279	3 044
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 237	464	1 701	-	1 979	133	2 112
Sai Kung	-	986	290	1 276	67	927	102	1 096
Kowloon City	-	2 093	90	2 183	-	4 503	43	4 546
Sham Shui Po	-	1 052	314	1 366	-	3 875	194	4 069
Yau Tsim Mong	-	871	239	1 110	89	2 627	135	2 851
Sha Tin	-	1 273	54	1 327	50	2 372	36	2 458
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 244	-	2 244
North	-	1 217	299	1 516	90	2 255	-	2 345
Yuen Long	-	1 609	66	1 675	60	3 719	30	3 809
Tsuen Wan	-	1 409	388	1 797	-	2 144	41	2 185
Kwai Tsing	-	2 619	345	2 964	-	3 778	177	3 955
Tuen Mun	-	1 413	243	1 656	57	2 837	-	2 894
Total	67	23 086	3 610	26 763	492	44 858	1 482	46 832

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes as well as private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0330****(Question Serial No. 5532)**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 give a breakdown, for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes respectively, of the number of reports on fraud relating to the CSSA and SSA Schemes that the Department received in the past 3 years; the number of cases that required in-depth investigation in the past 3 years and the time taken on average; the number of cases in which the Government initiated prosecution in the past 3 years and the number of such cases which ended in conviction and imprisonment.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 301)Reply:

The numbers of cases of fraud relating to CSSA and SSA from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided in the table below –

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	CSSA	SSA	CSSA	SSA	CSSA	SSA
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 171	682	1 946	771	1 464	665
Number of cases requiring in-depth investigation	1 447	115	1 552	317	1 044	411
Number of prosecuted cases	330	11	376	15	180	6
Number of cases sentenced to imprisonment	260	7	281	14	131	6

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0331****(Question Serial No. 5535)**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 resources and expenditure involved in handling incidents of sexual violence this year? Please list the number of requests for assistance received involving sexual violence and the gender of the persons seeking assistance in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 304)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 recount 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 2016-17 is about \$12.5 million.

The number of new sexual violence cases handled by CEASE Crisis Centre in the past 3 years is as follows –

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of new sexual violence cases	106	130	88

SWD does not have the figures on the gender of the service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0332****(Question Serial No. 5541)**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:

Regarding the review visits or surprise visits conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to monitor the service performance of subvented organisations, would the Government advise this Committee of the number of review visits or surprise visits conducted by SWD by service type of the service units in each of the past 4 years? As found in these visits, how was the service units' performance in meeting the agreed performance standards in each of the past 4 years? What follow-up actions were taken by SWD against the service units which had failed to meet the agreed performance standards in the past 4 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 310)Reply:

Over the past 4 years, SWD has conducted a total of 360 review visits/surprise visits. The number of visits by year and by service type is set out below –

Year	Elderly Services	Family and Child Welfare Services	Rehabilitation Services	Youth and Corrections Services	Others	Total
2012-13	24	9	23	11	-	67
2013-14	54	19	45	28	-	146
2014-15	29	15	28	26	1	99
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	14	9	17	8	-	48
Total	121	52	113	73	1	360

Upon conducting the 360 visits mentioned above, 351 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 findings by year are set out below –

Year	Number of units complying with requirements	Number of units failing to comply with requirements	Total
2012-13	67	-	67
2013-14	141	5	146
2014-15	95	4	99
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	48	-	48
Total	351	9	360

For those service units failing to comply with the requirements, SWD has requested the respective subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to submit action plans for improvement and monitored their implementation. Generally speaking, the NGOs are able to carry out their action plans smoothly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0333****(Question Serial No. 6605)**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) under this Programme, would the Government please set out the caseload in the following format –

Age of service users	EHCCS	No. of persons waiting for EHCCS	IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC))	IHCS (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC))	No. of persons waiting for IHCS
59 or below					
60 to 64					
65 to 69					
70 to 74					
75 to 79					
80 to 85					
Over 85					

If the Government does not have the relevant data, what are the reasons? When applying for the above services, what data about the applicants have to be collected by the Government for processing the application? Please provide a list of the data required to be submitted.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 40)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases receiving IHCS(OC) with a breakdown by age group, nor the numbers of persons on the waiting lists for IHCS(including OC and FC) and EHCCS.

The number of cases of elderly persons currently receiving IHCS(FC) and EHCCS with a breakdown by age group in 2014-15 is set out as follows –

Financial year	2014-15	
	IHCS(FC)	EHCCS
Age	No. of cases currently receiving services	No. of cases currently receiving services
60 to 64	13	94
65 to 69	54	279
70 to 74	81	432
75 to 79	141	896
80 to 85	243	1 601
85 and above	466	2 756

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0334

(Question Serial No. 6606)

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 (AWDs) mentioned in the Programme, would the Government advise us of the following –

1. How many AWDs were provided with financial assistance in each of the past 3 years (categorised by current and retired athletes? How much assistance did they receive?
2. Currently, only the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) provides employment support to retired AWDs. However, considering that it is not easy for persons with disabilities to secure employment in society, will the Government conduct a review on this issue and ask the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Labour and Welfare Bureau to provide assistance?
3. What is the current employment rate of retired AWDs? If no relevant figures are available, does or can the Government know of the employment situation of AWDs?
4. How did/will the Government promote sports among persons with disabilities in the past and in the coming years? Are AWDs being considered for a role to help in the promotion and coaching of sports? How much expenditure is involved?
5. Regarding the development of sports activities for persons with disabilities, what is the progress of conducting a study and releasing a report? How much expenditure will be involved in this area next year? Will there be an increase in the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 36)

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 sustainability of the Fund. Administered by SWD, the Fund has been providing support for AWDs during all stages of their sporting career through disbursement of –

- (a) grant to sporting organisations for the development of target sports;
- (b) subsistence grant to AWDs (subsistence grant); and
- (c) employment facilitating grant for retired AWDs (employment facilitating grant).

The number of AWDs and the amount of grant approved under the Fund (including subsistence grant and employment facilitating grant) from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as follows –

Year	No. of AWDs receiving subsistence grant	No. of retired AWDs receiving employment facilitating grant	Actual grant payment (\$ million)
2012-13	86	- [Note]	1.49
2013-14	77	1	1.37
2014-15	78	2	1.49

[Note] No retired AWDs applied for the grant concerned in 2012-13

HKSI provides Sports Aid Grant for Athletes with Disabilities (SAGD) as direct financial support to AWDs with demonstrated performance and potential to achieve or maintain success in the international sports arena. The number of AWDs receiving SAGD and the level of grant they received are as follows –

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Elite A (Maximum annual grant)	69,600	72,800	72,800
No. of recipients	27	30	29
Elite B (Maximum annual grant)	41,700	43,620	43,620
No. of recipients	16	15	18
Elite C (Maximum annual grant)	20,900	21,860	21,860
No. of recipients	8	5	12

AWDs may also apply for grants from the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF) for educational and other academic training. There were a total of 4 AWDs having successfully applied for the HKAF in the past 3 years.

2. The Fund has all along encouraged elite AWDs to apply for employment facilitating grant through recommendations from relevant sporting organisations upon retirement, so as to assist them in their job attachment in a sports related field or provide them with other suitable employment opportunities or vocational training. In addition, to assist persons with disabilities in acquiring job skills that meet the market requirements as well as securing suitable employment commensurate with their abilities, SWD also provides a range of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the competitive open job market (including retired AWDs). These services include sheltered workshops, 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. Moreover, a job matching service is provided by the Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department for job seekers with disabilities who are fit for open employment. The Government will continue to promote the aforesaid vocational rehabilitation and job matching services among AWDs.

The Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) launched the Athlete Career Programme in conjunction with human resource companies to provide career consultation, referral services and related workshops for AWDs. The HKPC&SAPD also creates in-house internship positions to enable disabled interns to upgrade their work skills while meeting training and competition needs.

3. Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) does not have employment statistics of retired AWDs.
4. 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: 69 591 in 2012-13, 69 425 in 2013-14 and 68 488 in 2014-15. We allocate annual funding to 3 sports associations for AWDs, i.e. the HKPC&SAPD, the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability and the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Deaf, to support training programmes and competitors for AWDs. The funding allocated, from HAB, LCSD and HKSI, to these sports associations since 2013-14 is set out below –

Year ^[Note]	Amount of Funding (\$ million)
2013-14	\$24.845
2014-15	\$28.106
2015-16	\$30.238

^[Note] The subvention level for 2016-17 has yet to be finalised.

5. In 2015, HAB commissioned a consultant to conduct a study in order to make recommendations on promotion of sports for people with disabilities. The draft report is being refined in the light of comments obtained from the major stakeholders. We are therefore not in a position to provide information on the related expenditure at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0335****(Question Serial No. 3644)**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. In each of the past 10 years, what were planned additional number and actual additional number of places for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons?
2. In the past 10 years, what were the average waiting time and average cost per person?
3. What are the districts where the applicants live and what are their age group (in 5-year bands from age 15) and gender distribution?
4. For persons receiving the services in various districts, what are their age group (in 10-year bands from age 15) and gender distribution?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 155)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In each of the past 5 years, the planned additional number and actual additional number of places for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) are set out in the table as follows –

Year	Additional number of places (Revised Estimate)	Additional number of places (Actual)
2010-11	51	51
2011-12	-	-
2012-13	51	51
2013-14	32	- [Note]
2014-15	32	32

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the relevant data for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System (CIS)).

[Note] The planned service places had not come into operation as scheduled in 2013-14 due to the longer than expected time required for renovation works.

2. The average waiting time for C&A/SDs in 2010-15 is as follows –

Average waiting time (in months)					
2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
39.6	31.2	48	48	47.8	Not readily available [Note]

SWD does not capture information on the unit cost of C&A/SDs, nor the data for 2010 or before.

[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD (based on the applicants' places of residence) and age group in 2015-16 is set out in Annex 1. As applicants for residential care homes for persons with disabilities are allocated places according to their order in the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, irrespective of their gender, SWD does not capture the gender statistics of service users.
4. The number of service users of C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2015-16 is set out in Annex 2. As applicants for residential care homes for persons with disabilities are allocated places according to their order in the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, irrespective of their gender, SWD does not capture the gender statistics of service users.

**Number of applicants waiting for C&A/SDs
by district of residence and age group in 2015
(as at end-December 2015)**

District of residence	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	6	4	8	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	4	4	5	13	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	7	5	4	9	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	5	6	7	18	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	3	2	6	14	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	4	1	4	13	1	1	-
Sha Tin	4	6	5	5	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	10	3	2	6	11	4	1	-
Yuen Long	20	5	2	3	10	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	13	4	5	3	22	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	6	5	3	9	4	-	-
Total	115	53	41	54	146	29	5	-

**Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2015
(as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	13	18	18	21	21	3	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	15	14	10	24	16	4	-
Kwun Tong	-	18	18	17	26	13	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	30	18	15	17	17	1	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	7	11	11	16	22	4	-
Sham Shui Po	3	44	18	15	12	6	1	-
Sha Tin	-	29	15	9	17	8	3	1
Tai Po/North	1	31	12	8	12	8	4	-
Yuen Long	2	21	15	12	12	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	27	18	27	37	15	3	-
Tuen Mun	2	24	8	9	14	14	5	1
Total	15	259	165	151	208	146	31	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0336

(Question Serial No. 3646)

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 number of cases which have been granted rent allowance exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) on a discretionary basis over the past 5 years as well as the latest statistics with a breakdown by nature of cases (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 449)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the number of cases which have been granted rent allowance exceeding MRA on a discretionary basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0337

(Question Serial No. 3648)

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:

How many posts of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, health workers, care workers and workmen are there in subsidised services for the elderly and persons with disabilities? How many of the posts are vacant for a long time? What is the Government's policy to improve supply and demand in manpower for such services?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 549)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the relevant posts and vacancies.

The Government has been concerned about the manpower situation of such services, Closely monitoring the situation, appropriate schemes and measures have been formulated accordingly.

To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Over 90% of the members of the first 11 training courses have joined the welfare sector after graduation.

To further alleviate the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) started in January 2012 to run self-financing

two-year Master Course in Occupational Therapy and two-year Master Course in Physiotherapy. As an incentive for graduates from these 2 courses to join the welfare sector, SWD embarked on a training-related funding scheme to provide funding to welfare NGOs for students enrolled in the programmes to receive subsidies for the tuition fees. Recipients of subsidies must work for at least 2 years in the NGO providing the subsidy upon graduation. For the first cohort, 59 students graduated in January 2014. For the second cohort, 56 students graduated in January 2016. PolyU will again collaborate with SWD in 2016-17 to run the third cohort of Master Course in Occupational Therapy and Master Course in Physiotherapy which preliminarily will provide a total of 72 places.

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.

Regarding frontline care workers, SWD launched a "first-hire-then-train" pilot project in 2013 with an allocation from the Lotteries Fund to encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector. Young people were recruited to take up care work services in residential care homes for the elderly. The pilot project was implemented in 2 phases, providing a total of 200 places. Besides, the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to launch the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming few years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD has selected 5 organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at 31 December 2015, 3 of the organisations had recruited a total of about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/ November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

The Education Bureau established the Elderly Care Service Industry Training Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) in 2012 to facilitate the implementation of qualifications framework (QF) in the industry. 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. The Advisory Committee particularly encourages the training institutions to develop training programmes based on SCS and formulate articulate ladders between different levels of qualifications. Moreover, the Recognition of Prior Learning mechanism for the Elderly Care Service industry was launched in September 2015 to enable practitioners to receive recognition of the knowledge, skills and experience already acquired at the workplace. The Assessment Agency is the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology. With the implementation of QF, industry workers will have a better prospect in the elderly care industry as well as clearer path for advancement, which should help to attract more people to join the elderly care industry.

Regarding the planning for services for the elderly, the Elderly Commission is preparing an Elderly Service Programme Plan and has completed 2 rounds of public engagement exercise. It is expected that a report will be submitted to the Government in the second quarter of 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0338****(Question Serial No. 3652)**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. What are the planned additional number and actual additional number of places each year for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons in the past 10 years?
2. What are the average waiting time and the average cost per service user in the past 10 years?
3. What are the number and gender of applicants with a breakdown by district of residence and age group (in 5-year bands from the age of 15 onward)?
4. What are the number and gender of persons residing in the hostels in each district with a breakdown by age group (in 5-year bands from the age of 15 onward)?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 154)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The planned additional number and actual additional number of service places each year for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) in the past 5 years are set out in the table below –

Year	Planned additional service places	Actual additional service places
2011-12	25	25
2012-13	164	164
2013-14	104	- [Note]
2014-15	179	179
2015-16	50	Not readily available

[Note] The planned additional service places did not come into operation as scheduled in 2013-14 because the construction and fitting works of the new projects required longer time than expected.

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep the information on the cost per place per month of HSMH. The average waiting time for HSMH in the past 5 years is set out in the table below –

Year	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	81.6
2012-13	86.4
2013-14	105.6
2014-15	96.5
2015-16	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The information on the number of applicants on the waiting list for HSMH by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2015-16 is at Annex 1. As applicants waiting for HSMH are allocated places according to their order in SWD's Central Referral System irrespective of gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the gender of the applicants.
4. The information on the number of service users of HSMH by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2015-16 is at Annex 2. SWD does not keep the statistical information on the gender of service users of HSMH in each district with a breakdown by age group.

**Number of applicants on the waiting list for HSMH with a breakdown by district and age distribution in 2015-16
(As at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	20	58	19	13	13	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	72	29	22	24	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	25	97	41	25	21	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	60	104	41	18	34	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	29	71	33	26	29	9	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	59	23	22	16	9	1	-
Sha Tin	33	76	28	23	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	50	101	26	15	11	7	-	-
Yuen Long	37	89	25	23	21	8	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	95	44	47	21	10	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	74	44	39	36	20	1	-
Total	359	896	353	273	239	96	4	-

**Number of service users of HSMH with a breakdown by district and age distribution
in 2015-16
(As at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	38	105	91	76	35	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	34	91	78	99	42	3	1
Kwun Tong	1	35	105	132	107	36	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	44	94	77	95	29	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	31	67	95	73	34	6	-
Sham Shui Po	2	33	55	68	77	38	2	-
Sha Tin	4	44	113	76	49	15	1	-
Tai Po/North	1	50	97	54	42	14	3	1
Yuen Long	1	25	62	62	44	19	3	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	41	146	144	106	34	5	-
Tuen Mun	-	23	69	58	70	23	4	1
Total	19	398	1 004	935	838	319	36	3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0339****(Question Serial No. 3653)**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. What are the number of planned additional places and the number of actual additional places each year for day activity centres in the past 10 years?
2. What are the average waiting time and the average cost per service user in the past 10 years?
3. What are the number and gender of applicants with a breakdown by district of residence and age group (in 5-year bands from the age of 15 onward)?
4. What are the number and gender of current service users in each district with a breakdown by age group (in 5-year bands from the age of 15 onward)?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 156)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of planned additional places and the number of actual additional places each year for day activity centres (DACs) in the past 5 years was as follows –

Year	Planned additional places	Actual additional places
2011-12	5	5
2012-13	164	164
2013-14	160	- [Note]
2014-15	345	345
2015-16	50	N/A

[Note] The planned service places could not be provided as scheduled in 2013-14 because of the longer than expected time required for the construction and fitting-out works of the new projects.

2. The average waiting time and cost per place per month of DACs in the past 5 years were as follows –

Year	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
Average waiting time (in months)	44.4	57.6	57.6	61.8	Not yet available ^[Note]
Cost per place per month (\$)	6,933	7,263	7,751	8,812	9,543

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The number of applicants waiting for DACs in 2015-16 by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in Annex 1. As placement of applicants waiting for DACs follows their sequence in the Central Referral System of SWD irrespective of their gender, SWD does not capture the statistics on the gender of applicants.
4. The number of service users of DACs in 2015-16 by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 2. SWD does not capture the statistics on the gender of service users of DACs in various age groups in various districts.

Number of applicants waiting for DACs by district and age group in 2015-16
(as at 31 December 2015)

District	No. 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	22	12	8	8	11	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	39	16	12	8	14	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	33	37	5	13	11	5	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	45	18	9	20	8	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	21	9	11	10	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	25	20	7	13	12	6	-	-
Sha Tin	33	26	16	14	10	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	55	30	11	7	7	5	-	-
Yuen Long	41	26	15	20	17	5	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	29	20	19	29	14	7	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	27	15	27	32	10	1	-
Total	391	280	135	159	158	63	3	-

Number of service users of DACs by district and age group in 2015-16
(as at 31 December 2015)

District	No. 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	-	93	122	98	81	38	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	104	124	96	107	48	4	1
Kwun Tong	2	103	147	155	123	41	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	115	136	88	112	38	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	92	99	124	91	36	7	-
Sham Shui Po	3	80	87	78	83	44	4	-
Sha Tin	9	110	136	89	55	16	1	-
Tai Po/North	2	134	126	66	44	15	3	1
Yuen Long	5	93	80	76	49	21	3	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	122	184	164	117	41	5	-
Tuen Mun	4	80	117	74	74	29	4	1
Total	49	1 126	1 358	1 108	936	367	41	3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0340

(Question Serial No. 3654)

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. Over the past 10 years, how many mentally-handicapped persons became new recipients of Disability Allowance (DA), how many switched from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) to DA, how many switched from Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) to Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), how many switched from HDA to NDA, in what districts do the applicants live and to what age groups do they belong? (please list by the 4 mentally-handicapped levels with age from 0 in 5-year bands)
2. For how many years and to how many people have different DAs been paid? (please list by the 4 mentally-handicapped levels with age beginning from 0 in 5-year bands)

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 162)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The number of DA cases with disability categorised as mental retardation in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	10 720
2012-13	10 882
2013-14	10 977
2014-15	11 046
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	11 212

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0341

(Question Serial No. 3694)

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 statistics of the Social Welfare Department, what was the number of street sleepers in the territory each year over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 327)

Reply:

The total number of street sleepers registered on the Street Sleepers Registry of SWD over the past 5 years is as follows –

Number of registered street sleepers					
	2011-12 (end-March 2012)	2012-13 (end-March 2013)	2013-14 (end-March 2014)	2014-15 (end-March 2015)	2015-16 (end-January 2016)
Total	511	595	746	825	874

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0342****(Question Serial No. 3695)**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 were the annual expenditure and manpower involved in temporary shelters for street sleepers over the past 5 years? How many visits were made to the temporary shelters for service?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 329)Reply:

The expenditure for street sleeper services subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), including emergency shelters/urban hostels for single persons, in 2011-12 Actual, 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate is \$14.6 million, \$15.6 million and \$16.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$19 million respectively. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. SWD does not have the breakdown of the expenditure and manpower for emergency shelters/urban hostels for single persons. The number of person-times using the service in the past 5 years is provided as follows -

Year	Number of person-times using the service
2011-12	981
2012-13	875
2013-14	804
2014-15	674
2015-16 (up to December 2015)	559

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0343****(Question Serial No. 3711)**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 Social Welfare Department (SWD) please provide the number of street sleepers in the past 5 years, broken down by District Council district, gender and age group?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 420)Reply:

The numbers of street sleepers registered on the Street Sleepers Registry of SWD in the past 5 years, broken down by district, gender and age group, are as follows –

Table 1 - Number of Registered Street Sleepers by district

District	Number of registered street sleepers				
	end-March 2012	end-March 2013	end-March 2014	end-March 2015	end-January 2016
Hong Kong & Islands	85	41	38	43	111
Kowloon	403	528	678	753	735
New Territories	23	26	30	29	28
Total	511	595	746	825	874

Table 2 - Number of Registered Street Sleepers by gender

Gender	Number of registered street sleepers				
	end-March 2012	end-March 2013	end-March 2014	end-March 2015	end-January 2016
Female	19	23	35	51	52
Male	492	572	711	774	808
Unknown	-	-	-	-	14
Total	511	595	746	825	874

Table 3 - Number of Registered Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age group	Number of registered street sleepers				
	end-March 2012	end-March 2013	end-March 2014	end-March 2015	end-January 2016
Unknown	60	26	24	25	24
Below 29	15	25	27	25	17
30 to 49	167	221	281	301	307
50 to 69	239	297	383	430	474
70 or above	30	26	31	44	52
Total	511	595	746	825	874

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0344

(Question Serial No. 3714)

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 Department please list the total amount of subvention and the amount of emergency relief fund (ERF) allocated to the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 423)

Reply:

In 2011-12 Actual, 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate, the expenditure on street sleeper services subvented by the Social Welfare Department (including the subventions provided for the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers) was \$14.6 million, \$15.6 million, \$16.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$19 million respectively.

The total amount of ERF stood at \$210,000 in 2011-12 Actual, and remained the same at \$270,000 in 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0345

(Question Serial No. 3715)

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 Department please provide the number of street sleepers receiving emergency relief fund (ERF) and the amount of ERF per person received in the past 5 years. Is there any ERF ceiling for individual? If yes, what is the ceiling amount?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 424)

Reply:

ERF aims to provide assistance for eligible street sleepers to pay for their various necessary expenses, including rent, rental deposit, living expenses, other removal expenses, etc. The amount of grant an individual can receive is not subject to a ceiling. The Social Welfare Department does not have the relevant breakdown figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0346

(Question Serial No. 3716)

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/temporary shelters in the territory, including geographical distribution, addresses (if applicable), number of beds, number of enrolments and utilisation rate.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 438)

Reply:

All the subvented or self-financing singleton hostels/temporary shelters/street sleepers' shelters operated by the non-governmental organisations provide placements for persons having emergency/temporary accommodation needs. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on emergency/temporary 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**

District	Address
Hong Kong Island	Li Chit Street Hostel, St. James' Settlement 1/F, 1 Li Chit Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Wanchai Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, 83 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Hostel for Single Persons Flat 101, Sui Keung House, Siu Sai Wan Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
Kowloon	Jockey Club Lok Fu Hostel for Single Persons G/F, Lok Tsui House, Lok Fu Estate, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon
	Caritas Hostel - Hung Hom 1 Hung Ling Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon
	Yee On Hostel, the Salvation Army 111-116, Hoi Yu House, Hoi Fu Court, Mongkok, Kowloon
	Home for Blessings, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 69 & 71 Portland Street, Yaumatei, Kowloon
	Yaumatei Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, 345A, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, Kowloon
	Home of Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Flat A, 4/F, Ka Wui Building, 1-11 Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
	Home of Abundant Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 2/F, Sung Tak Building, 39-41 Wong Chuk Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
	Shamshuipo Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 2/F to 4/F, 15A Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
	Home of Love, Missionaries of Charity G/F, Cheong Chit House, Nam Cheong Estate, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
New Territories	Home of Lily, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association G/F to 3/F, No.13, Tat Yan Square, Tuen Mun, New Territories

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0347

(Question Serial No. 3717)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 439)

Reply:

Each of the singleton hostels/temporary shelters/street sleepers' shelters can provide placements for street sleepers having emergency accommodation 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**

District	Address
Hong Kong Island	Li Chit Street Hostel, St. James' Settlement 1/F, 1 Li Chit Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Wanchai Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, 83 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Hostel for Single Persons Flat 101, Sui Keung House, Siu Sai Wan Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
Kowloon	Jockey Club Lok Fu Hostel for Single Persons G/F, Lok Tsui House, Lok Fu Estate, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon
	Caritas Hostel - Hung Hom 1 Hung Ling Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon
	Yee On Hostel, the Salvation Army 111-116, Hoi Yu House, Hoi Fu Court, Mongkok, Kowloon
	Home for Blessings, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 69 & 71 Portland Street, Yaumatei, Kowloon
	Yaumatei Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, 345A, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, Kowloon
	Home of Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Flat A, 4/F, Ka Wui Building, 1-11 Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
	Home of Abundant Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association 2/F, Sung Tak Building, 39-41 Wong Chuk Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
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	Home of Love, Missionaries of Charity G/F, Cheong Chit House, Nam Cheong Estate, Shamshuipo, Kowloon
New Territories	Home of Lily, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association G/F to 3/F, No.13, Tat Yan Square, Tuen Mun, New Territories

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0348****(Question Serial No. 3719)**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 information on all emergency shelters for people affected by domestic violence in the territory, including number of beds, number of enrolments and utilisation rate.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 441)Reply:

At present, 5 Refuge Centres for Women provide temporary accommodation for women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis while the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) also provide temporary or short-term accommodation service for individuals/families in crisis or distress. The relevant information is as follows –

2015-16 (As at December 2015)	Type of centre		
	Refuge centres for women	MCISC	FCSC
Place	260	80	40
Number of person-times enrolled	1 152	284	Not available
Average utilisation rate	97.1%	92.6%	125.4%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0349

(Question Serial No. 3720)

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 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 453)

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). According to the above-mentioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

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 data collection of the survey for 2014-15 has been completed and the analysis of the data is underway for preparation of the survey report and update of the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0350

(Question Serial No. 3721)

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:

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 \$2,255 is calculated. Please set out in detail the amount and percentage of the respective items of goods and services involved in the basket.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 454)

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). According to the above-mentioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

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 data collection of the survey for 2014-15 has been completed and the analysis of the data is underway for preparation of the survey report and update of the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0351****(Question Serial No. 3722)**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:

Please explain in detail whether any changes have been made to the base rates and the items for calculation in respect of Rent Allowance 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 458)Reply:

Rent allowance is payable to CSSA households to meet the accommodation expenses. The amount of the allowance per month is the actual rent paid by the household, or the maximum rent allowance (MRA) by the number of members in the household eligible for CSSA, whichever is the less. On 3 April 1998, the Legislative Council Finance Committee approved the delegation of authority to the Secretary for the Treasury (now the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury) to approve annual revisions to the levels of MRA in accordance with the movement of the rent index for private housing of the Consumer Price Index (A) (please refer to FCR(98-99)10 for details).

From 2012-13 to 2016-17, MRA per month under CSSA and the rate of increase with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members are as follows –

No. of eligible household member	MRA per month under CSSA				
	2012-13 (with effect from 1 February 2012)	2013-14 (with effect from 1 February 2013)	2014-15 (with effect from 1 February 2014)	2015-16 (with effect from 1 February 2015)	2016-17 (with effect from 1 February 2016)
1	1,335	1,440	1,535	1,640	1,735
2	2,695	2,905	3,095	3,300	3,490
3	3,520	3,795	4,040	4,310	4,560
4	3,745	4,035	4,295	4,585	4,850

No. of eligible household member	MRA per month under CSSA				
	2012-13 (with effect from 1 February 2012)	2013-14 (with effect from 1 February 2013)	2014-15 (with effect from 1 February 2014)	2015-16 (with effect from 1 February 2015)	2016-17 (with effect from 1 February 2016)
5	3,750	4,045	4,310	4,600	4,865
6 and above	4,690	5,055	5,385	5,745	6,080
Average rate of increase	5.7%	7.8%	6.5%	6.7%	5.8%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0352****(Question Serial No. 3723)**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 us of the amount of maximum rent allowance (MRA) per month for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past 20 years with a breakdown by the number of family members (form).

	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons or above
1997					
1998					
...					
...					
2016					

Please advise us of the number, average years of service and average emoluments of social workers providing services for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) over the past 5 years with a breakdown by programme area (family, medical services, probation...).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 459)Reply:

The amounts of MRA per month for CSSA recipients broken down by the number of eligible members from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Number of eligible members	Amount of MRA per month (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	1,265	1,335	1,440	1,535	1,640
2	2,550	2,695	2,905	3,095	3,300
3	3,330	3,520	3,795	4,040	4,310
4	3,545	3,745	4,035	4,295	4,585
5	3,550	3,750	4,045	4,310	4,600
6 and above	4,435	4,690	5,055	5,385	5,745

The staffing establishment and average emoluments of SWD's social workers from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Figures as at the dates below	Staffing establishment of social workers	Average emoluments ^[Note]
31 March 2012	2 089	About \$0.48 million
31 March 2013	2 103	About \$0.51 million
31 March 2014	2 108	About \$0.54 million
31 March 2015	2 128	About \$0.56 million
31 December 2015	2 142	About \$0.58 million

[Note] Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved in the respective years.

SWD does not have relevant information broken down by programme area.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0353

(Question Serial No. 3724)

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 households and individuals in Hong Kong had an income below the eligibility criteria for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in each of the past 5 years? How many of these households and individuals did not receive CSSA?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 460)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0354

(Question Serial No. 3725)

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 households and individuals in Hong Kong were eligible for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in each of the past 5 years? How many of these cases and individuals did not receive OALA?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 461)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the numbers of households and individuals in Hong Kong who are eligible for OALA, nor the numbers of such households and individuals not receiving OALA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0355****(Question Serial No. 3740)**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 the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their households, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0 to 5, 5 to 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 14 and 15) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in each of the past 2 years respectively.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 609)Reply:

The number of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment and number of children in 2014-15 and 2015-16 was as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by age group

Age group	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18 to 24	11	393	404	10	401	411
25 to 29	38	1 144	1 182	36	1 123	1 159
30 to 39	424	7 564	7 988	394	7 499	7 893
40 to 49	1 057	10 825	11 882	993	10 526	11 519
50 to 59	1 520	2 811	4 331	1 381	2 612	3 993
60 or above	860	178	1 038	826	172	998
Total	3 910	22 915	26 825	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and by marital status

Marital status	2014-15			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	138	2 208	2 346	128	2 304	2 432
Married/Cohabited	930	2 690	3 620	858	2 873	3 731
Separated	703	3 668	4 371	663	3 518	4 181
Divorced	1 890	11 093	12 983	1 783	10 732	12 515
Widowed	249	3 256	3 505	208	2 906	3 114
Total	3 910	22 915	26 825	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/kindergarten	1 460	1 254
Primary	10 320	9 613
Lower secondary	8 673	8 616
Upper secondary	6 101	6 193
Post-secondary	271	297
Total	26 825	25 973

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	15 739	15 244
2	8 905	8 635
3	1 788	1 736
4	316	284
5 or above	77	74
Total	26 825	25 973

Table 5: Number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of children

Age of children	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
4 or below	5 921	6 017
5 to 9	9 934	10 006
10 to 11	5 100	5 033
12 to 14	8 497	8 081
15 to 21	8 288	7 942
Total	37 740	37 079

Table 6: Total monthly earnings of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly earnings

Type of monthly earning	2014-15 (\$ '000)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (\$ '000)
Earnings from employment from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	20,655	18,091
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,763	1,978
Meals provided by other parties	74	62
Maintenance payment	4,509	4,799
Pension	121	120
Other income	250	217
Total	27,372	25,267

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0356****(Question Serial No. 3941)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 642)Reply:

Among the 1 251 applications for CLEIC from 2011-12 to 2015-16, there were 36 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 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases involving domestic violence	Gender			Percentage of successful applications (%)	Amount of compensation (\$ million)
		Male	Female	Male-to-female ratio		
2011-12	13	1	12	1:12.0	69	0.20
2012-13	6	-	6	-	50	0.21
2013-14	11	5	6	1:1.2	73	0.18
2014-15	3	1	2	1:2.0	67	0.01
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	3	1	2	1:2.0	10	0.05

From 2011-12 to 2015-16, 11 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, lost contact with applicants, amount of damages received exceeding the assessed compensation payable under the CLEIC Scheme and applicants having withdrawn 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**LWB(WW)0357****(Question Serial No. 3942)**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:

The residence requirement for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme has now 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;
3. The additional funding involved in 2015-16.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 646)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 “one-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 2015, 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 –

Year	Number of CSSA applications received from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years	Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years
2013-14 (from 17 December 2013)	4 007	3 272
2014-15	5 876	4 677
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	3 522	1 097
Total	13 405	9 046

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 in end-2013 to about 10 odd per working day recently. SWD does not make further projections on the breakdown of the expenditure involved in the cancellation of the “seven-year residence requirement”.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0358****(Question Serial No. 3944)**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. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What are the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) in the past 5 years?
2. Did the patients have to wait for the services in the past 5 years? If yes, how long did they have to wait?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 680)Reply:

The enrolment rate and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs in the past 5 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Year	Average enrolment rate [Note 1]	Average Waiting Time (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6
2012-13	98%	8.2	16.7
2013-14	95%	7.2	32.5
2014-15	97%	7.6	31.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	97%	No relevant information available [Note 2]	

[Note 1] A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises. Hence, the enrolment rate may not be 100% at any one time.

[Note 2] The figures for 2015-16 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0359****(Question Serial No. 3948)**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:

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 of subsidies involved by district in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 706)Reply:

CCF launched the assistance programme of “Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” in October 2011, September 2013, September 2014 and September 2015 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 4 launches of the programme are as follows –

	First launch	Second launch	Third launch	Fourth launch (as at end-February 2016)
Number of households benefited	22 605	17 769	14 992	14 904
Amount involved (\$ million)	32.09	51.30	44.58	44.78

SWD does not have statistics on the number of households benefited under the programme by district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0360****(Question Serial No. 3951)**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 figures for Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and Conditional Tenancy (CT) over the last 5 years –

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 720)Reply:

The respective numbers of cases of CR and CT processed by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations in the past 5 years (from 2011-12 to 2015-16) are set out in the Annex.

Numbers of CR and CT applications processed

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Number of CR applications (excluding CT)	2 254	2 077	1 868	1 586	1 136
No. of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	2 103	1 863	1 661	1 340	986
No. of rejected CR applications (excluding CT) ^[Note]	57	53	33	47	49
Average processing time for CR applications (excluding CT) (no. of days)	42	39	42	40	43
No. of CT applications	442	352	338	229	139
No. of CT cases recommended to HD	385	308	302	198	111
No. of rejected CT applications ^[Note]	3	3	1	3	7
Average processing time for CT cases (no. of days)	36	34	35	33	36

^[Note] Apart from the 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)0361

(Question Serial No. 3952)

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 number of newly reported cases of domestic violence with a breakdown by category (including ethnic and sexual minorities, child abuse, elderly persons), as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 722)

Reply:

According to the statistics captured under the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the numbers of newly reported domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) for the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3 174	2 734	3 836	3 917	3 382
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	558	434	692	655	558
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	2 616	2 300	3 144	3 262	2 824
(iv) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	2	-	1	5	7
(v) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants	2	3	10	12	11
(vi) Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]	No breakdown of cases involving ethnic minorities ^[Note 2]		4	18	9
(vii) Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]			176	224	195
(viii) Out of (i), number of male victims aged 60 or above	114	82	156	136	116
(ix) Out of (i), number of female victims aged 60 or above	129	149	220	187	181

^[Note 1] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

^[Note 2] 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	877	894	963	856	874
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	329	327	392	379	372
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	548	567	571	477	502

SWD does not have statistical figures 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)0362

(Question Serial No. 3953)

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 number of domestic violence cases getting compassionate rehousing with a breakdown by category (including ethnic and sexual minorities, child abuse, elderly persons), as well as the male-to-female ratio in each category in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 723)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of compassionate rehousing cases involving domestic violence with a breakdown by category (including ethnic and sexual minorities, child abuse, elderly persons) and the male-to-female ratio in each category.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0363****(Question Serial No. 3954)**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 provide in table form the breakdown of the number of referrals from the Police, including referral calls, immediate outreaching services, immediate welfare support services, etc. in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 725)Reply:

The number of referrals received by the Integrated Family Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units and the hotline services of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from the Police through various channels (including by telephone, in writing etc.) for the past 5 years is provided as follows -

Financial year	Total number of referrals from the Police
2011-12	8 681
2012-13	8 777
2013-14	8 932
2014-15	7 951
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	5 845

SWD does not have the breakdown figures relating to the number of telephone referrals from the Police, immediate outreaching services and immediate welfare support services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0364

(Question Serial No. 3955)

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 covering the recent 5 years –

- 1) Figures in relation to courts requiring parents to take part in co-parenting courses, the relevant male/female ratio and nationality distribution.
- 2) Figures in relation to divorce cases referred by the courts to Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) for follow-up and the relevant nationality distribution. What are the staffing establishment and necessary financial resources for FCPSUs to follow up such divorce cases. Is the staffing level adequate for handling the current caseload? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 743)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information in relation to courts requiring parents to take part in co-parenting courses, the relevant male/female ratio and nationality distribution.
- 2) For cases referred by the courts, FCPSUs prepare social enquiry reports on matters involving child custody/access arrangements in order to assist the courts to make relevant decisions or to have the child concerned supervised. At present, social workers of the 11 FCPSUs in the territory provide, where necessary, counselling and other appropriate assistance for statutory supervision cases. The number of social enquiry reports completed and the number of court-referred child custody supervision cases served by FCPSUs in the recent 5 years are tabulated below –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of Social Enquiry Reports Completed	1 030	976	940	983	646
Number of Child Custody Supervision Cases served	386	324	260	251	227

SWD does not have the breakdown on nationality distribution in divorce cases.

Since the social workers of FCPSUs have to handle cases of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse at the same time, SWD does not have the figures for staff establishment and funding for handling divorce cases involving custody matters. The staff establishment of FCPSUs in the recent 5 years is tabulated below –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social Worker Grade					
Senior Social Work Officer	11	11	11	11	11
Social Work Officer	119	119	119	119	119
Assistant Social Work Officer	49	49	49	49	49

The expenditure of FCPSUs in the recent 5 years is tabulated below –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	181
2012-13 (Actual)	186
2013-14 (Actual)	198
2014-15 (Actual)	204
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	213

The staff establishment of FCPSUs in 2016-17 will remain at the current level. SWD will keep in view the workload and manpower of FCPSUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0365****(Question Serial No. 3956)**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 give a detailed breakdown of the following for the past 5 years-

What was the staffing establishment of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) which follow up on domestic violence cases and how much financial resources were involved? Was the staffing level adequate for handling the current caseload? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No.744)Reply:

Apart from handling domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases), FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) also handle cases involving child custody disputes. In the past 5 years, the staff establishment of social workers in FCPSUs has remained at 179 (including 11 Senior Social Work Officers, 119 Social Work Officers and 49 Assistant Social Work Officers). The expenditure of FCPSUs is as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	181
2012-13(Actual)	186
2013-14 (Actual)	198
2014-15 (Actual)	204
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	213

SWD does not have the figures of the staff establishment and funding allocated to relevant services for handling domestic violence cases.

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. SWD will keep in view the workload and manpower of FCPSUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0366

(Question Serial No. 3966)

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 give a detailed breakdown of the following for the last 5 years –

1. What are the staffing establishment and the financial resources required by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for handling cases involving people of different sexual orientation? What kind of relevant training has been provided to officers at different ranks? What do the training programmes cover? How much expenditure is involved? How many people have been trained?
2. What do the staffing establishment and the financial resources required by the SWD for handling cases involving transgender persons? Is the staffing level sufficient for handling the caseload at present? What kind of relevant training has been provided for officers at different ranks? What do the training programmes cover? How much expenditure is involved? How many people have been trained?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No.765)

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 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. People of different sexual orientation and transgender persons who are victims of domestic violence and individuals in need may also receive support from the above-mentioned services. The estimated total expenditure for SWD in 2016-17 is about \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have the information on manpower and breakdown of funding specifically for handling cases of people of different sexual orientation and transgender persons.

In the past 5 years (2011-12 to 2015-16), SWD has provided regular training for social workers and clinical psychologists at different ranks on handling cases of people of different sexual orientation and transgender persons. The training has covered awareness of the sexual orientation of young persons and related counselling, how to handle cases of battering of same-sex intimate partners, assisting transgender persons in dealing with challenges in life and violence, knowledge of Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (Cap. 189) and/or training on procedures of applying for injunction orders. Psychiatrist(s) in private practice were invited by SWD in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to give talks on some topics at a cost of about \$10,000 each year.

The number of people trained in the past 5 years is set out below –

Financial Year	Number of people trained ^[Note]
2011-12	164
2012-13	168
2013-14	175
2014-15	129
2015-16	132

^[Note] Including SWD's social workers and clinical psychologists at different ranks and social workers of non-governmental organisations and the Hospital Authority

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0367****(Question Serial No. 3967)**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 services for handling male batterers, please set out in detail the amount of allocation for this specific item, as well as the work covered in the past 5 years. What is the amount of allocation specifically for this item next year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 766)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence, help the families in need, provide counselling for batterers and support their families. 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. The total expenditure for these services in the past 5 years and 2016-17 is as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2
2016-17 (Estimate)	3,063.2

SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically allocated for services involving male batterers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0368****(Question Serial No. 3968)**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 give a detailed breakdown of the number of domestic violence cases and sexual violence cases in the last 5 years in respect of the following –

1. how many of these cases have involved people having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years?
2. how much resources have to be allocated for the above work each year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 767)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 of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the number of newly reported domestic violence cases (including cases of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse) and sexual violence cases involving people having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years in the past 5 years is tabulated below –

Table 1 – Newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3 174	2 734	3 836	3 917	3 382
(ii) Out of (i), the number of victims having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	583	492	492	526	417

Table 2 – Newly reported child abuse cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of child abuse cases	877	894	963	856	874
(ii) Out of (i), the number of victims having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	SWD does not keep statistics on the victims' years of residence in Hong Kong in the newly reported child abuse cases				

Table 3 – Newly reported sexual violence cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of sexual violence cases	341	238	681	1 105	871
(ii) Out of (i), the number of victims having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	27	27	32	49	37

2. 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. 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. In 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have the breakdown of funding allocated for domestic violence cases and sexual violence cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0369

(Question Serial No. 3969)

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 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 in the coming financial year –

1. Strengthening the clinical psychological support for victims of domestic violence, particularly for children who witnessed domestic violence;
2. Provision of more flexible child care service to enhance support for families with young children and those facing personal or family problems;
3. Continuing the “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” publicity campaign;
4. Monitoring the implementation of the Pilot Project on Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP); and
5. Continuing to provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 769)

Reply:

Details of expenditure or estimate, additional manpower and posts in respect of the following services over the past 5 years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2015-16) and for 2016-17 are set out in the Annex.

Expenditure on Services for Domestic Violence Cases

Item		2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
1. 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						
2. More flexible child care services	Expenditure (\$ million)	26.4	23.6	24.4	36.1	32.8	40.1
	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.					
3. Publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence”	Expenditure (\$ million)	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 (plus an additional one-off allocation of \$0.8 million for the promotion of positive thinking)	4.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	There is no additional manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are part and parcel of the work of various service units of SWD in combating domestic violence.					
4. 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 Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.					
	Additional Manpower & Post						
5. Training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence	Expenditure (\$ million)	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0370

(Question Serial No. 3970)

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:

1. How many victims and abusers involved in domestic violence cases have undergone assessment since 2007? How many of them have required subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long was the period of treatment required?
2. How many child/youth abuse cases have there been since 2007? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them required subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long was the period of treatment required?
3. How many cases have involved children/adolescents witnessing domestic violence since 2007? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them required subsequent psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long was the period of treatment required?
4. How many children/adolescents have witnessed domestic violence since 2007?
5. How they required other services?
6. How much resources have to be allocated annually?

Please set out the details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 771)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) conducts risk assessment for all new domestic violence cases, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. From 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015), all the victims involved in the 13 366 new domestic violence cases (including 3 608 child abuse cases) handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD had undergone risk assessment. Ongoing risk assessment is conducted by case social workers in the process of case handling. During the said period, victims involved in 1 919 domestic violence cases, including 1 437 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. to 5. SWD does not have information on the number of cases involving children/adolescents having witnessed domestic violence or the number of such children/adolescents having received assessment and treatment at CPUs of SWD.
6. 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 is provided as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2

SWD does not have the breakdown of funding allocated to the services provided for victims of domestic violence cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0371

(Question Serial No. 3971)

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 Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality (Guidelines), what is the funding for this specific item? What areas of work does it cover? How much funding will be for this specific item in the coming year? How many units will be involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 772)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have funding specifically allocated for the Guidelines.

The Guidelines cover the key public services which are relevant to meeting the special needs of ethnic minorities and facilitating their integration into the community, e.g. medical, education, vocational training, employment and major community services. According to the Guidelines, all the relevant policy bureaux, departments and public authorities should draw up a checklist of measures that would assist in promoting racial equality and equal access to key public services, with a view to enhancing transparency.

SWD has implemented a range of measures to promote racial equality and ensure that ethnic minorities enjoy equal access to social welfare services. Relevant measures include making reference to statistics and information on ethnic minorities for planning and implementing social welfare services, as well as translating key service brochures/leaflets into ethnic minority languages. The service units of SWD, when providing services, will arrange interpretation services for ethnic minorities as necessary. SWD has also created a shortcut icon on Information for Ethnic Minorities on its Homepage to facilitate access to relevant service information by ethnic minorities/the public/social workers. Besides, SWD has been providing training for its staff to enhance their awareness of racial equality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0372

(Question Serial No. 3972)

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 detailed figures for the last 5 years in respect of the following –

1. the figures concerning the use of interpretation and translation services by various units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
2. the figures concerning the use of interpretation and translation services by SWD units in various districts and the languages calling for such services;
3. the figures concerning various types of services required by various units of SWD that use interpretation and translation services; and
4. how much dedicated funding was for this particular item, what were the areas of work covered and how much will be the dedicated funding for the coming year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 774)

Reply:

The service units of SWD will arrange interpretation and translation services in 7 ethnic minority languages (including Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) for persons who need the service. SWD does not have figures relating to the use of interpretation and translation services by various service units. There is no funding specifically allocated for interpretation and translation services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3973)

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 following services, please set out in detail the statistics on utilisation, as well as users' nationalities and the proportion of male to female users in the past 5 years –

- 1) Foster care
- 2) Small group home
- 3) Emergency/Short-term Care in Small group Home
- 4) Residential child care centre
- 5) Children's reception centre
- 6) Children's home
- 7) Boys'/girls' hostel

What are the staffing establishment and financial resources required for the above services?
Is the manpower adequate for handling the current caseload?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 776)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture statistics on the nationalities of children served under residential care services for children. Information on the utilisation rate and sex ratio of children admitted to various types of residential care services for children in the past 5 years is set out at the Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating various types of residential care services for children have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, clinical psychologists and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for foster care and small group homes is \$156.6 million and \$207.4 million respectively, and the estimated expenditure for residential homes for children (including residential child care centres, children's reception centres, children's homes, boys'/girls' homes and boys'/girls' hostels) is \$291.2 million.

**Utilisation rate and sex ratio of children admitted to
residential care services for children**

Year		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (April to December 2015)
Foster care	Utilisation rate (%)	90	88	86	87	86
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	107	108	118	116	115
Small group home	Utilisation rate (%)	93	93	94	93	92
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	118	119	116	115	112
Emergency/ Short-term Care in Small group Home	Utilisation rate (%)	87	84	85	83	83
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	59	72	65	83	79
Residential child care centre	Utilisation rate (%)	94	92	92	93	93
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	129	114	110	114	115
Children's reception centre	Utilisation rate (%)	91	87	89	78	81
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	93	107	106	125	130
Children's home	Utilisation rate (%)	91	91	91	93	91
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	87	80	78	83	84
Boys'/girls' hostel	Utilisation rate (%)	91	82	86	86	82
	Sex ratio ^[Note]	25	27	22	22	27

^[Note] The number of males per 100 females

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0374****(Question Serial No. 5965)**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 –

	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly person	Household with able-bodied adult	Household without able-bodied adult
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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 109)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.(a) The number of CSSA recipients by selected profiles and district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

District	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
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

District	2011-12				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
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
Total	86 366	54 592	108 212	3 816	183 685

District	2012-13				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
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
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
Total	76 891	54 433	95 477	3 886	181 146

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

District	2013-14				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
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
Total	70 213	54 414	86 221	3 929	176 446

District	2014-15				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Central & Western	497	561	571	28	2 098
Eastern	2 436	2 706	3 124	203	9 189
Islands	1 693	835	2 508	94	2 085
Kowloon City	3 288	2 782	4 219	169	9 019
Kwai Tsing	6 478	5 503	8 029	365	17 681
Kwun Tong	9 393	6 272	11 163	513	26 501
North	3 426	2 840	4 593	228	8 566
Sai Kung	2 241	2 210	2 753	146	5 166
Sha Tin	4 023	4 139	5 184	360	11 516
Sham Shui Po	6 245	4 527	7 007	330	15 585
Southern	1 178	2 182	1 500	129	5 467
Tai Po	1 819	1 830	2 333	185	6 410
Tsuen Wan	1 785	1 292	2 261	96	5 273
Tuen Mun	4 254	4 980	5 209	240	13 417
Wan Chai	269	204	289	7	1 013
Wong Tai Sin	4 830	4 025	5 710	371	14 432
Yau Tsim Mong	2 679	1 555	2 573	75	5 250
Yuen Long	8 537	5 532	10 460	494	14 311
Total	65 071	53 975	79 486	4 033	172 979

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)				
	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly persons aged 60 or above
Central & Western	453	576	523	27	2 065
Eastern	2 248	2 675	2 912	194	9 042
Islands	1 582	782	2 317	88	2 093
Kowloon City	3 167	2 725	4 046	162	9 023
Kwai Tsing	5 935	5 495	7 393	355	17 460
Kwun Tong	8 618	6 175	10 224	504	26 022
North	3 170	2 850	4 303	228	8 491
Sai Kung	1 995	2 225	2 400	143	5 124
Sha Tin	3 804	4 118	4 953	378	11 514
Sham Shui Po	5 810	4 478	6 658	344	15 405
Southern	1 146	2 150	1 387	124	5 412
Tai Po	1 659	1 822	2 112	205	6 158
Tsuen Wan	1 685	1 297	2 182	86	5 213
Tuen Mun	3 881	4 848	4 743	251	13 273
Wan Chai	244	190	279	12	991
Wong Tai Sin	4 471	3 966	5 332	359	14 049
Yau Tsim Mong	2 615	1 539	2 616	77	5 205
Yuen Long	8 032	5 546	9 838	487	14 297
Total	60 515	53 457	74 218	4 024	170 837

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 household cases with at least 1 able-bodied adult or without any able-bodied adult by district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA recipients in household cases with at least 1 able-bodied adult

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	1 091	983	978	1 041	926
Eastern	7 494	6 476	5 948	5 528	5 150
Islands	5 943	5 284	4 752	4 265	3 971
Kowloon City	6 228	5 809	6 983	7 262	6 970
Kwai Tsing	20 811	18 151	16 035	15 085	13 751
Kwun Tong	27 762	24 980	23 169	21 577	19 694
North	10 719	9 142	8 627	8 055	7 438
Sai Kung	7 957	6 504	5 649	5 215	4 617
Sha Tin	13 540	11 794	10 751	9 586	9 049
Sham Shui Po	13 738	13 105	12 846	12 616	11 955
Southern	3 630	3 227	3 048	2 788	2 692
Tai Po	5 855	4 957	4 577	4 312	3 931
Tsuen Wan	5 211	4 494	4 338	4 091	3 888
Tuen Mun	12 702	10 984	10 221	9 474	8 646
Wan Chai	446	382	382	370	334
Wong Tai Sin	14 929	13 154	11 741	10 816	10 119
Yau Tsim Mong	4 772	4 325	4 010	4 425	4 494
Yuen Long	26 769	23 269	21 015	19 507	18 350
Total	189 597	167 020	155 070	146 013	135 975

Table 2: The number of CSSA recipients in household cases without any able-bodied adult

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	490	465	412	372	368
Eastern	4 958	4 659	4 444	4 261	4 120
Islands	1 295	1 360	1 238	1 205	1 174
Kowloon City	3 602	3 480	3 600	3 626	3 542
Kwai Tsing	9 580	9 381	8 871	8 465	8 355
Kwun Tong	15 730	15 684	14 630	13 961	13 765
North	4 924	4 991	4 456	4 173	4 156
Sai Kung	3 111	3 002	2 693	2 603	2 602
Sha Tin	7 320	7 247	7 000	6 910	6 931
Sham Shui Po	7 447	7 400	7 080	6 723	6 605
Southern	2 904	2 774	2 601	2 420	2 316
Tai Po	3 495	3 474	3 242	3 147	3 069
Tsuen Wan	2 751	2 740	2 464	2 305	2 294
Tuen Mun	7 421	7 247	6 941	6 603	6 471
Wan Chai	229	231	211	201	199
Wong Tai Sin	8 134	7 831	7 295	7 081	6 875

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Yau Tsim Mong	1 923	1 889	1 588	1 437	1 423
Yuen Long	8 435	8 334	7 726	7 224	7 228
Total	93 749	92 189	86 492	82 717	81 493

2. to 10. According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2014, it was estimated that there were about 66 500 CSSA households living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy interventions in 2014, involving a poverty population of about 173 600. The relevant features are set out as follows –

(a) The estimated number of CSSA households living in poverty by District Council district is provided as follows –

District Council district	Number of households
Central & Western	400
Wan Chai	300
Eastern	3 300
Southern	1 500
Yau Tsim Mong	1 900
Sham Shui Po	5 000
Kowloon City	2 700
Wong Tai Sin	5 200
Kwun Tong	10 200
Kwai Tsing	7 200
Tsuen Wan	1 700
Tuen Mun	5 200
Yuen Long	7 500
North	3 400
Tai Po	2 700
Sha Tin	4 900
Sai Kung	2 200
Islands	1 100
Total	66 500

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

- (b) Analysing by number of household members, 6.8% were one-person households, 49.8% were two-person households, 26.3% were three-person households, 11.7% were four-person households, 3.9% were five-person households and 1.5% were households with 6 or more persons.
- (c) Analysing by types of housing, 77.3% of the households lived in public housing, 5.6% in Home Ownership Scheme estates, 4.9% in self-owned private housing, 9.7% in rented private housing, 1.4% in temporary housing and 1.0% in other types of housing.
- (d) Of the poverty population, 26.9% were aged below 18, and 28.0% were aged 65 and above.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the breakdown figures mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0375****(Question Serial No. 5968)**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. Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 4 years by the following categories –

	Household with family member(s) aged 65 or above	Household with family member(s) aged 15 or below	Employed on full-time/long-term basis	Employed on part-time/causal job basis	Living in public housing	Living in non-public housing
2012-13						
2013-14						
2014-15						
2015-16						

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 180)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 65 or above/below 15 from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	With recipients aged 65 or above	With recipients aged below 15
2012-13	135 988	45 686
2013-14	132 490	42 115
2014-15	129 987	39 756
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	128 490	38 110

The number of CSSA cases from 2012-13 to 2015-16 by type of accommodation is provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	Public housing estate	Private housing
2012-13	160 064	44 845
2013-14	155 017	41 381
2014-15	149 243	39 902
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	144 752	38 654

The number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment from 2012-13 to 2015-16 broken down by those with full-time/part-time employment is provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment	
	With full-time employment	With part-time/ casual employment
2012-13	14 182	14 795
2013-14	12 195	14 807
2014-15	10 513	14 455
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	9 098	13 633

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)0376****(Question Serial No. 5970)**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. Please provide the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowing and living in public housing flats in the past 4 years with a breakdown by case nature. What was the expenditure involved?
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 4 years with a breakdown by case nature. What was the expenditure involved?
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 4 years with a breakdown by district of residence and size of household.
4. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing flats), please provide the median rent paid in the past 4 years with a breakdown by district of residence and size of household.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 198)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in public housing estates from 2012-13 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by case nature is provided as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	83 969	82 913	82 454	81 872
Permanent disability	7 744	7 635	7 538	7 437
Ill health	14 230	14 028	13 798	13 590
Single parent	20 651	19 724	18 528	17 487
Low-earnings	6 930	5 804	4 897	4 216
Unemployment	12 031	10 288	8 982	8 178
Others	1 932	1 494	1 184	1 089

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Total	147 214	141 886	137 381	133 869

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other breakdown figures relating to the above expenditure on rent allowance.

2. The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing from 2012-13 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by case nature is provided as follows –

Case nature	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	13 301	12 002	11 727	11 546
Permanent disability	1 680	1 610	1 592	1 559
Ill health	3 821	3 718	3 701	3 620
Single parent	7 083	7 078	7 892	8 217
Low-earnings	1 660	1 512	1 346	1 196
Unemployment	5 484	4 480	3 981	3 582
Others	2 013	1 341	899	786
Total	35 042	31 741	31 138	30 506

SWD does not have the other breakdown figures relating to the above expenditure on rent allowance.

3. SWD does not have the information on the average amount of rent allowance for CSSA cases living in private housing broken down by the number of eligible members and by district.
4. The median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance with a breakdown by the number of eligible members and by district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is presented in the following tables –

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
Overall	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,900	4,148	5,000

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
Overall	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,200	4,500	5,500

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2014-15 (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,600	3,100	4,300	5,000	6,500	8,500
Eastern	1,700	3,200	4,355	5,000	5,150	7,050
Islands	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,200	4,300	5,174
Kowloon City	1,600	3,300	4,000	4,553	4,800	5,950
Kwai Tsing	1,535	3,000	4,100	4,360	5,150	6,000
Kwun Tong	1,700	3,100	4,100	4,500	4,800	5,050
North	1,700	3,200	4,000	4,200	4,550	5,750
Sai Kung	1,113	1,241	3,500	3,900	5,000	4,693
Sha Tin	1,225	1,308	4,247	5,100	5,250	6,500
Sham Shui Po	1,650	3,355	4,000	4,200	4,550	5,250
Southern	1,600	3,100	4,000	4,400	7,600	6,200
Tai Po	1,800	3,300	4,150	5,000	4,500	6,101
Tsuen Wan	1,650	3,200	4,000	4,300	4,650	4,800
Tuen Mun	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,650	6,000	5,800
Wan Chai	1,550	3,100	4,325	5,250	5,800	7,300
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	3,150	4,000	4,300	4,675	6,501
Yau Tsim Mong	1,601	3,200	4,000	4,500	4,950	6,150
Yuen Long	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,300	4,800	5,700
Overall	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,500	4,800	5,800

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (\$)					
	Number of eligible members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,700	3,300	4,585	5,300	6,200	12,500
Eastern	1,800	3,500	4,500	5,000	6,000	7,050
Islands	1,700	3,200	4,016	4,500	4,500	5,692
Kowloon City	1,800	3,400	4,300	4,800	5,180	6,150
Kwai Tsing	1,700	3,250	4,400	4,568	5,650	6,700
Kwun Tong	1,800	3,400	4,380	4,700	5,000	5,500
North	1,800	3,400	4,025	4,500	4,800	5,600
Sai Kung	1,278	1,251	3,697	4,600	5,000	4,804
Sha Tin	1,300	1,388	4,500	4,850	6,500	7,250
Sham Shui Po	1,750	3,500	4,200	4,500	4,800	5,500
Southern	1,748	3,400	4,300	5,300	5,150	8,300
Tai Po	2,000	3,500	4,500	5,000	5,150	7,000
Tsuen Wan	1,800	3,500	4,200	4,800	4,500	5,500
Tuen Mun	1,600	3,000	4,200	5,100	6,300	6,300
Wan Chai	1,700	3,100	4,600	5,775	5,745	6,250
Wong Tai Sin	1,588	3,400	4,300	4,800	4,800	6,501
Yau Tsim Mong	1,700	3,500	4,340	4,800	5,900	7,000
Yuen Long	1,800	3,200	4,000	4,500	5,500	6,000
Overall	1,700	3,400	4,300	4,690	5,200	6,200

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0377****(Question Serial No. 5971)**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. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (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 4 years –

	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
One-person household			
Two-person household			
Three-person household			
Four-person household			
Five-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

2. 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 4 years –

	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
One-person household			
Two-person household			
Three-person household			
Four-person household			
Five-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

3. 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 4 years with a breakdown by district of residence –

	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
One-person household			
Two-person household			
Three-person household			
Four-person household			
Five-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

4. 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.

	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
One-person household			
Two-person household			
Three-person household			
Four-person household			
Five-person household			
Household with 6 persons or above			

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 199)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. 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 2012-13 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
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
Total	143 721	3 493

2013-14		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
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
Total	138 966	2 920

2014-15		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	66 575	4 599
2	39 129	318
3	15 949	35
4	7 195	17
5	2 428	12
6 or above	1 121	3
Total	132 397	4 984

2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	66 255	4 633
2	38 040	351
3	14 891	41
4	6 375	19
5	2 224	17
6 or above	1 015	8
Total	128 800	5 069

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

- 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 2012-13 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

2012-13		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
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
Total	17 846	17 196

2013-14		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
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
Total	17 492	14 249

2014-15		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	7 541	7 171
2	4 725	3 570
3	3 117	1 883
4	1 140	945
5	319	392
6 or above	163	172
Total	17 005	14 133

2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA
1	6 165	8 040
2	4 152	4 236
3	2 621	2 301
4	960	1 068
5	238	432
6 or above	124	169
Total	14 260	16 246

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

3. SWD does not have the number of cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA broken down by district of residence.
4. Taking into account the one-off measure provided by CCF (i.e. \$2,000 for singleton cases; \$4,000 for family cases) and making projection based on the average monthly allowances (i.e. \$167 per month for singleton cases; \$333 per month for family cases), the number 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 2015 are as follows –

Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA and CCF's average monthly allowance	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and CCF's average monthly allowance
18 070	12 436

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0378

(Question Serial No. 5972)

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, still have to pay rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) despite having received subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing under the Community Care Fund (CCF).
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 (i.e. 2011 to end-February 2016).
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).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 200)

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 12 436 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 2015, representing 40.8% of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing.
2. The numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in PHEs and private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	With actual rent exceeding MRA	
	PHE	Private housing
2011-12	2 991	19 151
2012-13	3 493	17 196
2013-14	2 920	14 249
2014-15	4 984	14 133
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	5 069	16 246

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

3. The number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Ap Lei Chau	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490	11%
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50	19%
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23	5%
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147	22%
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393	25%
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480	27%
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502	10%
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343	31%
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507	12%
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263	15%
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52	11%
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283	22%
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445	38%
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280	20%
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143	9%
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630	37%
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739	17%
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735	25%
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210	9%
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160	12%
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674	20%
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196	38%
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243	17%
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494	18%
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997	17%
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666	11%
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357	12%
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849	21%
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160	23%
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491	40%
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309	22%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114	12%
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364	17%
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455	17%
Clague Garden Estate	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76	14%
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39	8%
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698	33%
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670	28%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608	38%
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264	17%
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654	31%
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713	14%
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153	9%
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506	16%
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590	50%
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119	33%
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256	16%
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632	15%
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597	14%
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135	12%
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331	42%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47	6%
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304	49%
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183	23%
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244	12%
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144	36%
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255	12%
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384	17%
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702	20%
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944	20%
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710	26%
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715	15%
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207	45%
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605	16%
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685	25%
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442	12%
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313	16%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282	17%
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823	16%
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465	21%
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953	23%
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47	19%
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164	17%
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163	31%
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597	40%
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209	12%
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259	22%
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633	19%
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007	16%
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131	41%
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189	19%
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688	13%
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864	14%
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303	13%
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642	14%
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621	15%
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718	25%
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257	19%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215	8%
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398	14%
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21	9%
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638	21%
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543	15%
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534	46%
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570	15%
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628	30%
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673	21%
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515	16%
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819	33%
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651	18%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438	13%
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280	9%
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730	25%
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6	60%
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790	12%
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449	10%
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104	24%
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147	15%
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79	9%
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363	18%
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646	16%
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254	19%
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469	19%
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207	10%
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89	13%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114	12%
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242	37%
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570	21%
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46	11%
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60	14%
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720	11%
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043	27%
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81	11%
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965	19%
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728	14%
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826	25%
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563	12%
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210	22%
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472	29%
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607	22%
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181	27%
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399	36%
Prosperous Garden	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93	14%
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51	8%
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802	20%
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605	22%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231	20%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54	8%
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277	22%
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103	24%
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931	19%
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721	19%
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355	18%
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784	15%
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876	14%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464	20%
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540	20%
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151	44%
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898	16%
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377	19%
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369	13%
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627	27%
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669	15%
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566	19%
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192	17%
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653	11%
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915	14%
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412	12%
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587	29%
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719	20%
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75	31%
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729	43%
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211	16%
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693	15%
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178	15%
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901	46%
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829	21%
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492	24%
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769	13%
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193	23%
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341	34%
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984	13%
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719	22%
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802	22%
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603	20%
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625	29%
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458	14%
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109	13%
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924	22%
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253	40%
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283	19%
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126	40%
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396	44%
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184	35%
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781	22%
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281	14%
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125	18%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339	17%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23	9%
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886	41%
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403	31%
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	48	100	9	1 702	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726	26%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125	23%
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180	19%
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990	11%
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364	36%
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200	14%
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270	18%
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454	46%
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264	47%
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539	15%
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699	12%
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309	21%
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782	13%
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355	18%
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403	9%
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434	17%
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757	15%
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669	20%
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252	14%
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788	22%
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270	13%
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331	35%
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719	14%
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64	7%
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364	17%
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358	21%
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0379

(Question Serial No. 5973)

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. Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise –
 - (a) What are the number and percentage of CSSA households living in public housing estates (PHEs) in Hong Kong? What is the total amount of CSSA payments involved?
 - (b) What are the number and percentage of CSSA recipients living in PHEs in Hong Kong?
 - (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.
2. 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 the households, the age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0 to 5, aged 5 to 10, aged 10 to 12, aged 12 to 14 and aged 15) as well as their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.
3. 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 4 financial years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 201)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) As at end-December 2015, there were 144 752 CSSA cases in PHEs, accounting for about 19% 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 2015, there were 241 709 CSSA recipients living in PHEs, accounting for about 11% of all PHE residents.
- (c)(i) As at end-December 2015, the number of CSSA singleton cases in PHEs broken down by the following selected profiles is provided as follows –

Category	Number of CSSA singleton cases
Able-bodied adult	3 870
Disabled adult	12 819
Able-bodied child	574
Disabled child	26
Elderly person aged 60 and above	56 894

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 2015, there were 33 051 CSSA cases in PHEs with at least 1 able-bodied adult in the household.
 - (iii) As at end-December 2015, there were 30 948 CSSA cases in PHEs without any able-bodied adult in the household.
2. The numbers of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, marital status, educational attainment, number of children from 2013-14 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and age

Age group	2013-14			2014-15		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
18 to 24	8	340	348	11	393	404
25 to 29	47	1 108	1 155	38	1 144	1 182
30 to 39	437	7 466	7 903	424	7 564	7 988
40 to 49	1 176	10 997	12 173	1 057	10 825	11 882
50 to 59	1 645	2 932	4 577	1 520	2 811	4 331
60 or above	837	165	1 002	860	178	1 038
Total	4 150	23 008	27 158	3 910	22 915	26 825

Age group	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
18 to 24	10	401	411
25 to 29	36	1 123	1 159
30 to 39	394	7 499	7 893
40 to 49	993	10 526	11 519
50 to 59	1 381	2 612	3 993
60 or above	826	172	998
Total	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by gender and marital status

Marital status	2013-14			2014-15		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Never Married	150	2 156	2 306	138	2 208	2 346
Married/Cohabited	1 039	2 416	3 455	930	2 690	3 620
Separated	731	3 749	4 480	703	3 668	4 371
Divorced	1 969	11 154	13 123	1 890	11 093	12 983
Widowed	261	3 533	3 794	249	3 256	3 505
Total	4 150	23 008	27 158	3 910	22 915	26 825

Marital status	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never Married	128	2 304	2 432
Married/Cohabited	858	2 873	3 731
Separated	663	3 518	4 181
Divorced	1 783	10 732	12 515
Widowed	208	2 906	3 114
Total	3 640	22 333	25 973

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/kindergarten	1 671	1 460	1 254
Primary	10 838	10 320	9 613
Lower Secondary	8 559	8 673	8 616
Higher Secondary	5 857	6 101	6 193
Post-secondary	233	271	297
Total	27 158	26 825	25 973

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children

Number of children	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	15 937	15 739	15 244
2	9 059	8 905	8 635
3	1 797	1 788	1 736
4	296	316	284
5 or above	69	77	74
Total	27 158	26 825	25 973

Table 5: Number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of children

Age of children	Number of children		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
4 or below	5 435	5 921	6 017
5 to 9	9 610	9 934	10 006
10 to 11	5 030	5 100	5 033
12 to 14	9 004	8 497	8 081
15 to 21	9 017	8 288	7 942
Total	38 096	37 740	37 079

Table 6: Total monthly earnings of CSSA SP cases by type of monthly earnings

Type of monthly earnings	2013-14 (\$ '000)	2014-15 (\$ '000)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (\$ '000)
Employment earnings from eligible family members of the case and meals provided by employer	22,303	20,655	18,091
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,431	1,763	1,978
Meals provided by other parties	62	74	62
Maintenance payment	3,976	4,509	4,799
Pension	143	121	120
Other income	214	250	217
Total	28,127	27,372	25,267

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

3. 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)0380

(Question Serial No. 5976)

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 number of cases allocated public rental housing through Compassionate Rehousing due to their actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance ("over rent") in the past 4 years as well as the latest figures, with a breakdown by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 450)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0381****(Question Serial No. 5977)**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 admitted to the refuge centres in the past 4 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 offered public rental housing (PRH) through Conditional Tenancy (CT);
6. the numbers of them offered PRH through Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and through splitting of tenancy and those having to rent private housing; and
7. the numbers of households and persons 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 606)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. Details of the service users of the Refuge Centres for Women over the past 4 years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Item	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
(1) Total number of service users ^[Note 1]	1 418	1 450	1 502	1 152
(2) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for less than 3 months ^[Note 2]	462	459	516	401

Item	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
(3) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for 3 months or over ^[Note 2]	147	176	184	102

^[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 a person-time basis in each financial year.

^[Note 2] Since the 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 CR, CT or 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)0382

(Question Serial No. 5978)

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 past 4 years, was there any scheme/fund to assist victims of domestic violence who had been offered public rental housing, and what were the financial resources required? How many households and persons had applied for assistance under the fund, and what was the amount sought? Among these how many applications were approved? How many applicants had been rejected, and for what reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 754)

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 household. 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 household, whichever is the less.

SWD does not have statistics on the number of households and persons who, being victims of domestic violence, have applied for assistance under the funds, the amounts involved, the number of applications approved or the number of applicants rejected.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0383****(Question Serial No. 5980)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare,
(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 children with disabilities and the number of service utilisation in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 39)Reply:

The number of places of OCCS for children with disabilities in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

	Number of places of OCCS for children with disabilities
2011-12	77
2012-13	77
2013-14	79
2014-15	86
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	86

The central referral system of the Social Welfare Department does not capture information on the number of service utilisation of OCCS for children with disabilities in each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5981)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost 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 2015, there were 50 applicants waiting for SE under SWD's Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services. In 2014-15, the average waiting time for SE was 3.1 months. For IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway, they may admit service users directly or through referrals. Hence, SWD does not have statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time for the services.

3. SWD provides vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities who are not yet able to join the open job market. The services include sheltered workshops (SW), SE, IVTC, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC), OJT and Sunnyway. As at December 2015, the number of places for IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway was 453, 432 and 311 respectively. In 2014-15, the total number of service users served in IVTC was 403, while the total number of service users served under OJT and Sunnyway was 431 and 302 respectively. In the coming 5 years (i.e. from 2016-17 to 2020-21), the Government plans to provide about 1 370 additional IVRSC (including SE service) places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0385

(Question Serial No. 5988)

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 families, they often encounter great difficulties trying to make a reservation. In this connection, would the Government please advise –

1. Given the inadequate frequency of updating the online system at present, persons with disabilities and their families 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?
2. Would the Government consider providing additional places for respite service in order to meet service demand?
3. How has respite service been used, including service volume and utilisation rate, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD provides short-term residential care service (respite service) for persons with disabilities through designated places at residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) or casual vacancies (which arise from, for example, residents who are temporarily hospitalised for treatment or return home to spend their holidays) at individual RCHDs. 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 provided by NGOs for persons with disabilities

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.

2. In 2014-15, SWD provided additional resources to increase the number of respite places for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. In 2015-16, the number of places would be increased to 285. In 2016-17, SWD will continue to provide respite places in new rehabilitation service units having regard to the demand of persons with disabilities for respite service.
3. The number of admissions to RCHDs for respite service in the past 5 years are as follows –

Number of admissions for respite service ^[Note]				
2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
2 848	2 883	3 011	3 226	2 496

^[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions for respite service in a year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0386

(Question Serial No. 5993)

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 costs of various residential services for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

According to the estimated expenditure for 2016-17, the cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services provided by non-governmental organisations is \$14,161. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the cost per place per month of individual types of residential services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0387****(Question Serial No. 5994)**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 will be additional service places for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 65)Reply:

The number of additional service places for persons with disabilities expected to be provided in 2016-17 by District Council district is as follows –

Type of service	Number of places	District Council district
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	12	Tai Po
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	40	Sham Shui Po
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	100	Tai Po
Supported hostel	30	Sham Shui Po
	30	North
	30	Sha Tin
Halfway house	25	Wan Chai
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children	16	Sha Tin
Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre	70	Tai Po
Day activity centre	12	North
	30	Tai Po
Early education and training centre	22	Tsuen Wan
	25	Central & Western
	60	Kwun Tong
	90	Sham Shui Po
	90	Tai Po
Special child care centre	30	Sham Shui Po
	60	Kwun Tong
	52	Location to be confirmed
Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities	150	Location to be confirmed

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0388

(Question Serial No. 5995)

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 for 2015-16 in the 2015-16 Budget and the revised estimates for 2015-16 in the 2016-17 Budget 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 2016-17 for various services, how many have been brought forward from the previous year, and how many are actual planned increases this year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Some of the planned service places have not come into operation as scheduled in 2015-16 largely because of the longer than expected time required for carrying out building works and 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 2016-17, there will be 12 additional places for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, 100 additional places for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), 90 additional places for supported hostels (SHOS), 16 additional places for small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH), 40 additional places for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 25 additional places for halfway houses, 150 additional places under the Bought Place Scheme for private residential care homes for

persons with disabilities (BPS), 287 additional places for early education and training centres (EETC), 142 additional places for special child care centres (SCCC), 42 additional places for day activity centres and 70 additional places for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC), as compared with the previous year.

Among the additional places, 100 HMMH places, 40 SHOS places, 150 BPS places, 16 SGH places, 150 EETC places, 60 SCCC places and 70 IVRSC places are additional places planned for 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5996)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

The Programme was introduced in June 2013. The number of cases approved in each of the past 3 years by type of disability of employees with disabilities is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of cases approved each year by category of trade of employees with disabilities is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. The total funding is set out in the table below –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Total funding (\$'000)	457	464	699

After applications are approved, the Programme Administrator will pay visits to the workplaces of the employees with disabilities, so as to monitor the utilisation of funding. The Programme Administrator is required to complete a follow-up report within 6 months after the funding is approved, with a view to evaluating the effectiveness of the equipment approved to be purchased and/or the works carried out. The Social Welfare Department will review the details and the effectiveness of the Programme from time to time.

Table 1: Number of cases under Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities by type of disability of employees with disabilities

Category of disability	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Visual impairment	16	20	30
Hearing impairment	5	7	7
Physical disability	7	3	3
Intellectual disability	5	-	3
Ex-mentally ill persons	2	-	1
Autism	1	1	-
Visceral disability	-	1	-
Total	36	32	44

Table 2: Number of cases under Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities by type of trade of employees with disabilities

Category of trade	Number of employees with disabilities		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Social welfare service	16	8	15
Catering service/hotel	-	8	-
Car cleaning and grooming	8	-	-
Wholesale, retail and customer service	2	3	2
Social enterprise	-	4	9
Information technology	2	1	1
Laundry, hairstyling	2	1	3
Tourism, exhibition gallery/hands-on exhibition	-	3	1
Technical training, special education	-	2	2
Others (political organisations, property management, transport, food processing and manufacturing, telecommunications, etc.)	6	2	11
Total	36	32	44

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0390

(Question Serial No. 5997)

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 recent years, the Government has 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented case management service in HCS, ISS and DSCs since 2014. Case managers coordinate 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 accept referrals to enable service users and their families to get appropriate services. SWD set up a working group on case management in July 2014, with members comprising academics from universities as well as representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), groups of persons with disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The working group will finish drawing up a manual on case management service in 2016-17, enabling case managers to understand their role and areas of work, and grasp the relevant knowledge and skills, so as to provide quality case management service.

In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), through the case management service, HCS, ISS and DSCs served 2 600, 660 and 990 persons with disabilities respectively. It is expected that 3 250, 900 and 1 280 persons with disabilities will receive case management service in

HCS, ISS and DSCs respectively in 2016-17. As the services required by individual service users vary, SWD does not capture information on the unit cost per case of the above services.

Case management service is not implemented in ICCMWs. Nonetheless, ICCMWs provide one-stop mental health support services including outreaching visits, casework counselling, 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. Since the commencement of ICCMW service in October 2010, ICCMWs had served about 51 800 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems as at December 2015. SWD is currently reviewing the services and development direction of ICCMWs in collaboration with the non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs and relevant stakeholders. The review is expected to be completed in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0391

(Question Serial No. 5998)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the respective estimates for HCS and ISS are \$190 million and \$70 million whereas the respective numbers of their service places are 3 250 and 900. The actual number of users of HCS and ISS for 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) are 2 612 and 659 respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have information about the unit cost per case for these 2 services. As HCS and ISS were launched in March and November 2014 respectively, relevant output indicators have to be adjusted in the light of actual number of service users and service operation and are therefore not shown under this Head yet.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0392****(Question Serial No. 6002)**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 Programme (2), would the Government please provide the total government expenditure for the 3 categories of CSSA cases, namely able-bodied/50% disabled, 100% disabled and those requiring constant attendance, for the past 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 78)Reply:

The expenditure for CSSA cases of permanent disability and ill health ^[Note 1] from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Permanent disability	Ill health
2011-12 (Actual) ^[Note 2]	1,315	1,942
2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 2]	1,374	2,036
2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 2]	1,384	2,043
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 2]	1,492	2,205
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 3]	1,620	2,410

^[Note 1] 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).

^[Note 2] The actual expenditure from 2011-12 to 2015-16 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years.

^[Note 3] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates for the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0393****(Question Serial No. 6003)**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 set out the total funding allocation, the number of self-help organisations benefitted and the types of funding given in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 79)Reply:

Through the Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) supports the operation and development of self-help organisations of persons with disabilities (PwDs)/patients, and promotes the spirit of self-help and mutual support among PwDs/persons with chronic illnesses and their families. Each round of the Scheme lasts for 2 years in general. Under the Scheme, the total amount of funding provided by SWD and the number of self-help organisations having received the funding over the past 5 years are set out in the table as follows –

Date of implementation	Number of self-help organisations having received the funding	Total amount of funding (\$ million)
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012	56	17.1
1 April 2012 to 30 September 2014 ^[Note]	68	24.3
1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016	79	29.4

^[Note] That round of the Scheme was extended for 6 months until 30 September 2014 owing to SWD's review on the Scheme in 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0394****(Question Serial No. 6004)**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 in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), occasional child care service (OCCS) and special child care centres (SCCCs).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 80)Reply:

The expenditure and number of service users of CRN, PRCs, CRDCs, DSCs and ICCMWs are as follows –

Community Support Services	Number of Service Users (from April to end-December 2015)	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ million)
CRN	N.A. ^[Note]	30.3
PRCs	Some 5 000 members	23.0
CRDCs	Some 3 500 service admissions	22.6
DSCs	Some 5 300 members	157.5
ICCMWs	Some 24 000 members	286.8

^[Note] 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 number of places and expenditure of various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2016-17 are as follows –

Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	Estimated Number of Places in 2016-17	2016-17 (Estimate) (\$ million)
EETCs	3 387	215.2
SCCCs	1 971	303.5
IP	1 980	118.1
OCCS	98	3.4

The cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services is \$7,769.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, 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

LWB(WW)0395

(Question Serial No. 6008)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (215) Community Involvement Projects

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. What were the numbers of newly assessed severely mentally handicapped persons in the past 5 years?
2. What were the numbers of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identities unknown and their types of disabilities in the past 5 years?
3. What were the services available to severely mentally handicapped persons from birth to pre-schooling? What were the respective numbers 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 97)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of newly assessed severely mentally handicapped persons in the past 5 years.
2. SWD does not capture the number of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identities unknown and their types of disabilities in the past 5 years.
3. The pre-school rehabilitation services available to severely mentally handicapped persons from birth to the pre-school stage include early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs) and the services provided with training subsidy. EETCs provide services to children with disabilities from birth to the age of 2 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. SCCC provide services to children aged between 2 and below 6 with moderate or severe disabilities.

The numbers of places in EETCs and SCCCs by administrative district of SWD as at end-December 2015 are set out at the Annex.

The Government provides training subsidy to eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, with a view to enabling them to acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers as soon as possible. At present, the Higher Level Subsidy of up to \$3,867 per month is granted for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCCs or residential SCCCs. In 2016-17, the maximum level of the training subsidy will be increased to \$5,995 per month for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCCs. The 362 Higher Level Subsidy places under the programme, broken down by administrative district of SWD, are set out at the Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating EETCs and SCCCs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. EETCs are required to arrange suitable staffing including special child care workers, professional therapists (e.g. occupational therapists/physiotherapists) and speech therapists, while SCCCs are required to arrange suitable staffing including child care supervisors, child care workers, registered social workers, qualified nurses, professional therapists (e.g. occupational therapists/physiotherapists) and speech therapists. Regarding the rehabilitation services provided by SWD for pre-school children with disabilities, the estimate for 2016-17 is about \$712 million, and the average cost for each of these service places is \$7,769 per month.

**Numbers of places of EETCs, SCCCs and Training Subsidy (Higher Level Subsidy)
by district in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of places		
	EETC	SCCC	Training Subsidy (Higher level Subsidy)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	199	13
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	216	35
Kwun Tong	262	66	44
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	333	34
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	231	30	40
Sham Shui Po	274	205	57
Sha Tin	291	138	43
Tai Po/North	205	192	35
Yuen Long	172	108	24
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	384	168	25
Tuen Mun	229	120	12
Total	3 070	1 775	362

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0396****(Question Serial No. 6009)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (214) Other Payment for Welfare ServicesProgramme: (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 staffing establishment of care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs)? 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 101)Reply:

C&A/SDs shall comply with the minimum staffing requirements on high care level homes stipulated in the Schedule of Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation (Cap 613A). The details are set out as follows –

Type of staff	High care level home ^[Note]
Home manager	1 home manager
Ancillary worker	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part of 40 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Care worker	(a) 1 care worker for every 20 residents or part of 20 residents, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.; (b) 1 care worker for every 40 residents or part of 40 residents, between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.; (c) 1 care worker for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
Health worker	1 health worker for every 30 residents or part of 30 residents, or
Nurse	1 nurse for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

^[Note] As an additional requirement for a high care level home, at least 2 designated persons must be on duty between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. The designated person means a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing for the provision of services, subject to their being able to meet the said minimum staffing requirements.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the age range 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 780m² 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-place C&A/SD is provided with a light bus suitable for conversion into one for the use of persons with disabilities (including wheelchair users).

Construction costs normally cover expenses on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works, which hinge on factors such as site constraints, soil condition, architectural design, building methods and specifications, market conditions, market prices, etc. involving works projects. SWD has no information on any standard construction costs of C&A/SDs.

**Number of people newly admitted into C&A/SDs
in various districts in the territory during 2011-2016**

District	New intake					
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	Total
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	8	10	11	3	9	41
Eastern/ Wan Chai	2	3	3	6	4	18
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	2	8	4	6	2	22
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	27	6	33
Sha Tin	10	5	3	6	5	29
Tai Po/North	2	5	4	5	5	21
Yuen Long	2	4	4	2	-	12
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	27	12	26	33	10	108
Tuen Mun	4	-	3	2	1	10
Sub-total	57	47	58	90	42	294

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6013)

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 paragraph 141 of the Budget Speech, the Government stated that “starting from 2016-17, we shall allocate a recurrent provision of \$180 million to strengthen various residential care services, special transport services and community support services for persons with disabilities, and to provide support services for children with special needs and their families.” Please give a detailed account of the items, the distribution of relevant resources and the expected outcome.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 125)

Reply:

It is stated in the 2016-17 Budget that the Government will allocate an additional full-year expenditure of \$180 million to strengthen various residential care services, special transport services and community support services for persons with disabilities and to support children with special needs and their families. The measures are set out as follows –

- (i) An additional funding of about \$129 million for the provision of 1 110 additional places for various rehabilitation services, including 210 places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 400 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 350 places for residential care services and 150 places purchased under the Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs), to enhance care for persons with disabilities and provide the necessary training;
- (ii) An additional funding of about \$10 million for increasing the training hours for eligible children on the waiting list for special child care centres to 6 hours per month under the Training Subsidy Programme. About 500 children are expected to benefit each year;

- (iii) An additional funding of about \$13 million for setting up a new Child Assessment Centre under the Department of Health;
- (iv) An additional funding of about \$9 million for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme at RCHDs to enhance the primary medical service and support for their residents. About 12 000 persons with disabilities are expected to be benefited; and
- (v) An additional funding of about \$19 million for enhancing the manpower for strengthened Rehabus service and bus service offered by day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and community rehabilitation day centres (including 73 motor drivers). The Social Welfare Department will also apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund for procuring additional buses for day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and community rehabilitation day centres, with a view to enhancing the escort service offered by such service units to ageing service users. This is expected to benefit about 6 300 service users. The rehabus service is expected to serve an additional 30 000 people each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0398

(Question Serial No. 6016)

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, a care and attention allowance is provided for persons with disabilities to hire carers. Please provide the number of cases in the past 4 years with breakdown by type of disability and district.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 138)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0399

(Question Serial No. 6018)

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 were the number and type(s) of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identity unknown in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 153)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number and type(s) of persons with disabilities found abandoned with identity unknown.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0400

(Question Serial No. 6019)

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. What were the estimated and actual number of additional places of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and of the residential respite services provided by care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) in the past 3 years?
2. What was the breakdown, by the applicants' district of residence and age groups (in five-year bands from age 6), of service users per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) and their gender distribution?
3. What was the number of people whose service requests have been rejected (the same person rejected in more than 1 district not counted as 1)? And
4. What was the cost per service user?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 157)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In July 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allocated additional resources to enhance residential respite services for persons with disabilities aged 6 or above. In 2014-15, SWD provided an additional 16 residential respite services places, of which 4 were provided by HSMHs and the rest by hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) and integrated rehabilitation centres (IRCs). In 2015-16, there would be an additional 23 residential respite services places, of which 5 would be provided by HSMHs and the rest by HMMHs, supported hostels and IRCs. The numbers of residential respite services places provided by HSMHs and C&A/SDs over the past 3 years are tabulated as follows –

Year	Number of residential respite services places in HSMHs	Number of residential respite services places in C&A/SDs
2013-14	89	11
2014-15	93	11
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	96 ^[Note]	11

^[Note] 2 of the places to be provided by HSMHs which would commence service in the fourth quarter of 2015-16.

2. SWD does not have the information on the overall number of service users of residential respite services per quarter and their gender with a breakdown by district and age group.
3. SWD has not received report of any case about service requests being rejected.
4. SWD does not have the information on the unit cost per service user.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0401

(Question Serial No. 6020)

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. What were the number of service users of various services per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) provided by various district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) and their types of disabilities in each district in the past 3 years?
2. What was 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)?
3. What was the cost per service user of various services?
4. At present, which DSCs have secured a permanent site to operate; which DSCc have not; and which will move to a permanent site in 2 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 158)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. DSCs are operated on a membership system, providing a range of one-stop and district-based community support services for persons with disabilities, including individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, carer support programmes, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and community education. As at end-December 2015, there were 5 383 registered members with 16 DSCs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep information on the number of service users of various services provided by DSC and their types of disabilities.
2. SWD does not capture the number of people whose service requests for various services by DSC have been rejected per quarter.
3. SWD does not capture the unit cost per head for various services provided by DSC.

4. Of the existing 16 DSCs, 11 of them are in full operation in permanent accommodation. They are located in Tai Po, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong, Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong West, Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai, Tuen Mun and Sham Shui Po. Permanent accommodation of 4 DSCs in North District, Kwai Chung, Eastern District and Wan Chai, and Kwun Tong East is expected to be completed in 2 years' time. The remaining 1 DSC in Central Western, Southern and Islands District has been given approval for renting a commercial premises as accommodation to provide its services. SWD will continue to proactively identify suitable premises for the DSC.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0402****(Question Serial No. 6021)**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 and such cases as a percentage of the total number of CSSA cases in the 18 districts under the following case nature in the past 4 years –

	Able-bodied adults	Disabled adults	Able-bodied children	Disabled children	Elderly person	Household with able-bodied adult	Household without able-bodied adult
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							

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 181)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the CSSA cases as mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0403

(Question Serial No. 6022)

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 Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please list in respect of each of the past 4 years –

- (a) by Hong Kong's 18 districts, the numbers of households and recipients on CSSA in various districts and the amount of expenditure involved;
- (b) the current numbers of households and recipients in various public housing estates (PHEs) on CSSA and as percentages of the total numbers of households and residents in the estate concerned and the amount of expenditure involved;
- (c) the current numbers of households and residents in various private housing estates (rental/self-owned accommodation) on CSSA and as percentages of the total numbers of households and residents in the estate concerned and the amount of expenditure involved;
- (d) by CSSA category (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low earnings, unemployment and new arrival), the numbers and percentage of residents and households on CSSA in various districts and the amount of expenditure involved;
- (e) by CSSA category (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low earnings, unemployment and new arrival), the numbers and percentage of residents and households on CSSA in various PHEs and the amount of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 183)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a)(i) The number of CSSA households by district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

District	Number of CSSA households			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	3 235	3 225	3 129	3 048
Eastern	13 384	12 846	12 391	11 988
Islands	4 185	3 987	3 736	3 626
Kowloon City	12 692	13 861	13 782	13 381
Kwai Tsing	26 100	25 243	24 659	23 962
Kwun Tong	36 299	34 867	33 669	32 537
North	13 965	13 400	12 910	12 672
Sai Kung	8 653	8 170	7 970	7 737
Sha Tin	17 024	16 644	15 915	15 809
Sham Shui Po	24 390	23 916	23 548	22 863
Southern	8 259	8 087	7 841	7 673
Tai Po	9 284	8 868	8 541	8 233
Tsuen Wan	7 810	7 495	7 197	7 045
Tuen Mun	20 577	20 067	19 482	18 841
Wan Chai	1 794	1 649	1 611	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	20 986	20 106	19 310	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	10 474	10 017	9 772	9 502
Yuen Long	26 118	24 796	23 652	23 216
Total	265 229	257 244	249 115	242 254

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (ii) The number of CSSA recipients by district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

District	Number of CSSA recipients			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	3 838	3 793	3 757	3 644
Eastern	19 553	18 467	17 660	17 074
Islands	8 447	7 782	7 217	6 862
Kowloon City	17 462	19 194	19 481	19 128
Kwai Tsing	42 227	39 579	38 067	36 648
Kwun Tong	59 738	56 436	53 855	51 557
North	21 851	20 668	19 656	19 043
Sai Kung	14 322	13 054	12 520	11 892
Sha Tin	28 066	26 729	25 233	24 775
Sham Shui Po	35 682	34 606	33 702	32 706
Southern	11 425	11 021	10 457	10 220
Tai Po	13 898	13 096	12 582	11 959
Tsuen Wan	11 837	11 236	10 712	10 467
Tuen Mun	30 561	29 342	28 103	26 999
Wan Chai	2 011	1 827	1 782	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	33 087	30 809	29 375	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	13 081	12 079	12 132	12 053
Yuen Long	44 886	41 629	39 351	38 212
Total	411 972	391 347	375 642	363 140

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (iii) The expenditure for CSSA from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	19,773
2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	19,496
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	20,669
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2]	22,381

[Note 1] The actual expenditure from 2012-13 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years.

[Note 2] The revised estimated expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates in that year.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the expenditure for CSSA broken down by district.

- (b) The number of CSSA households and recipients living in each PHE as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Ap Lei Chau	490	11%	874	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	19%	61	10%
Broadview Garden	23	5%	37	3%
Butterfly	1 147	22%	1 752	15%
Chai Wan	393	25%	559	15%
Chak On	480	27%	746	18%
Cheung Ching	502	10%	954	7%
Cheung Fat	343	31%	518	20%
Cheung Hang	507	12%	816	6%
Cheung Hong	1 263	15%	2 116	10%
Cheung Kwai	52	11%	95	7%
Cheung Lung Wai	283	22%	571	16%
Cheung On	445	38%	647	22%
Cheung Sha Wan	280	20%	472	14%
Cheung Shan	143	9%	295	6%
Cheung Wah	630	37%	989	23%
Cheung Wang	739	17%	1 209	10%
Ching Ho	1 735	25%	3 204	16%
Cho Yiu Chuen	210	9%	323	4%
Choi Fai	160	12%	279	7%
Choi Fook	674	20%	1 160	13%
Choi Ha	196	38%	293	24%
Choi Hung	1 243	17%	2 080	11%
Choi Ming Court	494	18%	755	8%
Choi Tak	997	17%	1 629	12%
Choi Wan (I)	666	11%	1 266	7%
Choi Wan (II)	357	12%	668	7%
Choi Ying	849	21%	1 400	13%
Choi Yuen	1 160	23%	1 912	15%
Chuk Yuen (North)	491	40%	741	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 309	22%	2 119	14%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	114	12%	163	6%
Chun Shek	364	17%	563	10%
Chung On	455	17%	789	9%
Clague Garden Estate	76	14%	126	8%
Easeful Court	39	8%	114	6%
Fortune	698	33%	881	18%
Fu Cheong	1 670	28%	2 295	14%
Fu Heng	608	38%	917	22%
Fu Shan	264	17%	453	11%
Fu Shin	654	31%	1 075	20%
Fu Tai	713	14%	1 395	8%
Fu Tung	153	9%	297	5%
Fuk Loi	506	16%	820	11%
Fung Tak	590	50%	800	32%
Fung Wah	119	33%	166	19%
Fung Wo	256	16%	417	12%
Grandeur Terrace	632	15%	1 655	11%
Hau Tak	597	14%	1 032	8%
Healthy Village	135	12%	193	7%
Heng On	331	42%	604	25%
High Prosperity Terrace	47	6%	127	4%
Hin Keng	304	49%	516	28%
Hin Yiu	183	23%	298	15%
Hing Man	244	12%	471	8%
Hing Tin	144	36%	270	22%
Hing Tung	255	12%	434	7%
Hing Wah (I)	384	17%	592	8%
Hing Wah (II)	702	20%	1 128	13%
Ho Man Tin	944	20%	1 389	11%
Hoi Fu Court	710	26%	1 137	14%
Hoi Lai	715	15%	1 626	9%
Hong Tung	207	45%	256	30%
Hung Fuk	605	16%	1 172	13%
Hung Hom	685	25%	1 044	15%
Jat Min Chuen	442	12%	651	6%
Ka Fuk	313	16%	496	8%
Ka Wai Chuen	282	17%	423	10%
Kai Ching	823	16%	1 411	11%
Kai Tin	465	21%	729	11%
Kai Yip	953	23%	1 482	16%
Kam Peng	47	19%	98	13%
Kin Ming	1 164	17%	2 213	11%
Kin Sang	163	31%	258	19%
King Lam	597	40%	815	28%
Ko Cheung Court	209	12%	536	8%
Ko Yee	259	22%	404	12%
Kwai Chung	2 633	19%	4 559	13%
Kwai Fong	1 007	16%	1 644	9%
Kwai Hing	131	41%	220	30%
Kwai Luen	461	16%	896	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 189	19%	1 823	10%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Kwai Shing (West)	688	13%	1 174	8%
Kwong Fuk	864	14%	1 544	9%
Kwong Tin	303	13%	557	8%
Kwong Yuen	508	44%	773	28%
Kwun Lung Lau	212	10%	356	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	642	14%	1 023	8%
Lai King	621	15%	1 008	9%
Lai Kok	718	25%	1 117	16%
Lai On	257	19%	394	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	215	8%	340	5%
Lai Yiu	398	14%	728	9%
Lakeside Garden	21	9%	35	5%
Lam Tin	638	21%	1 088	13%
Lee On	543	15%	901	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	534	46%	829	29%
Lei Muk Shue	1 570	15%	2 696	9%
Lei Tung	628	30%	965	19%
Lei Yue Mun	673	21%	1 116	12%
Lek Yuen	515	16%	870	10%
Leung King	819	33%	1 267	21%
Lok Fu	651	18%	977	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	438	13%	664	7%
Lok Wah (North)	280	9%	593	6%
Lok Wah (South)	1 730	25%	2 627	19%
Long Bin IH	6	60%	2	10%
Long Ping	906	26%	1 604	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	663	15%	1 189	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	806	53%	1 242	35%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	790	12%	1 395	7%
Lung Hang	449	10%	863	6%
Lung Tin	104	24%	149	15%
Lung Yat	147	15%	307	11%
Ma Hang	79	9%	112	4%
Ma Tau Wai	363	18%	643	12%
Mei Lam	646	16%	1 063	10%
Mei Tin	1 254	19%	2 230	12%
Mei Tung	469	19%	847	14%
Ming Tak	242	17%	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	207	10%	301	5%
Model Housing	89	13%	159	7%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	114	12%	180	8%
Nam Cheong	242	37%	387	23%
Nam Shan	570	21%	929	13%
Nga Ning Court	46	11%	75	5%
Ngan Wan	60	14%	110	8%
Oi Man	720	11%	1 385	7%
Oi Tung	1 043	27%	1 497	16%
On Tin	81	11%	216	7%
On Ting	965	19%	1 491	12%
On Yam	728	14%	1 415	9%
Pak Tin	1 826	25%	2 774	14%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Ping Shek	563	12%	945	8%
Ping Tin	1 210	22%	1 814	12%
Po Lam	472	29%	802	18%
Po Tat	1 607	22%	2 739	12%
Po Tin	2 181	27%	2 618	23%
Pok Hong	399	36%	689	23%
Prosperous Garden	93	14%	100	6%
Sai Wan	51	8%	125	6%
Sam Shing	224	13%	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	802	20%	1 401	13%
Sau Mau Ping	2 605	22%	4 270	12%
Sha Kok	1 231	20%	1 993	13%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	54	8%	98	3%
Shan King	1 277	22%	2 118	15%
Shatin Pass	211	17%	349	11%
Shek Kip Mei	2 103	24%	3 472	15%
Shek Lei (I)	931	19%	1 532	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 721	19%	2 841	11%
Shek Mun	355	18%	652	13%
Shek Pai Wan	784	15%	1 288	8%
Shek Wai Kok	876	14%	1 529	9%
Shek Yam (East)	464	20%	677	11%
Shek Yam	540	20%	921	11%
Sheung Lok	151	44%	183	32%
Sheung Tak	898	16%	1 460	8%
Shin Ming	377	19%	597	14%
Shui Chuen O	369	13%	743	10%
Shui Pin Wai	627	27%	969	16%
Shun Lee	669	15%	1 136	10%
Shun On	566	19%	938	13%
Shun Tin	1 192	17%	2 105	11%
Siu Sai Wan	653	11%	1 247	6%
Sun Chui	915	14%	1 601	9%
Sun Tin Wai	412	12%	754	8%
Tai Hang Tung	587	29%	837	17%
Tai Hing	1 719	20%	2 727	14%
Tai Ping	75	31%	137	17%
Tai Wo	729	43%	1 044	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 211	16%	2 076	10%
Tai Yuen	693	15%	1 344	9%
Tak Long	1 178	15%	2 038	11%
Tak Tin	901	46%	1 246	32%
Tin Chak	829	21%	1 461	12%
Tin Ching	1 492	24%	2 826	17%
Tin Heng	769	13%	2 088	9%
Tin King	193	23%	371	15%
Tin Ping	341	34%	546	18%
Tin Shui	984	13%	1 873	7%
Tin Tsz	719	22%	1 066	12%
Tin Wah	802	22%	1 265	11%
Tin Wan	603	20%	889	10%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective PHE	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage to the total population in the respective PHE
Tin Yan	1 625	29%	2 424	22%
Tin Yat	458	14%	1 195	10%
Tin Yiu	1 109	13%	2 050	8%
Tin Yuet	924	22%	1 624	13%
Tsing Yi	253	40%	381	25%
Tsui Lam	283	19%	555	12%
Tsui Lok	126	40%	188	25%
Tsui Ping (South)	585	13%	920	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 396	44%	2 129	30%
Tsui Wan	184	35%	262	20%
Tsz Ching	1 781	22%	2 590	11%
Tsz Hong	281	14%	647	9%
Tsz Lok	1 125	18%	1 742	9%
Tsz Man	339	17%	625	10%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	23	9%	39	5%
Tung Tau	886	41%	1 299	26%
Tung Wui	403	31%	535	20%
Un Chau	1 702	23%	2 534	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 726	26%	2 533	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 125	23%	1 721	14%
Verbena Heights	180	19%	242	13%
Wah Fu	990	11%	1 764	7%
Wah Kwai	364	36%	501	22%
Wah Lai	200	14%	366	8%
Wah Ming	562	39%	840	22%
Wah Sum	270	18%	429	9%
Wan Hon	454	46%	640	32%
Wan Tau Tong	264	47%	374	29%
Wan Tsui	539	15%	952	9%
Wang Tau Hom	699	12%	1 181	7%
Wing Cheong	309	21%	574	15%
Wo Che	782	13%	1 554	8%
Wo Lok	355	18%	574	12%
Wu King	403	9%	844	6%
Yan On	434	17%	712	11%
Yat Tung	1 757	15%	4 109	10%
Yau Lai	1 669	20%	2 961	13%
Yau Oi	1 252	14%	2 340	9%
Yau Tong	788	22%	1 305	13%
Yee Ming	270	13%	547	10%
Yiu On	331	35%	542	20%
Yiu Tung	719	14%	1 080	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	64	7%	95	4%
Yue Wan	364	17%	674	11%
Yung Shing Court	358	21%	555	9%

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

SWD does not capture the numbers of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in each PHE from 2012-13 to 2014-15 and their respective percentages to all PHE households and residents, nor the information on expenditure broken down by PHE.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in private housing from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are provided as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of CSSA households	41 068	41 381	39 902	38 654
Number of CSSA recipients	73 218	67 446	66 676	65 104

SWD does not capture the numbers of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in private housing as percentages to all households and residents in private housing in Hong Kong, nor the information on expenditure for CSSA broken down by private housing.

- (d)(i) The number and percentage of CSSA recipients in each district with a breakdown by case nature from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 184	256	334	446	286	264	68	3 838 (0.9%)
Eastern	10 091	1 668	1 599	3 110	1 507	1 257	321	19 553 (4.7%)
Islands	2 321	346	902	1 930	1 346	1 367	235	8 447 (2.1%)
Kowloon City	8 914	1 076	1 481	2 816	1 169	1 606	400	17 462 (4.2%)
Kwai Tsing	19 365	3 130	3 852	7 018	3 995	3 993	874	42 227 (10.2%)
Kwun Tong	30 178	2 272	5 201	10 532	4 960	5 390	1 205	59 738 (14.5%)
North	9 796	1 320	2 128	4 471	1 369	2 031	736	21 851 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	5 544	1 160	1 783	2 636	1 557	1 246	396	14 322 (3.5%)
Sha Tin	11 444	2 110	3 572	5 354	1 994	2 379	1 213	28 066 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	16 941	1 616	3 420	5 902	2 590	4 184	1 029	35 682 (8.7%)
Southern	5 797	1 476	1 050	1 455	904	508	235	11 425 (2.8%)
Tai Po	7 062	838	1 620	2 235	778	960	405	13 898 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	6 121	676	908	2 006	955	792	379	11 837 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 530	2 680	3 257	5 001	1 611	2 813	669	30 561 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	1 181	80	138	218	87	206	101	2 011 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	16 509	1 637	2 907	5 804	2 631	2 938	661	33 087 (8.0%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 599	435	1 274	2 082	760	2 350	581	13 081 (3.2%)

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Yuen Long	16 468	2 559	4 893	10 138	3 765	5 930	1 133	44 886 (10.9%)
Total	190 045	25 335	40 319	73 154	32 264	40 214	10 641	411 972 (100%)

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 167	248	364	437	301	231	45	3 793 (1.0%)
Eastern	9 657	1 645	1 500	2 919	1 334	1 141	271	18 467 (4.7%)
Islands	2 224	333	899	1 781	1 108	1 225	212	7 782 (2.0%)
Kowloon City	9 323	1 230	1 666	3 776	1 231	1 684	284	19 194 (4.9%)
Kwai Tsing	18 959	3 096	3 691	6 458	3 536	3 070	769	39 579 (10.1%)
Kwun Tong	29 043	2 203	5 128	10 237	4 157	4 684	984	56 436 (14.4%)
North	9 493	1 335	1 987	4 412	1 145	1 778	518	20 668 (5.3%)
Sai Kung	5 364	1 054	1 630	2 322	1 269	1 077	338	13 054 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	11 415	2 076	3 514	5 274	1 594	1 893	963	26 729 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	16 644	1 661	3 639	6 061	2 230	3 638	733	34 606 (8.8%)
Southern	5 557	1 486	1 051	1 464	784	454	225	11 021 (2.8%)
Tai Po	6 817	787	1 603	2 174	572	813	330	13 096 (3.3%)
Tsuen Wan	5 792	705	927	2 010	782	759	261	11 236 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 369	2 634	3 163	4 773	1 578	2 264	561	29 342 (7.5%)
Wan Chai	1 045	69	135	211	84	192	91	1 827 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	15 884	1 601	2 829	5 402	2 223	2 321	549	30 809 (7.9%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 313	439	1 253	2 052	660	1 919	443	12 079 (3.1%)
Yuen Long	16 069	2 371	4 777	9 299	3 220	4 941	952	41 629 (10.6%)
Total	185 135	24 973	39 756	71 062	27 808	34 084	8 529	391 347 (100%)

District	2014-15							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 111	257	358	501	273	217	40	3 757 (1.0%)
Eastern	9 330	1 640	1 443	2 863	1 098	1 037	249	17 660 (4.7%)
Islands	2 181	326	831	1 606	945	1 121	207	7 217 (1.9%)
Kowloon City	9 410	1 366	1 703	4 148	1 051	1 560	243	19 481 (5.2%)
Kwai Tsing	18 632	2 961	3 455	6 299	3 237	2 902	581	38 067 (10.1%)
Kwun Tong	28 376	2 133	5 177	9 893	3 465	4 016	795	53 855 (14.3%)
North	9 108	1 372	1 927	4 222	918	1 622	487	19 656 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	5 377	1 014	1 603	2 178	1 053	992	303	12 520 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	11 336	1 940	3 435	5 134	1 333	1 347	708	25 233 (6.7%)
Sham Shui Po	16 394	1 676	3 572	6 430	1 964	3 155	511	33 702 (9.0%)
Southern	5 414	1 442	989	1 361	680	362	209	10 457 (2.8%)
Tai Po	6 312	809	1 612	2 178	512	796	363	12 582 (3.3%)
Tsuen Wan	5 576	691	839	2 040	715	657	194	10 712 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 180	2 597	3 018	4 555	1 378	1 938	437	28 103 (7.5%)
Wan Chai	1 015	68	127	211	54	219	88	1 782 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	15 322	1 630	2 788	5 187	1 840	2 161	447	29 375 (7.8%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 360	465	1 181	2 461	622	1 756	287	12 132 (3.2%)
Yuen Long	15 765	2 235	4 583	8 742	2 711	4 469	846	39 351 (10.5%)
Total	181 199	24 622	38 641	70 009	23 849	30 327	6 995	375 642 (100.0%)

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 076	255	338	480	216	233	46	3 644 (1.0%)
Eastern	9 179	1 585	1 393	2 807	908	958	244	17 074 (4.7%)
Islands	2 145	321	792	1 556	807	1 038	203	6 862 (1.9%)
Kowloon City	9 413	1 277	1 659	4 065	965	1 505	244	19 128 (5.3%)

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwai Tsing	18 389	2 970	3 303	5 978	2 894	2 560	554	36 648 (10.1%)
Kwun Tong	27 821	2 048	5 063	9 346	2 934	3 617	728	51 557 (14.2%)
North	9 001	1 427	1 912	4 097	813	1 336	457	19 043 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	5 331	1 000	1 589	1 953	839	862	318	11 892 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	11 423	1 852	3 387	5 078	1 247	1 125	663	24 775 (6.8%)
Sham Shui Po	16 162	1 669	3 454	6 436	1 690	2 839	456	32 706 (9.0%)
Southern	5 388	1 406	989	1 285	569	404	179	10 220 (2.8%)
Tai Po	6 105	766	1 542	2 168	365	685	328	11 959 (3.3%)
Tsuen Wan	5 483	685	875	2 047	648	564	165	10 467 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	14 018	2 473	2 937	4 181	1 165	1 759	466	26 999 (7.4%)
Wan Chai	989	61	128	201	37	208	94	1 718 (0.5%)
Wong Tai Sin	14 884	1 592	2 785	5 051	1 615	1 862	394	28 183 (7.8%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 291	457	1 196	2 710	564	1 598	237	12 053 (3.3%)
Yuen Long	15 657	2 201	4 580	8 496	2 361	4 130	787	38 212 (10.5%)
Total	178 755	24 045	37 922	67 935	20 637	27 283	6 563	363 140 (100%)

- (ii) The number and percentage of CSSA households in each district with a breakdown by case nature from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA households							
	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 (1.2%)
Eastern	8 399	1 210	973	1 311	444	769	278	13 384 (5.0%)
Islands	1 767	199	383	746	365	539	186	4 185 (1.6%)
Kowloon City	7 894	887	1 111	1 156	358	1 040	246	12 692 (4.8%)
Kwai Tsing	14 968	2 236	2 264	2 879	1 200	2 065	488	26 100 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	22 260	1 576	3 037	4 430	1 533	2 729	734	36 299 (13.7%)
North	7 815	955	1 299	1 847	438	1 107	504	13 965 (5.3%)

District	2012-13							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Sai Kung	4 284	871	963	1 075	454	635	371	8 653 (3.3%)
Sha Tin	8 970	1 436	1 949	2 225	609	1 214	621	17 024 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 781	1 120	2 537	2 496	845	2 972	639	24 390 (9.2%)
Southern	4 948	1 154	713	629	299	327	189	8 259 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 803	540	927	949	248	539	278	9 284 (3.5%)
Tsuen Wan	4 920	449	593	860	301	456	231	7 810 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 296	2 167	2 232	2 125	515	1 739	503	20 577 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 155	78	122	90	26	232	91	1 794 (0.7%)
Wong Tai Sin	12 769	1 104	1 849	2 395	863	1 578	428	20 986 (7.9%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 254	384	1 089	940	247	2 158	402	10 474 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 570	1 753	2 807	4 159	1 112	2 958	759	26 118 (9.8%)
Total	151 006	18 346	25 142	30 506	9 939	23 283	7 007	265 229 (100%)

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA households							
	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 (1.3%)
Eastern	8 163	1 209	907	1 221	407	699	240	12 846 (5.0%)
Islands	1 727	194	405	706	318	476	161	3 987 (1.5%)
Kowloon City	8 360	986	1 254	1 596	385	1 089	191	13 861 (5.4%)
Kwai Tsing	14 906	2 282	2 215	2 667	1 030	1 712	431	25 243 (9.8%)
Kwun Tong	21 723	1 539	2 993	4 305	1 312	2 418	577	34 867 (13.6%)
North	7 662	977	1 237	1 810	380	977	357	13 400 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 229	791	917	955	394	563	321	8 170 (3.2%)
Sha Tin	8 946	1 473	1 954	2 236	500	1 026	509	16 644 (6.5%)
Sham Shui Po	13 736	1 147	2 611	2 590	713	2 663	456	23 916 (9.3%)
Southern	4 836	1 164	729	621	256	295	186	8 087 (3.1%)

District	2013-14							
	Number of CSSA households							
	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%)
Total	149 167	18 357	25 053	29 842	8 608	20 522	5 695	257 244 (100%)

District	2014-15							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 089	238	301	205	73	180	43	3 129 (1.3%)
Eastern	7 896	1 177	912	1 192	336	640	238	12 391 (5.0%)
Islands	1 712	193	392	634	260	401	144	3 736 (1.5%)
Kowloon City	8 271	1 060	1 254	1 729	334	977	157	13 782 (5.5%)
Kwai Tsing	14 819	2 273	2 133	2 594	920	1 561	359	24 659 (9.9%)
Kwun Tong	21 326	1 503	3 017	4 143	1 104	2 117	459	33 669 (13.5%)
North	7 487	1 006	1 207	1 749	305	837	319	12 910 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 287	771	909	902	317	497	287	7 970 (3.2%)
Sha Tin	8 848	1 410	1 889	2 148	417	813	390	15 915 (6.4%)
Sham Shui Po	13 680	1 161	2 653	2 731	612	2 353	358	23 548 (9.5%)
Southern	4 730	1 125	725	585	213	246	217	7 841 (3.1%)
Tai Po	5 363	517	945	910	159	407	240	8 541 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	4 587	490	533	860	220	394	113	7 197 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 250	2 121	2 144	1 947	430	1 247	343	19 482 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	1 011	68	122	96	15	209	90	1 611 (0.6%)

District	2014-15							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wong Tai Sin	12 109	1 088	1 823	2 158	614	1 208	310	19 310 (7.8%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 139	419	1 042	1 112	191	1 665	204	9 772 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 201	1 591	2 710	3 585	781	2 255	529	23 652 (9.5%)
Total	146 805	18 211	24 711	29 280	7 301	18 007	4 800	249 115 (100%)

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048 (1.3%)
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988 (4.9%)
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626 (1.5%)
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381 (5.5%)
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962 (9.9%)
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537 (13.4%)
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672 (5.2%)
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737 (3.2%)
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809 (6.5%)
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863 (9.4%)
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673 (3.2%)
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233 (3.4%)
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045 (2.9%)
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841 (7.8%)
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562 (0.6%)
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559 (7.7%)
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502 (3.9%)
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216 (9.6%)
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254 (100%)

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

SWD does not capture the expenditure on CSSA by case nature and district.

- (e) The number of CSSA recipients in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2015 is provided 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	345	128	113	180	48	49	11	874	7%
Bo Shek Mansion	52	5	1	-	3	-	-	61	10%
Broadview Garden	18	3	2	12	1	-	1	37	3%
Butterfly	1 099	79	155	286	30	90	13	1 752	15%
Chai Wan	324	28	57	112	11	18	9	559	15%
Chak On	476	21	46	155	5	40	3	746	18%
Cheung Ching	506	39	75	180	58	79	17	954	7%
Cheung Fat	304	59	36	69	15	27	8	518	20%
Cheung Hang	442	52	81	100	55	60	26	816	6%
Cheung Hong	1 301	113	122	349	99	114	18	2 116	10%
Cheung Kwai	45	4	9	14	6	17	-	95	7%
Cheung Lung Wai	219	18	39	180	33	70	12	571	16%
Cheung On	427	45	45	67	9	42	12	647	22%
Cheung Sha Wan	237	14	35	113	36	30	7	472	14%
Cheung Shan	179	11	24	24	47	9	1	295	6%
Cheung Wah	560	46	112	143	46	50	32	989	23%
Cheung Wang	540	106	92	219	89	151	12	1 209	10%
Ching Ho	1 220	101	360	921	215	341	46	3 204	16%
Cho Yiu Chuen	223	10	14	20	34	17	5	323	4%
Choi Fai	136	10	31	54	24	22	2	279	7%
Choi Fook	515	30	83	329	76	114	13	1 160	13%
Choi Ha	163	19	33	42	23	12	1	293	24%
Choi Hung	1 131	74	223	412	109	117	14	2 080	11%
Choi Ming Court	370	57	125	87	45	65	6	755	8%
Choi Tak	794	36	148	451	65	99	36	1 629	12%
Choi Wan (I)	584	64	148	281	91	79	19	1 266	7%
Choi Wan (II)	338	25	76	117	42	53	17	668	7%
Choi Ying	697	20	122	376	78	93	14	1 400	13%
Choi Yuen	1 175	135	136	312	46	95	13	1 912	15%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Chuk Yuen (North)	392	31	123	106	36	41	12	741	23%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 181	87	205	450	105	83	8	2 119	14%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	118	6	2	10	14	10	3	163	6%
Chun Shek	318	27	82	91	24	19	2	563	10%
Chung On	306	85	93	135	45	98	27	789	9%
Clague Garden Estate	99	7	4	13	3	-	-	126	8%
Easeful Court	28	9	14	29	19	13	2	114	6%
Fortune	617	43	84	84	17	33	3	881	18%
Fu Cheong	1 471	111	243	224	123	111	12	2 295	14%
Fu Heng	448	86	199	101	13	54	16	917	22%
Fu Shan	243	16	48	91	20	30	5	453	11%
Fu Shin	527	61	171	180	30	52	54	1 075	20%
Fu Tai	474	103	173	218	233	176	18	1 395	8%
Fu Tung	106	15	41	83	28	24	-	297	5%
Fuk Loi	489	51	77	148	16	32	7	820	11%
Fung Tak	497	44	99	80	33	40	7	800	32%
Fung Wah	84	12	23	18	8	17	4	166	19%
Fung Wo	116	21	53	178	22	13	14	417	12%
Grandeur Terrace	333	78	232	494	231	262	25	1 655	11%
Hau Tak	473	72	128	160	80	102	17	1 032	8%
Healthy Village	125	8	19	13	16	10	2	193	7%
Heng On	263	40	94	108	34	37	28	604	25%
High Prosperity Terrace	24	4	18	40	28	9	4	127	4%
Hin Keng	269	28	72	79	30	20	18	516	28%
Hin Yiu	131	15	47	80	17	7	1	298	15%
Hing Man	199	30	36	104	73	27	2	471	8%
Hing Tin	107	8	65	43	28	16	3	270	22%
Hing Tung	197	39	43	80	49	23	3	434	7%
Hing Wah (I)	311	70	59	81	37	31	3	592	8%
Hing Wah (II)	663	60	92	220	42	43	8	1 128	13%
Ho Man Tin	759	80	187	179	80	85	19	1 389	11%
Hoi Fu Court	693	37	117	140	86	60	4	1 137	14%
Hoi Lai	429	101	238	387	243	210	18	1 626	9%
Hong Tung	217	14	8	15	-	2	-	256	30%
Hung Fuk	329	52	131	457	60	132	11	1 172	13%
Hung Hom	613	52	91	152	48	73	15	1 044	15%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Jat Min Chuen	478	34	48	40	23	15	13	651	6%
Ka Fuk	268	53	36	81	13	35	10	496	8%
Ka Wai Chuen	305	21	54	22	5	14	2	423	10%
Kai Ching	543	59	88	518	64	129	10	1 411	11%
Kai Tin	368	40	120	90	43	54	14	729	11%
Kai Yip	1 012	30	107	250	17	59	7	1 482	16%
Kam Peng	43	3	10	19	4	14	5	98	13%
Kin Ming	559	146	394	555	295	244	20	2 213	11%
Kin Sang	133	25	30	28	19	22	1	258	19%
King Lam	498	56	104	73	15	61	8	815	28%
Ko Cheung Court	128	19	79	160	77	64	9	536	8%
Ko Yee	254	18	29	66	20	17	-	404	12%
Kwai Chung	1 704	268	530	1 026	509	449	73	4 559	13%
Kwai Fong	766	106	230	185	183	163	11	1 644	9%
Kwai Hing	115	18	18	31	18	20	-	220	30%
Kwai Luen	247	37	89	301	93	113	16	896	12%
Kwai Shing (East)	967	94	207	240	129	169	17	1 823	10%
Kwai Shing (West)	660	64	91	213	67	61	18	1 174	8%
Kwong Fuk	772	91	187	291	61	109	33	1 544	9%
Kwong Tin	218	21	97	102	49	54	16	557	8%
Kwong Yuen	336	89	106	128	20	33	61	773	28%
Kwun Lung Lau	155	25	20	61	51	41	3	356	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	669	28	104	90	61	66	5	1 023	8%
Lai King	610	56	67	143	62	59	11	1 008	9%
Lai Kok	631	55	106	207	41	67	10	1 117	16%
Lai On	204	43	56	57	5	29	-	394	11%
Lai Tak Tsuen	218	20	37	27	17	20	1	340	5%
Lai Yiu	334	54	63	94	121	56	6	728	9%
Lakeside Garden	19	6	8	2	-	-	-	35	5%
Lam Tin	577	32	111	211	94	49	14	1 088	13%
Lee On	397	83	182	142	28	52	17	901	8%
Lei Cheng Uk	456	54	64	146	37	60	12	829	29%
Lei Muk Shue	1 171	212	314	543	237	185	34	2 696	9%
Lei Tung	516	96	88	167	39	44	15	965	19%
Lei Yue Mun	586	38	118	213	69	81	11	1 116	12%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Lek Yuen	373	47	139	205	46	20	40	870	10%
Leung King	654	84	153	207	58	96	15	1 267	21%
Lok Fu	456	63	125	198	52	76	7	977	10%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	447	16	54	55	50	41	1	664	7%
Lok Wah (North)	258	32	74	120	35	62	12	593	6%
Lok Wah (South)	1 989	57	131	333	21	75	21	2 627	19%
Long Bin IH	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10%
Long Ping	859	78	176	288	39	131	33	1 604	16%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	535	25	144	268	57	142	18	1 189	11%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	603	96	135	236	96	57	19	1 242	35%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	585	91	173	304	93	132	17	1 395	7%
Lung Hang	356	35	143	212	73	24	20	863	6%
Lung Tin	67	22	6	22	2	30	-	149	15%
Lung Yat	97	15	26	104	20	31	14	307	11%
Ma Hang	52	9	11	18	7	10	5	112	4%
Ma Tau Wai	274	56	54	190	21	41	7	643	12%
Mei Lam	554	49	147	227	26	39	21	1 063	10%
Mei Tin	723	97	332	708	185	160	25	2 230	12%
Mei Tung	366	50	66	199	72	79	15	847	14%
Ming Tak	217	19	48	50	22	12	7	375	9%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	214	21	18	16	14	17	1	301	5%
Model Housing	51	29	22	21	22	11	3	159	7%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	130	4	17	15	8	4	2	180	8%
Nam Cheong	214	33	38	51	27	24	-	387	23%
Nam Shan	459	55	93	251	21	48	2	929	13%
Nga Ning Court	26	4	7	18	10	6	4	75	5%
Ngan Wan	37	10	5	33	18	7	-	110	8%
Oi Man	607	103	192	290	89	89	15	1 385	7%
Oi Tung	861	159	122	197	77	62	19	1 497	16%
On Tin	35	4	18	93	35	23	8	216	7%
On Ting	856	91	98	285	57	96	8	1 491	12%
On Yam	555	115	135	225	246	122	17	1 415	9%
Pak Tin	1 565	122	294	427	129	204	33	2 774	14%
Ping Shek	590	26	85	117	49	73	5	945	8%
Ping Tin	1 015	89	195	292	87	110	26	1 814	12%
Po Lam	405	60	96	147	39	46	9	802	18%
Po Tat	1 356	114	254	427	230	312	46	2 739	12%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Po Tin	1 491	160	341	295	41	255	35	2 618	23%
Pok Hong	405	19	75	124	26	24	16	689	23%
Prosperous Garden	89	-	6	2	-	-	3	100	6%
Sai Wan	38	6	18	19	24	20	-	125	6%
Sam Shing	209	40	23	71	26	46	11	426	8%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	607	53	121	347	107	143	23	1 401	13%
Sau Mau Ping	2 173	234	454	594	342	412	61	4 270	12%
Sha Kok	1 034	97	296	421	36	70	39	1 993	13%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	51	5	12	13	6	11	-	98	3%
Shan King	1 182	143	224	357	62	124	26	2 118	15%
Shatin Pass	119	23	37	106	33	28	3	349	11%
Shek Kip Mei	1 809	104	387	731	184	230	27	3 472	15%
Shek Lei (I)	817	111	124	271	107	81	21	1 532	12%
Shek Lei (II)	1 248	167	223	591	339	213	60	2 841	11%
Shek Mun	170	16	120	219	67	39	21	652	13%
Shek Pai Wan	612	105	115	191	149	87	29	1 288	8%
Shek Wai Kok	805	95	140	313	81	84	11	1 529	9%
Shek Yam (East)	406	62	53	70	55	25	6	677	11%
Shek Yam	483	77	75	166	66	43	11	921	11%
Sheung Lok	146	7	4	24	-	2	-	183	32%
Sheung Tak	702	90	194	220	116	124	14	1 460	8%
Shin Ming	257	36	77	153	40	33	1	597	14%
Shui Chuen O	185	34	79	274	95	59	17	743	10%
Shui Pin Wai	601	31	82	156	40	54	5	969	16%
Shun Lee	666	45	107	167	42	96	13	1 136	10%
Shun On	583	49	65	138	35	65	3	938	13%
Shun Tin	1 222	71	214	277	86	205	30	2 105	11%
Siu Sai Wan	457	148	131	304	84	117	6	1 247	6%
Sun Chui	829	96	164	295	101	70	46	1 601	9%
Sun Tin Wai	381	66	70	162	50	22	3	754	8%
Tai Hang Tung	508	34	85	108	47	53	2	837	17%
Tai Hing	1 682	128	227	437	95	122	36	2 727	14%
Tai Ping	56	11	28	26	-	14	2	137	17%
Tai Wo	649	60	121	115	34	42	23	1 044	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 056	151	227	368	116	139	19	2 076	10%
Tai Yuen	426	128	319	226	72	133	40	1 344	9%
Tak Long	737	100	176	687	128	193	17	2 038	11%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Tak Tin	805	48	182	106	39	45	21	1 246	32%
Tin Chak	606	81	200	283	78	173	40	1 461	12%
Tin Ching	1 017	114	293	869	169	307	57	2 826	17%
Tin Heng	365	88	311	520	343	431	30	2 088	9%
Tin King	135	37	41	107	18	28	5	371	15%
Tin Ping	284	38	82	84	24	29	5	546	18%
Tin Shui	778	110	233	365	154	205	28	1 873	7%
Tin Tsz	610	52	148	126	53	67	10	1 066	12%
Tin Wah	622	88	183	214	44	95	19	1 265	11%
Tin Wan	464	81	100	102	87	44	11	889	10%
Tin Yan	1 175	98	272	543	70	235	31	2 424	22%
Tin Yat	274	43	162	304	161	229	22	1 195	10%
Tin Yiu	920	88	311	397	134	158	42	2 050	8%
Tin Yuet	631	71	211	280	202	210	19	1 624	13%
Tsing Yi	227	22	29	53	11	34	5	381	25%
Tsui Lam	216	34	77	145	37	31	15	555	12%
Tsui Lok	145	7	5	22	4	5	-	188	25%
Tsui Ping (South)	522	34	96	139	75	49	5	920	7%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 233	85	251	316	99	132	13	2 129	30%
Tsui Wan	153	28	20	40	8	11	2	262	20%
Tsz Ching	1 487	136	275	351	157	174	10	2 590	11%
Tsz Hong	187	34	72	166	104	81	3	647	9%
Tsz Lok	979	101	148	251	89	156	18	1 742	9%
Tsz Man	273	26	65	121	67	68	5	625	10%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	18	2	6	8	4	1	-	39	5%
Tung Tau	755	72	96	192	86	86	12	1 299	26%
Tung Wui	369	19	37	79	12	14	5	535	20%
Un Chau	1 464	129	260	334	156	174	17	2 534	13%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 634	93	248	239	121	182	16	2 533	16%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	994	130	153	235	81	120	8	1 721	14%
Verbena Heights	184	6	21	6	-	22	3	242	13%
Wah Fu	817	194	165	334	145	92	17	1 764	7%
Wah Kwai	299	45	61	49	30	14	3	501	22%
Wah Lai	135	35	50	79	42	25	-	366	8%
Wah Ming	411	99	81	132	35	49	33	840	22%
Wah Sum	229	59	48	37	21	32	3	429	9%
Wan Hon	539	6	13	64	10	5	3	640	32%
Wan Tau Tong	219	44	46	33	10	19	3	374	29%
Wan Tsui	423	109	85	219	54	56	6	952	9%
Wang Tau	498	112	127	251	74	98	21	1 181	7%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Hom									
Wing Cheong	217	21	56	162	43	73	2	574	15%
Wo Che	588	96	296	313	148	78	35	1 554	8%
Wo Lok	315	29	64	108	15	34	9	574	12%
Wu King	292	50	150	198	55	86	13	844	6%
Yan On	248	31	96	234	14	71	18	712	11%
Yat Tung	900	174	540	1 039	670	703	83	4 109	10%
Yau Lai	1 387	63	296	806	170	213	26	2 961	13%
Yau Oi	1 127	129	268	421	198	167	30	2 340	9%
Yau Tong	656	59	167	187	129	91	16	1 305	13%
Yee Ming	182	11	82	154	57	54	7	547	10%
Yiu On	235	52	96	98	19	22	20	542	20%
Yiu Tung	598	113	99	124	59	78	9	1 080	7%
Yue Kwong Chuen	54	12	10	10	4	3	2	95	4%
Yue Wan	290	54	54	207	21	46	2	674	11%
Yung Shing Court	261	67	52	68	50	48	9	555	9%
Total	118 766	13 490	26 576	45 409	15 821	18 399	3 248	241 709	

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

SWD does not capture the number of CSSA recipients in each PHE by case nature and the number as a percentage to all households in each PHE from 2011-12 to 2014-15, nor the information on expenditure broken down by PHE.

- (ii) The number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2015 is provided 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	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490	11%
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50	19%
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23	5%
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147	22%
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393	25%
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480	27%
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502	10%
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343	31%
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507	12%
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263	15%
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52	11%
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283	22%
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445	38%
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280	20%
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143	9%
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630	37%
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739	17%
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735	25%
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210	9%
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160	12%
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674	20%
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196	38%
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243	17%
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494	18%
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997	17%
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666	11%
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357	12%
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849	21%
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160	23%
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491	40%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309	22%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114	12%
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364	17%
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455	17%
Clague Garden Estate	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76	14%
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39	8%
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698	33%
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670	28%
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608	38%
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264	17%
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654	31%
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713	14%
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153	9%
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506	16%
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590	50%
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119	33%
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256	16%
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632	15%
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597	14%
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135	12%
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331	42%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47	6%
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304	49%
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183	23%
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244	12%
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144	36%
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255	12%
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384	17%
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702	20%
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944	20%
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710	26%
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715	15%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207	45%
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605	16%
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685	25%
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442	12%
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313	16%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282	17%
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823	16%
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465	21%
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953	23%
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47	19%
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164	17%
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163	31%
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597	40%
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209	12%
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259	22%
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633	19%
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007	16%
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131	41%
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189	19%
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688	13%
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864	14%
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303	13%
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642	14%
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621	15%
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718	25%
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257	19%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215	8%
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398	14%
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21	9%
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638	21%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543	15%
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534	46%
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570	15%
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628	30%
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673	21%
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515	16%
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819	33%
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651	18%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438	13%
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280	9%
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730	25%
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6	60%
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790	12%
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449	10%
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104	24%
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147	15%
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79	9%
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363	18%
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646	16%
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254	19%
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469	19%
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207	10%
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89	13%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114	12%
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242	37%
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570	21%
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46	11%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60	14%
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720	11%
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043	27%
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81	11%
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965	19%
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728	14%
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826	25%
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563	12%
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210	22%
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472	29%
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607	22%
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181	27%
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399	36%
Prosperous Garden	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93	14%
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51	8%
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802	20%
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605	22%
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231	20%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54	8%
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277	22%
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103	24%
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931	19%
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721	19%
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355	18%
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784	15%
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876	14%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464	20%
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540	20%
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151	44%
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898	16%
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377	19%
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369	13%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627	27%
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669	15%
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566	19%
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192	17%
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653	11%
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915	14%
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412	12%
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587	29%
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719	20%
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75	31%
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729	43%
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211	16%
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693	15%
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178	15%
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901	46%
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829	21%
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492	24%
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769	13%
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193	23%
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341	34%
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984	13%
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719	22%
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802	22%
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603	20%
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625	29%
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458	14%
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109	13%
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924	22%
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253	40%
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283	19%
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126	40%
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396	44%
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184	35%
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781	22%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281	14%
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125	18%
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339	17%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23	9%
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886	41%
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403	31%
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	48	100	9	1 702	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726	26%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125	23%
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180	19%
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990	11%
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364	36%
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200	14%
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270	18%
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454	46%
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264	47%
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539	15%
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699	12%
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309	21%
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782	13%
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355	18%
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403	9%
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434	17%
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757	15%
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669	20%
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252	14%
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788	22%
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270	13%
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331	35%
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719	14%
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64	7%
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364	17%

PHE	Case nature								Percentage to all households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358	21%
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752	

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

SWD does not capture the number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature from 2011-12 to 2014-15, nor the information on expenditure broken down by PHE.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0404****(Question Serial No. 6023)**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. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients (by age group) who have been on CSSA for over 3 and 5 years respectively in the 4 years listed below.

	Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 3 years	Number of recipients receiving CSSA for over 5 years
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		
2015-16		

2. Please provide, with a breakdown by age group and case nature, the number of cases in which the recipients have been on CSSA for over 3 and 5 years respectively in the 4 years mentioned above.
3. Please provide the number of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving CSSA by nature of CSSA cases in the past 4 years.
4. Please provide the number of cases by nature of which CSSA households with able-bodied adult aged under 50 but without member(s) who is/are old, disabled or medically certified to be in ill-health having to leave CSSA net as their assets have exceeded the limits set by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 4 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 190)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1(a) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 3 years with a breakdown by age from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out below –

Year	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
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	38 264	25 522	15 925	29 213	34 836	147 269
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	36 721	22 662	15 241	27 910	33 347	145 807

- (b) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 5 years with a breakdown by age from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out below –

Year	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
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	27 839	22 334	11 918	23 942	29 949	128 542
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	26 499	19 960	11 446	22 528	28 865	128 390

- 2(a) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 3 years with a breakdown by age and case nature from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out below –

- (i) 2012-13

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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
Total	44 636	32 781	18 386	34 809	38 771	150 935

(ii) 2013-14

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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
Unemployment	4 814	3 640	2 150	4 161	7 667	1 431
Others	2 380	1 056	235	271	278	349
Total	41 470	28 928	17 170	31 441	36 991	149 438

(iii) 2014-15

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	3 432	3 388	1 065	2 544	3 964	137 894
Permanent disability	1 514	1 365	3 194	4 904	7 183	1 797
Ill health	3 499	2 592	2 862	5 708	10 418	2 557
Single parent	18 276	10 635	4 814	8 748	3 857	1 284
Low-earnings	5 518	3 422	1 987	3 324	2 507	2 080
Unemployment	4 104	3 187	1 810	3 738	6 657	1 297
Others	1 921	933	193	247	250	360
Total	38 264	25 522	15 925	29 213	34 836	147 269

(iv) 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	3 351	3 003	1 060	2 510	3 839	136 865
Permanent disability	1 443	1 263	3 103	4 851	7 242	1 787
Ill health	3 459	2 384	2 814	5 628	10 307	2 517
Single parent	17 973	9 687	4 635	8 376	3 632	1 235
Low-earnings	4 927	2 788	1 768	2 963	2 139	1 837
Unemployment	3 712	2 700	1 664	3 341	5 929	1 253
Others	1 856	837	197	241	259	313
Total	36 721	22 662	15 241	27 910	33 347	145 807

- (b) The number of CSSA recipients who have received CSSA for more than 5 years with a breakdown by age and case nature from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out below –

(i) 2012-13

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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
Total	30 846	28 061	13 246	28 371	32 570	131 112

(ii) 2013-14

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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
Total	29 196	24 983	12 510	25 869	31 328	129 266

(iii) 2014-15

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	2 606	2 980	887	2 126	3 435	120 325
Permanent disability	1 157	1 163	2 656	4 301	6 458	1 625
Ill health	2 545	2 258	2 110	4 540	8 717	2 202
Single parent	13 006	9 251	3 238	7 001	3 331	1 071
Low-earnings	4 242	3 104	1 572	2 766	2 265	1 873
Unemployment	2 956	2 865	1 317	3 019	5 543	1 144
Others	1 327	713	138	189	200	302
Total	27 839	22 334	11 918	23 942	29 949	128 542

(iv) 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	2 536	2 694	900	2 019	3 291	120 461
Permanent disability	1 107	1 084	2 592	4 224	6 534	1 643
Ill health	2 531	2 059	2 088	4 478	8 701	2 206
Single parent	12 646	8 467	3 176	6 554	3 151	1 036
Low-earnings	3 783	2 551	1 371	2 424	1 952	1 667
Unemployment	2 654	2 464	1 196	2 658	5 032	1 116
Others	1 242	641	123	171	204	261
Total	26 499	19 960	11 446	22 528	28 865	128 390

3. The numbers of reported, prosecuted and convicted cases of suspected fraud involving CSSA from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out below –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	2 310	2 171	1 946	1 464
Number of prosecuted cases	253	330	376	180
Number of convicted cases	250	316	366	177

SWD does not have breakdown on fraud cases by case nature.

4. SWD does not have the information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0405****(Question Serial No. 6024)**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 social security, please provide details of the number of cases of persons aged 65 or above receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) respectively together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years-

Category		Aged 65 to 69 (Cases)	Aged 70 to 74 (Cases)	Aged 75 or above (Cases)	Total amount involved (\$)
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				

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 202)Reply:

The number of SSA cases involving recipients aged 65 or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Type of allowance	2011-12		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 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 to 69	Aged 70 to 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 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	67 043	124 591
OALA	109 723	86 780	219 663
Guangdong (GD) Scheme	17 194 ^[Note]		
HDA	1 232	1 409	11 074
NDA	5 206	2 749	10 753

^[Note] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the beneficiaries of the GD Scheme for 2013-14 broken down by age group.

Type of allowance	2014-15		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	71 774	143 304
OALA	119 629	87 379	210 585
GD Scheme	2 787	4 472	9 886
HDA	1 385	1 358	11 226
NDA	5 979	2 695	10 673

Type of allowance	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Number of cases		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	Not applicable	74 156	148 209
OALA	126 576	89 134	213 534
GD Scheme	2 248	3 980	9 971
HDA	1 485	1 463	11 645
NDA	6 739	2 824	10 842

The expenditure incurred in SSA cases with recipients aged 65 or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Type of allowance	2011-12 (Actual) (\$ million) [Note 1]	2012-13 (Actual) (\$ million) [Note 1]	2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million) [Note 1]	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million) [Note 1]	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) [Note 2]
OAA	6,894	7,461	2,860	3,013	3,748
OALA [Note 3]	Not applicable	Not applicable	13,127 [Note 4]	12,292	14,087
GD Scheme [Note 3]	Not applicable	Not applicable	84	275	290
HDA	443	486	503	530	632
NDA	798	855	435	359	433

[Note 1] The actual expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances for the year.

[Note 3] OALA and the GD Scheme were launched in 2013-14.

[Note 4] The expenditure on OALA for 2013-14 also included the back payment to elderly recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013.

The number of CSSA (including PCSSA) recipients aged 65 or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by category is provided as follows –

Category	2011-12		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 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 to 69	Aged 70 to 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 to 69	Aged 70 to 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		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	21 474	20 483	53 823
100% disabled	5 938	4 296	25 656
Requiring constant attendance	1 168	1 408	13 860

Category	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Number of recipients		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled	21 578	19 385	52 699
100% disabled	6 394	4 267	25 248
Requiring constant attendance	1 256	1 474	14 153

The expenditure incurred in CSSA recipients aged 65 or above (CSSA cases are on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure is a rough estimation) from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	8,209
2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	8,691
2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	8,766
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	9,385
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2]	10,257

^[Note 1] The expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years.

^[Note 2] The revised expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates in that year.

SWD does not capture the expenditure for CSSA recipients aged 65 or above broken down by the above categories.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0406****(Question Serial No. 6026)**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 receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) ("over rent") and the percentage of such cases (e.g. CSSA "over rent" households in private housing/CSSA households in private housing x 100%) over the past 5 years, by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 445)Reply:

The numbers and percentages of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing and private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA by CSSA case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	1 733	2 032	1 702	3 229	3 281
Permanent disability	175	203	193	337	367
Ill health	416	508	450	633	651
Single parent	100	107	96	137	165
Low-earnings	66	73	64	67	74
Unemployment	409	470	372	548	496
Others	92	100	43	33	35
Total	2 991 (2.0%)	3 493 (2.4%)	2 920 (2.1%)	4 984 (3.6%)	5 069 (3.8%)

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	5 816	5 293	4 077	4 055	4 725
Permanent disability	926	913	836	882	965
Ill health	2 349	2 243	2 021	2 089	2 320
Single parent	3 919	3 436	3 342	3 730	4 673
Low-earnings	1 064	869	814	703	725
Unemployment	3 754	3 157	2 386	2 173	2 362
Others	1 323	1 285	773	501	476
Total	19 151 (51.4%)	17 196 (49.1%)	14 249 (44.9%)	14 133 (45.4%)	16 246 (53.3%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0407****(Question Serial No. 6027)**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 maximum rent allowance ("over rent") over the past 5 years, by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 448)Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) by CSSA case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Case nature	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	($\text{\\$}$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	1,700	1,800	1,971	2,137	2,153
Permanent disability	1,900	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,500
Ill health	1,900	2,026	2,400	2,500	2,500
Single parent	3,700	3,900	4,200	4,500	4,500
Low-earnings	4,500	4,900	5,300	5,500	5,500
Unemployment	1,900	2,000	2,300	2,472	2,500
Others	2,700	3,000	3,200	3,500	3,750

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0408

(Question Serial No. 6028)

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:

Using a 50% disabled child recipient of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) as an example, please explain how the standard rate of \$3,600 is calculated. Please set out in detail the amount and percentage of the basket of goods and services used to calculate the rate.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 455)

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). According to the abovementioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the movement of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

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 data collection of the survey for 2014-15 has been completed and the analysis of the data is underway for preparation of the survey report and update of the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0409

(Question Serial No. 6031)

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 age group (aged 0 to 18, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 or above), of users of various services for persons with disabilities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 546)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

Table 1: Age distribution of users of day training and vocational rehabilitation services and residential services for persons with disabilities in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

Type of service	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
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services								
DAC	49	1 126	1 358	1 108	936	367	41	3
SW	32	849	1 259	1 328	1 349	457	19	2
SE	7	478	668	542	377	61	1	-
IVRSC	37	971	1 093	1 111	1 038	354	20	-
OJT ^[Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunnyway ^[Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IVTC (Day) ^[Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential services								
HWH	13	202	368	458	344	61	3	-
LSCH	-	5	42	160	520	558	177	94
ITVC (Res) ^[Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HMMH	26	155	556	671	703	249	15	-
HSMH	19	398	1 004	935	838	319	36	3
HSPH	1	52	180	137	133	59	4	-
C&A/SD	15	260	165	151	208	146	31	4
C&A/AB	-	-	-	-	-	55	135	593
SHOS	1	76	141	189	151	34	-	-

^[Note] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics on the age distribution of the service users.

Legend

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

SHOS – supported hostel

**Table 2: Age distribution of users of pre-school services in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)**

Type of service	Number of service users		
	Aged 0-2	Aged 3-4	Aged 5-6
EETC	168	1 042	1 830
SCCC	78	795	879
IP	53	885	1 029

Legend

EETC – early education and training centre

SCCC – special child care centre

IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre

**Table 3: Age distribution of users of SGH(MMHC)/ISGH in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)**

Type of service	Number of service users			
	Aged 6-8	Aged 9-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16 or above
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	5	15	27	16

Legend

SGH(MMHC)/ISGH – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0410

(Question Serial No. 6041)

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 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 9)

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 –

Required information	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to December 2015)
Number of adoption cases ^[Note 1]	118	92	96	64	61
Average processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.5
Shortest processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Longest processing time (months) ^[Note 2]	7.5	6.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

^[Note 1] Adoption cases refer to the children available for adoption placed into suitable local adoptive homes.

^[Note 2] 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

LWB(WW)0411

(Question Serial No. 6042)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

There are currently a total of 13 professional staff and 6 supporting staff under the staffing establishment of the 2 Adoption Units of SWD. Given the generally stable number of adoption cases in recent years, the current staffing establishment is sufficient to cope with the number of existing cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0412

(Question Serial No. 6043)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No.13)

Reply:

SWD does not have the relevant statistical figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0413

(Question Serial No. 6046)

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 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 number of existing cases?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Revised Estimate for FCPSUs of SWD was \$212.7 million. The staff establishment of social workers of FCPSUs is as follows –

Rank of Social Workers	Establishment
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 2016-17. SWD will keep in view the workload and manpower of FCPSUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0414

(Question Serial No. 6054)

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. Given that the number of students with special educational needs is continually rising, the demand for community support services outside school is also rising –
2. Does the Government collect statistics on the resources specifically used for students with special educational needs among the existing services for young people?
3. How many teams providing youth services are providing support services for students with special educational needs at present?
4. 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. 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 statistics on the resources specifically allocated for students with special educational needs among the services for young people.
3. All youth services operated by NGOs are for all children and young persons in the community, including those with special educational needs.

4. 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-sectoral 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

LWB(WW)0415

(Question Serial No. 6062)

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 against 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Currently, there are 56 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 centres) and 28 NGOs providing services in relation to “training subsidy for children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services”. In addition, there are 16 NGOs running the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services funded by the Lotteries Fund.
2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of complaints against rehabilitation services for children with physical and intellectual disabilities purchased from NGOs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0416****(Question Serial No. 6369)**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 various 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 service places for the services in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 48)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 (KG-cum-CCC), by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex while the numbers of applicants waiting for the respective services are set out in Tables 4 to 6 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 KG-cum-CCC in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EETC	15.7	15.2	19.0	19.6	Not yet available [Note]
SCCC	16.8	16.9	18.5	17.3	Not yet available [Note]
IP in KG-cum-CCC	12.2	12.7	14.1	13.0	Not yet available [Note]

[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 1: Number of places for EETC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	341	401	401
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	262	262
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	201	216	216	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	274	274
Sha Tin	191	191	191	291	291
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	384	384
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	229
Total	2 613	2 613	2 628	2 991	3 070

Table 2: Number of places for SCCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	199	199	199	199	199
Eastern/Wan Chai	204	204	204	216	216
Kwun Tong	66	66	66	66	66
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	333	333	333	333	333
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	24	24	24	30	30
Sham Shui Po	205	205	205	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138	138	138	138
Tai Po/North	192	192	192	192	192
Yuen Long	108	108	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	168	168	168	168	168
Tuen Mun	120	120	120	120	120
Total	1 757	1 757	1 757	1 775	1 775

Table 3: Number of places for IP in KG-cum-CCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	132	132	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	174	174	174	174	186
Kwun Tong	204	204	204	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	234	234	234	234	240
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	192	192	192	192	210
Sham Shui Po	84	84	84	84	108
Sha Tin	156	156	156	156	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	192	192	192	192	198
Tuen Mun	138	138	138	138	156
Total	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 980

Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for EETC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	362	377	358	355	307
Eastern/Wan Chai	383	427	441	400	402
Kwun Tong	394	419	391	310	327
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	519	590	558	506	484
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	336	369	453	478	453
Sham Shui Po	164	188	216	250	226
Sha Tin	416	464	472	409	414
Tai Po/North	318	337	350	321	337
Yuen Long	156	183	143	193	219
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	338	390	427	459	460
Tuen Mun	81	134	136	172	194
Total	3 467	3 878	3 945	3 853	3 823

Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for SCCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	83	103	105	99	98
Eastern/Wan Chai	120	126	122	110	96
Kwun Tong	115	136	121	118	143
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	181	191	185	172	150
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	153	131	135	167	135
Sham Shui Po	78	91	89	85	101
Sha Tin	164	157	140	156	161
Tai Po/North	135	134	104	138	147
Yuen Long	102	124	106	131	130
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	125	134	160	172	167
Tuen Mun	63	77	68	89	91
Total	1 319	1 404	1 335	1 437	1 419

Table 6: Number of applicants waiting for IP in KG-cum-CCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	70	82	118	109	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	101	113	111	83	97
Kwun Tong	140	192	180	161	168
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	207	222	194	204	183
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	86	117	156	148	145
Sham Shui Po	97	88	89	87	71
Sha Tin	181	218	258	240	214
Tai Po/North	218	284	263	240	243
Yuen Long	148	156	125	190	199
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	184	196	183	135	128
Tuen Mun	104	111	107	167	114
Total	1 536	1 779	1 784	1 764	1 643

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0417

(Question Serial No. 6372)

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 diseases and their families?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

Persons with disabilities (including those with disabilities induced by rare diseases) and their family members can make use of day training, residential care and community support services provided by non-governmental organisations which are subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). In addition, medical social services and clinical psychological services also render 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, SWD has since 2001 provided financial support to self-help organisations for persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses, including those rare-disease induced disability groups. To enhance the support for these self-help organisations, SWD has allocated an additional full-year funding of \$5.28 million since 2014-15, increasing the total amount of funding to \$15 million. Currently, 79 self-help organisations (including those formed by patients of rare diseases) are receiving financial support from SWD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0418****(Question Serial No. 6373)**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 (LSCHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs).

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 63)Reply:

1. The average waiting time for LSCHs, HSPHs and C&A/ABs in 2014-15 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time ^[Note] 2014-15 (in months)
LSCH	31
HSPH	27.6
C&A/AB	9

^[Note] The figures for 2015-16 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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. The Social Welfare Department will keep in view the demand for C&A/AB services in its review of service planning.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0419

(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:

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 70 (2.3%) from 3 039 in 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) to 3 109 in 2016-17 (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 this to happen? Are there any strategies to lower the enrolment rate to a reasonable level of 100%?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The 70 additional places for day care (DC) service for the elderly will be provided for applicants who are residents of Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts in 2016-17. To render further support for elderly persons living in the community, the Government will provide an additional full-year provision of about \$17 million for about 160 additional places for DC service for the elderly from 2016-17 onwards. In addition, the Social Welfare Department has earmarked sites in new development projects or vacant buildings for the construction and conversion of residential care homes for the elderly and DEs/DCUs. It is expected that an additional 540 day care places will be provided. The Government is also actively implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses to increase the number of elderly service places through the redevelopment or expansion of existing service facilities.
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

LWB(WW)0420

(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:

In Programme (3) under Head 170, the cost per case served per month of integrated home care services (IHCS) will be increased by \$7 from \$1,817 in 2015-16 Revised Estimate to 1,824 in 2016-17 Estimate, representing a percentage increase of 0.3%, which 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 68)

Reply:

For subventions in the 2016-17 Estimate, the part on emoluments is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2015, while Other Charges (OC) have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. Since OC account for a relatively small proportion of the unit cost, the overall increase in the unit cost per month for IHCS places is not significant. If civil service pay is to be adjusted in 2016-17, the adjustment in costs will be reflected in the 2016-17 Revised Estimate. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations to meet operating expenses, subject to their being able to 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**LWB(WW)0421****(Question Serial No. 6376)**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 Programme (2), could 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 77)Reply:

The expenditure for NDA and HDA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	NDA	HDA
2011-12 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	2,222	628
2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	2,434	685
2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	2,095	717
2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	2,244	761
2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2]	2,652	909

^[Note 1] The actual expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years.

^[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0422

(Question Serial No. 6378)

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

1. the details of types of services to be provided, the geographical distribution and the years of completion; whether the services will meet the demographic needs in the districts;
2. the proportions of the services to be provided under subsidised or self-financing modes of operation.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

The Government has received some 60 preliminary proposals from a total of about 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. Based on the rough estimation of the applicant organisations, if all the preliminary proposals received under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, it is expected that about 17 000 additional service places would be provided for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including around 9 000 elderly service places and 8 000 rehabilitation service places. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of additional places by districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 project proposals under the Special Scheme, 5 are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals which are at different planning stages are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18 depending on their technical feasibilities.

In assessing project proposals lodged by applicant organisations, the Social Welfare Department 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 non-governmental organisations 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 New Services and Places by District**

District	No. of Applications	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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	250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	4	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a Continuum of Care
NH	Nursing Home
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C&A/SD	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
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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

LWB(WW)0423

(Question Serial No. 6379)

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. How many persons in Hong Kong who are at pre-school stage and primary school stage respectively are currently waiting for assessments on special educational needs to be conducted?
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 programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP in KG-cum-CCCs) 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 criteria, the number of places and the fees of such support services.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Pre-school children can receive assessments on special educational needs from professionals through different channels, such as the Department of Health (DH), the Hospital Authority (HA), the Education Bureau (EDB), the private sector or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The Government does not have the information on the number of pre-school children waiting for assessments on special educational needs in Hong Kong.

At the primary school level, 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 one suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will arrange prompt learning support for those students identified to have learning difficulties, with reference to the remedial teaching

packages developed by EDB. They will also collaborate with the parents on homework and assessment accommodation, and monitor the progress of the students to facilitate adjustment of the early intervention measures. 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 2014/15 school year, about 85% of the cases referred to EPs were assessed within two months and about 92% within four 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. SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services (including SCCCs, EETCs and IP in KG-cum-CCCs). SWD does not capture the statistics on the shortest, the longest and the median waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services. The average waiting time for various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2014-15 is set out below –

Type of service	2014-15 Average waiting time (in months)
EETC	19.6
SCCC	17.3
IP	13.0

3. The Government provides a training subsidy for eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services so that they can receive self-financing services operated by recognised service providers as soon as possible. There are 1 422 places provided by the programme. Applicants must be children under the age of 6 and on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services under CRS for Rehabilitation Services Subsystem for Disabled Pre-schoolers, 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. At present, each eligible child on the waiting list for subvented EETCs (or IP in KG-cum-CCCs) can receive a training subsidy up to a maximum of \$2,763 per month, while each eligible child on the waiting list for subvented special child care centres (SCCCs) (or residential SCCCs) can receive a training subsidy up to a maximum of \$3,867 per month. From 2016-17 onwards, the training subsidy for each eligible child on the waiting list for SCCCs will be increased to \$5,995 per month at the maximum.

In addition, the Government has launched a two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund, under which inter-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) are coordinated by 16 non-governmental organisations with experience in the implementation of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to provide 2 925 service places to children who are attending over 450 KGs and KG-cum-CCCs while on the waiting lists for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. The operating NGOs also have the flexibility to deploy a small number of the places (generally not more than 10% of all

of the service places) to serve children waiting for the assessment services of DH or HA. The Pilot Scheme is not fee-charging.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0424

(Question Serial No. 6389)

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 hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs)? 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 99)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the 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 range of people newly admitted into HSMHs. For the number of people newly admitted into HSMHs by Administrative District of SWD in the past 5 years, please refer to the Annex.

The net operational floor area for a 50-place HSMH is 691m² in accordance with the approved schedule of accommodation. The facilities of an HSMH comprise a physiotherapy room, a multi-purpose room, a common room, small group room, bedrooms, etc.

Construction costs normally cover expenses on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works, which hinge on factors such as site constraints, soil condition, architectural design, building methods and specifications, market conditions, market prices, etc. involving works projects. SWD does not have information on the standard construction costs of HSMHs.

**Number of people newly admitted into HSMHs
in various districts in Hong Kong from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

District	Number of people admitted					
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	8	4	9	114	80	215
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	2	10
Kwun Tong	2	2	6	8	1	19
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	9	7	3	6	9	34
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	57	5	0	2	0	64
Sham Shui Po	1	1	0	48	6	56
Sha Tin	7	2	6	8	8	31
Tai Po/North	0	1	0	1	1	3
Yuen Long	3	1	2	48	9	63
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	27	16	167	21	6	237
Tuen Mun	2	6	6	6	4	24
Total	118	47	201	264	126	756

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0425

(Question Serial No. 6390)

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 day activity centres (DACs)? What are the number of people newly served 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 100)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the 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 range 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 refer to the Annex.

The net operational floor area for a 50-place DAC is 319m² 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).

Construction costs normally cover expenses on site formation, foundation, structure below ground and superstructure as well as external works, which hinge on factors such as site constraints, soil condition, architectural design, building methods and specifications, market conditions, market prices, etc. involving works projects. SWD does not have information on the standard construction costs of DACs.

**Number of people newly served by DACs
in various districts in Hong Kong from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

District	New intake					
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end- December 2015)	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	16	8	11	124	90	249
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	5	12	14	31	75
Kwun Tong	27	8	14	11	15	75
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	19	9	16	17	29	90
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	15	10	17	16	15	73
Sham Shui Po	7	7	9	57	11	91
Sha Tin	10	9	15	16	13	63
Tai Po/North	8	3	9	5	20	45
Yuen Long	3	1	3	27	23	57
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	36	29	185	29	31	310
Tuen Mun	82	19	30	88	40	259
Total	236	108	321	404	318	1 387

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0426

(Question Serial No. 6391)

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 progress of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme)? What are the names and locations of participating organisations in each district? What are the types of services and the number of places in each location? What are the floor area and the estimated time of service commencement in each location?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 102)

Reply:

The Government has received a total of some 60 preliminary proposals from about 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of places by districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 applications under the Special Scheme, 5 projects are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals are at different planning stages. Most of them are subject to further review, and the organisations concerned are required to conduct technical feasibility studies and local consultation on the proposals in due course for further confirmation of the scope and type of the service and the number of service places as proposed. Subject to smooth implementation, the projects are expected to be completed and commence service in phases after 2017-18.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme
Distribution 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
Hong Kong												
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Eastern	4	150	-	140	-	110	156	-	280	170	120	180
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Wong Tai Sin	2	50	150	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	-	60	-	-	50	-	-	50	120	360
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Sha Tin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	4	120	-	80	-	84	100	-	120	84	60	60
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0427

(Question Serial No. 6401)

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 how child care workers have been breaching the rules, the types of breaches, penalties, as well as the number of child care workers who have been disqualified in the past 5 years

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

There have been no child care workers involved in rules being breached and registration being cancelled in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0428

(Question Serial No. 6403)

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 number of children receiving training subsidy while on the waiting list for pre-school rehabilitation services with a breakdown by type of special needs, district and level of subsidy received .

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 139)

Reply:

Under the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the training subsidy), a total of 2 245 children had received the subsidy from October 2014 to 31 December 2015. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture information on children receiving training subsidy by type of special needs. The number of service users with a breakdown by SWD Administrative District is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. Relevant information by level of subsidy received is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of children receiving services under the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services by SWD Administrative District

District	No. of children
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	121
Eastern/Wan Chai	141
Kwun Tong	290
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	259
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	220
Sham Shui Po	173
Sha Tin	233
Tai Po/North	273
Yuen Long	185
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	207
Tuen Mun	143
Total	2 245

Table 2: Number of children receiving services under the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services by level of subsidy received

Level of subsidy	No. of children
Higher level (Maximum subsidy amount: \$3,867)	561
Normal level (Maximum subsidy amount: \$2,763)	1 684
Total	2 245

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0429

(Question Serial No. 6404)

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 small group homes (SGHs) under Programme (4) originally proposed in the 2015 Policy Address and planned to be provided in 2015-16, is deferred again to 2016-17. What are the reasons for not being able to implement the proposal as planned?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 140)

Reply:

The planned additional small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children did not come into operation as scheduled in 2015-16 mainly because of the longer than expected time required for seeking approval for change of land use. The Government will continue to collaborate and liaise closely with the parties concerned and strive to expedite the process as far as practicable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0430

(Question Serial No. 6405)

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 Programme (7) by the Government that the implementation of the enhanced after-school care programme will be monitored. Please provide the number of service users under the after-school care programme with special educational needs in the past 5 years. What government policies regarding youth service and after-school care service are in place to support students with special educational needs?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 142)

Reply:

After-school care services are operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee-charging basis, as a supportive service for children aged between 6 and 12, mainly to assist parents who are unable to take care of their children after school as a result of being engaged in open employment, seeking open employment, being engaged in employment-related retraining/attachment programmes or other reasons. Children and young persons with after-school care needs in the community (including those with special educational needs) can utilise after-school care services provided by the NGOs. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on the number of students with special educational needs among the users of after-school care service.

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 action plans and service priorities 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

LWB(WW)0431

(Question Serial No. 6406)

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), does the Government collect statistics on the number of child victims of domestic violence who are students with special educational needs?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 143)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the number of child victims of domestic violence who have special educational needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0432

(Question Serial No. 6407)

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 number of Disability Allowance (DA) cases with a breakdown by type of disabilities certified under the Medical Assessment Form (MAF) and Checklist for DA in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 145)

Reply:

Regarding the breakdown of cases relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA, please refer to Table 1 to Table 5 at Annex. As for the 4 options about the applicants' capabilities as shown in Part (II) of MAF, the Social Welfare Department does not have the figures concerned because doctors are not required to indicate which options are applicable to the applicants in the existing MAF.

Table 1: The breakdown relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA

Item	End-December 2011		
	Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)	Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)	Total
	Number of cases	Number of cases	
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 515	3 864	5 379
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	45	231	276
Loss of functions of both feet	149	418	567
Total loss of sight	96	4 579	4 675
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	238	194	432
Paraplegia	324	409	733
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	480	681	1 161
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	15 266	107 199	122 465
Sub-total	18 113	117 575	135 688
Profoundly deaf ^[Note]	-	4 541	4 541
Total	18 113	122 116	140 229

^[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A profoundly deaf person who is certified by ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctors is deemed to be qualified for DA.

Table 2: The breakdown relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA

Item	End-December 2012		
	HDA	NDA	Total
	Number of cases	Number of cases	
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 497	3 933	5 430
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	40	250	290
Loss of functions of both feet	161	396	557
Total loss of sight	105	4 550	4 655
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	242	193	435
Paraplegia	322	412	734
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	488	681	1 169
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	16 137	112 796	128 933
Sub-total	18 992	123 211	142 203
Profoundly deaf ^[Note]	-	4 618	4 618
Total	18 992	127 829	146 821

^[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A profoundly deaf person who is certified by ENT doctors is deemed to be qualified for DA.

Table 3: The breakdown relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA

Item	End-December 2013		
	HDA	NDA	Total
	Number of cases	Number of cases	
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 461	2 553	4 014
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	40	194	234
Loss of functions of both feet	173	254	427
Total loss of sight	102	3 048	3 150
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	240	174	414
Paraplegia	324	322	646
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	463	427	890
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	16 386	93 032	109 418
Sub-total	19 189	100 004	119 193
Profoundly deaf ^[Note]	-	3 992	3 992
Total	19 189	103 996	123 185

^[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A profoundly deaf person who is certified by ENT doctors is deemed to be qualified for DA.

Table 4: The breakdown relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA

Item	End-December 2014		
	HDA	NDA	Total
	Number of cases	Number of cases	
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 418	2 594	4 012
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	35	192	227
Loss of functions of both feet	172	265	437
Total loss of sight	90	3 014	3 104
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	248	166	414
Paraplegia	327	334	661
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	493	445	938
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	16 854	97 259	114 113
Sub-total	19 637	104 269	123 906
Profoundly deaf ^[Note]	-	3 988	3 988
Total	19 637	108 257	127 894

^[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A profoundly deaf person who is certified by ENT doctors is deemed to be qualified for DA.

Table 5: The breakdown relating to Part (I) of MAF for DA

Item	End-December 2015		
	HDA	NDA	Total
	Number of cases	Number of cases	
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 527	2 711	4 238
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	38	207	245
Loss of functions of both feet	178	263	441
Total loss of sight	91	2 992	3 083
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	246	185	431
Paraplegia	330	320	650
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	555	471	1 026
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	17 621	102 616	120 237
Sub-total	20 586	109 765	130 351
Profoundly deaf ^[Note]	-	4 041	4 041
Total	20 586	113 806	134 392

^[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A profoundly deaf person who is certified by ENT doctors is deemed to be qualified for DA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0433

(Question Serial No. 6412)

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. For the various day respite services available to mentally handicapped persons, what is the number of users per quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) over the past 3 years?
2. What is the number of people who have been rejected service (the same person being rejected service in more than 1 district not counted as 1)?
3. What is the cost per service user of various services?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The counts of service utilisation of day respite service per quarter from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not received any report of cases in which service was rejected.
3. SWD does not have the information on the cost per service user for the service.

Table 1: Counts of service utilisation of day respite service per quarter in 2013-14

April to June 2013	July to September 2013	October to December 2013	January to March 2014	Total
67	74	62	73	276

Table 2: Counts of service utilisation of day respite service per quarter in 2014-15

April to June 2014	July to September 2014	October to December 2014	January to March 2015	Total
96	126	72	576 ^[Note]	870

^[Note] As the 112 additional day respite service places commenced service in January 2015, the counts of service utilisation of day respite service increased substantially from the fourth quarter of 2014-15 onwards.

**Table 3: Counts of service utilisation of day respite service per quarter in 2015-16
(up to end-December 2015)**

April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	Total
530	1 141	683	2 354

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0434

(Question Serial No. 6413)

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. For the various home-based support day services available to mentally handicapped persons, what were the number of users (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only) and the number of people whose service requests had been rejected in each quarter over the past 3 years?
2. What is the cost per service user of various services?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 160)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) may provide home-based support service for persons with severe disabilities (including mentally handicapped persons). As persons with disabilities can either approach service operators directly or apply for HCS through their social workers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture data on the types of disabilities of the service users. 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 the ineligible applicants can receive other community services. SWD does not capture information on the number of people whose service requests for HCS have been rejected by service operators.
2. SWD does not capture information on the cost per service user of various services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0435

(Question Serial No. 6414)

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), what are the names of the participating organisations and the locations of the sites under application by the 18 District Council districts? What are the types of services, numbers of places, floor areas and expected service commencement dates at various sites?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 161)

Reply:

The Government has received a total of some 60 preliminary proposals from about 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of places by District Council districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 project proposals under the Special Scheme, 5 are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals are at different planning stages, and the organisations concerned are required to conduct technical feasibility studies and local consultation on the proposals in due course for further confirmation of the scope and type of the service and the number of service places as proposed. Subject to smooth implementation, the projects are expected to be completed and commence service in phases after 2017-18.

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

District	No. of Applications	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a 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

LWB(WW)0436

(Question Serial No. 6429)

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 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 and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases 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 refused, broken down by case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.). Please also give the reasons for refusal.
5. Regarding the year of residence of CSSA recipients, please list for the past 5 years the number of recipients who have resided in HK for 7 years or less, broken down by year of residence, the CSSA expenditure involved and its percentage in the total number of CSSA cases.
6. Please provide the categories of CSSA cases with at least 1 recipient who has resided in HK for less than 7 years by year of residence in HK and the total numbers of cases and recipients for the past 5 years.
7. Please list the number of CSSA cases with household member(s) aged 18 or above having resided in HK for 7 years or less over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 184)

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 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases

Case nature	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	154 176	153 237	151 183	148 664	146 083
Permanent disability	18 376	18 351	18 362	18 221	17 914
Ill health	25 271	25 217	25 111	24 754	24 458
Single parent	32 579	30 513	29 852	29 284	28 403
Low-earnings	11 765	9 942	8 613	7 302	6 335
Unemployment	26 081	23 293	20 536	18 021	16 332
Others	7 135	7 070	5 765	4 853	4 570
Total	275 383	267 623	259 422	251 099	244 095

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients

Case nature	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	195 886	192 221	187 141	183 017	180 459
Permanent disability	25 853	25 335	24 973	24 622	24 045
Ill health	41 944	40 319	39 756	38 641	37 922
Single parent	79 462	73 154	71 062	70 009	67 937
Low-earnings	39 059	32 264	27 808	23 849	20 637
Unemployment	46 132	40 214	34 084	30 327	27 283
Others	10 880	10 641	8 529	6 995	6 563
Total	439 216	414 148	393 353	377 460	364 846

Table 3: Median age of CSSA recipients

Case nature	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	69	70	70	71	71
Permanent disability	45	46	46	46	46
Ill health	44	45	45	45	45
Single parent	37	38	38	38	38
Low-earnings	43	44	44	44	44
Unemployment	44	44	44	44	44
Others	21	21	21	21	21
Total	46	46	47	47	47

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the 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 “one-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 seven-year residence requirement from 2011-12 to 2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013) with a breakdown by case nature was as follows –

Case nature [Note]	Year		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Old age	320	287	194
Low-earnings	417	303	185
Single parent	786	667	447
Unemployment	155	106	62
Ill health	382	329	235
Others	31	39	36
Total	2 091	1 741	1 159

[Note] There were no exempted cases under the case nature of permanent disability in the above 5 years.

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the then seven-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 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 seven-year residence requirement from 2011-12 to 2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013), with a breakdown by case nature and by reasons for rejection, is provided as follows –

(a) By case nature

Case nature [Note]	Year		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Old age	1	-	1
Low-earnings	-	-	-
Single parent	3	1	1
Unemployment	3	-	-
Ill health	3	1	2
Others	3	-	1
Total	13	2	5

[Note] There were no rejected cases under the case nature of permanent disability in the above 5 years.

(b) By reasons for rejection

Reason	Year		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013)
Suffering no substantial changes in circumstances (e.g. means of livelihood after arrival)	7	1	5
Total resources exceeding recognised needs under CSSA	5	1	-
Receiving other forms of assistance	1	-	-
Total	13	2	5

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 2011-12 to 2015-16, with a breakdown by year of residence in HK, are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients and their percentage to the total number of CSSA recipients

Year of residence in HK	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)
Less than 1 year	788	629	572	486	468
1 to less than 2 years	1 604	1 421	1 490	1 768	1 598
2 to less than 3 years	2 590	1 881	2 336	2 540	2 462
3 to less than 4 years	2 496	2 738	2 590	3 204	3 210
4 to less than 5 years	2 706	2 475	3 482	3 346	3 262
5 to less than 6 years	3 035	2 599	2 955	4 186	3 647
6 to less than 7 years	3 735	2 836	2 921	3 396	4 068
Total (Percentage to all CSSA recipients)	16 954 (3.9%)	14 579 (3.5%)	16 346 (4.2%)	18 926 (5.0%)	18 715 (5.1%)

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 is a rough estimation) is provided as follows –

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14	582
2014-15	823
2015-16 (up to 31 December 2015)	707

[Note] The expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates for the year.

Table 3: Number of CSSA cases involved

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2011-12	12 007
2012-13	10 461
2013-14	11 601
2014-15	13 402
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	13 446

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

7. The number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) aged 18 or above having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015) is provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2011-12	6 664
2012-13	5 804
2013-14	8 463
2014-15	11 432
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	11 683

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0437

(Question Serial No. 6430)

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 approved 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, the number of CSSA recipients whose applications have been approved 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 approved by SWD since the residence requirement was restored from 7 years to 1 year.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 1 year but whose applications have been 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 185)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. 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 “one-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.

SWD does not have the cumulative number of approved CSSA cases since the date of the CFA judgment, and the information mentioned in the relevant parts of the question is not available.

4. From the date of the CFA judgment to 31 December 2015, SWD had exempted 479 CSSA applications failing to meet the one-year residence requirement on a discretionary basis. SWD does not have the number of applicants exempted from the one-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 one-year 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 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

LWB(WW)0438

(Question Serial No. 6431)

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) –
 - (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, 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, 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), 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 187)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.(a) The breakdown of CSSA new applications and closed cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA new applications (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once) by CSSA case nature

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	14 146	14 125	13 178	13 451	9 852
Permanent disability	1 566	1 574	1 601	1 655	1 174
Ill health	6 563	6 476	6 423	6 501	4 791
Single parent	3 314	3 435	3 657	4 345	3 209
Low-earnings	2 186	1 985	1 742	1 641	1 150
Unemployment	8 619	7 790	6 996	6 726	4 752
Others	5 432	5 593	5 917	5 304	3 904
Total	41 826	40 978	39 514	39 623	28 832

Table 2: The number of closed cases by CSSA case nature

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	14 019	14 455	15 049	15 484	12 082
Permanent disability	1 238	1 262	1 199	1 212	992
Ill health	2 538	2 423	2 397	2 458	1 950
Single parent	3 773	4 095	3 806	3 666	2 605
Low-earnings	3 127	2 627	2 296	2 083	1 302
Unemployment	6 086	5 244	4 669	4 321	2 960
Others	1 442	1 508	1 490	1 260	873
Total	32 223	31 614	30 906	30 484	22 764

Table 3: The number of closed cases by CSSA case nature and reason for closure

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA closed cases in 2011-12)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA closed cases in 2012-13)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	14 455
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	1 262
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	2 423
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	4 095
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	2 627
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	5 244
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	1 508
Total	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA closed cases in 2013-14)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	23	10 823	205	178	3 639	181	15 049
Permanent disability	4	235	94	61	722	83	1 199
Ill health	8	429	65	255	1 496	144	2 397
Single parent	3	9	94	314	3 330	56	3 806
Low-earnings	-	5	59	112	2 082	38	2 296
Unemployment	3	121	183	1 014	3 111	237	4 669
Others	-	11	28	360	979	112	1 490
Total	41	11 633	728	2 294	15 359	851	30 906

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA closed cases in 2014-15)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	62	11 526	211	192	3 301	192	15 484
Permanent disability	1	215	83	65	791	57	1 212
Ill health	7	477	87	247	1 507	133	2 458
Single parent	7	15	103	303	3 180	58	3 666
Low-earnings	2	7	74	114	1 852	34	2 083
Unemployment	5	113	135	1 131	2 734	203	4 321
Others	2	16	26	364	735	117	1 260
Total	86	12 369	719	2 416	14 100	794	30 484

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA closed cases in 2015-16 (up to end-December 2015))						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	43	8 836	183	159	2 696	165	12 082
Permanent disability	2	181	72	47	623	67	992
Ill health	6	375	81	212	1 169	107	1 950
Single parent	3	8	65	218	2 275	36	2 605
Low-earnings	-	4	33	78	1 173	14	1 302
Unemployment	6	70	71	830	1 865	118	2 960
Others	3	8	22	215	549	76	873
Total	63	9 482	527	1 759	10 350	583	22 764

(b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of CSSA recipients of new applications by age, or the number of recipients of CSSA closed cases by age and duration of receiving CSSA.

(d) The number of CSSA re-applications from 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA re-applications
2011-12	17 121
2012-13	16 652
2013-14	16 367
2014-15	16 277
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	12 121

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)0439

(Question Serial No. 6432)

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) –
 - (a) The 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 recipients who have left the CSSA net 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, with a breakdown by district of residence in each of the past 5 years;
2. Please provide the number of school children on CSSA with a breakdown by type across all districts in Hong Kong over the past 5 years, and the average amount of CSSA payments provided to students each year.
3. 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 to 6, 7 to 14, 15 to 24, 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.
4. 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 188)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.(a) The number of CSSA closed cases (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once) and the reasons for closure broken down by CSSA case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA closed cases

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	14 019	14 455	15 049	15 484	12 082
Permanent disability	1 238	1 262	1 199	1 212	992
Ill health	2 538	2 423	2 397	2 458	1 950
Single parent	3 773	4 095	3 806	3 666	2 605
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Table 2: The reasons for closure

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	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
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Single parent	7	15	103	303	3 180	58	3 666
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Total	63	9 482	527	1 759	10 350	583	22 764

(b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information about the number of CSSA recipients of closed cases broken down by age or district.

2. The number of school children on CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by district and educational attainment is provided as follows –

District	2011-12 (as at end-December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	73	239	287	12	611
Eastern	488	1 464	2 123	78	4 153
Islands	323	1 220	1 738	45	3 326
Kowloon City	574	1 328	1 574	50	3 526
Kwai Tsing	1 157	3 767	5 636	161	10 721
Kwun Tong	1 535	4 995	7 584	276	14 390
North	733	2 188	3 063	52	6 036
Sai Kung	302	1 282	2 653	86	4 323
Sha Tin	747	2 447	3 918	113	7 225
Sham Shui Po	1 059	2 799	3 841	107	7 806
Southern	227	661	1 041	43	1 972
Tai Po	357	1 065	1 656	43	3 121
Tsuen Wan	354	1 081	1 435	33	2 903
Tuen Mun	844	2 425	3 479	86	6 834
Wan Chai	60	137	130	2	329
Wong Tai Sin	807	2 461	4 450	129	7 847
Yau Tsim Mong	469	1 099	1 141	22	2 731
Yuen Long	1 579	4 923	7 685	199	14 386
Total	11 688	35 581	53 434	1 537	102 240

District	2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	82	192	258	32	564
Eastern	451	1 328	1 767	192	3 738
Islands	287	1 103	1 579	135	3 104
Kowloon City	540	1 266	1 388	182	3 376
Kwai Tsing	980	3 400	4 608	834	9 822
Kwun Tong	1 404	4 849	6 443	749	13 445
North	672	2 068	2 571	275	5 586
Sai Kung	277	1 090	2 033	268	3 668
Sha Tin	632	2 297	3 125	422	6 476
Sham Shui Po	982	2 791	3 404	367	7 544
Southern	195	606	895	134	1 830
Tai Po	327	995	1 292	160	2 774
Tsuen Wan	324	994	1 193	188	2 699
Tuen Mun	748	2 217	2 869	433	6 267
Wan Chai	46	123	106	16	291
Wong Tai Sin	728	2 334	3 575	489	7 126
Yau Tsim Mong	455	1 063	949	154	2 621
Yuen Long	1 465	4 394	6 272	881	13 012
Total	10 595	33 110	44 327	5 911	93 943

District	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	75	210	219	24	528
Eastern	405	1 222	1 569	208	3 404
Islands	275	953	1 404	163	2 795
Kowloon City	559	1 418	1 393	169	3 539
Kwai Tsing	876	3 024	3 935	823	8 658
Kwun Tong	1 236	4 418	5 743	743	12 140
North	576	1 910	2 252	287	5 025
Sai Kung	259	934	1 680	250	3 123
Sha Tin	594	2 136	2 687	475	5 892
Sham Shui Po	962	2 694	3 088	456	7 200
Southern	181	589	793	160	1 723
Tai Po	317	928	1 143	134	2 522
Tsuen Wan	313	880	1 042	160	2 395
Tuen Mun	690	2 008	2 510	428	5 636
Wan Chai	57	114	93	23	287
Wong Tai Sin	632	2 157	3 120	459	6 368
Yau Tsim Mong	423	925	870	144	2 362
Yuen Long	1 284	3 944	5 411	803	11 442
Total	9 714	30 464	38 952	5 909	85 039

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	93	192	233	25	543
Eastern	360	1 190	1 409	188	3 147
Islands	261	853	1 246	157	2 517
Kowloon City	657	1 679	1 457	180	3 973
Kwai Tsing	887	2 885	3 607	535	7 914
Kwun Tong	1 193	4 065	5 168	585	11 011
North	558	1 766	1 994	234	4 552
Sai Kung	255	879	1 447	218	2 799
Sha Tin	550	2 001	2 413	317	5 281
Sham Shui Po	967	2 582	2 822	349	6 720
Southern	158	573	700	144	1 575
Tai Po	301	896	1 021	140	2 358
Tsuen Wan	299	804	954	126	2 183
Tuen Mun	638	1 915	2 257	304	5 114
Wan Chai	64	109	76	15	264
Wong Tai Sin	595	2 074	2 715	388	5 772
Yau Tsim Mong	432	889	758	154	2 233
Yuen Long	1 154	3 659	4 896	641	10 350
Total	9 422	29 011	35 173	4 700	78 306

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015 (preliminary figures))				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	88	178	193	36	495
Eastern	355	1 035	1 258	294	2 942
Islands	224	732	1 102	240	2 298
Kowloon City	616	1 571	1 333	341	3 861
Kwai Tsing	866	2 517	3 098	849	7 330
Kwun Tong	1 058	3 477	4 408	1 195	10 138
North	514	1 537	1 673	498	4 222
Sai Kung	240	709	1 186	305	2 440
Sha Tin	532	1 808	2 161	570	5 071
Sham Shui Po	898	2 324	2 433	741	6 396
Southern	146	489	644	173	1 452
Tai Po	280	712	829	321	2 142
Tsuen Wan	303	742	802	250	2 097
Tuen Mun	553	1 515	1 769	792	4 629
Wan Chai	57	100	78	25	260
Wong Tai Sin	585	1 859	2 279	677	5 400
Yau Tsim Mong	463	816	706	326	2 311
Yuen Long	1 094	3 278	4 149	1 188	9 709
Total	8 872	25 399	30 101	8 821	73 193

SWD does not have information on the average amount of CSSA payments provided to school children each year.

3. The number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses by age group of CSSA recipients from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 or below	283	292,043
7 to 14	319	274,501
15 to 24	65	64,698
25 or above	-	-
Total	667	631,242

Age group	2012-13	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 or below	267	323,401
7 to 14	230	193,240
15 to 24	37	28,583
25 or above	-	-
Total	534	545,224

Age group	2013-14	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 or below	243	294,563
7 to 14	249	201,751
15 to 24	14	14,034
25 or above	-	-
Total	506	510,348

Age group	2014-15	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 or below	184	227,564
7 to 14	144	144,161
15 to 24	14	11,218
25 or above	-	-
Total	342	382,942

Age group	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved (\$)
6 or below	83	101,591
7 to 14	48	40,439
15 to 24	8	8,911
25 or above	-	-
Total	139	150,940

A CSSA recipient may be provided with more than 1 additional grant for school-related expenses within 1 year. SWD does not have the other information mentioned in part (3) of the question.

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

4.(a) The number of approved claims for additional grant for school-related expenses from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of approved claims
2011-12	667
2012-13	534
2013-14	506
2014-15	342
2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	139

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for additional grant within 1 year. SWD does not have the number of claims being rejected.

(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

LWB(WW)0440

(Question Serial No. 6433)

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 for the past 5 years –
 - (a) With regard to the application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved 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 following information for the past 5 years –
 - (a) With regard to the application for grant to cover costs of glasses by CSSA recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved by age group.
3. Please provide the following information for the past 5 years –
 - (a) With regard to the application for grant to cover monthly telephone charges by CSSA recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved by age group.
4. Please provide the following information for the past 5 years –
 - (a) With regard to the application for grant for rent deposit by CSSA recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; and iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved by age group.
5. Please provide the following information for the past 5 years –
 - (a) With regard to the application for domestic removal grant by CSSA recipients, i) the numbers of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; iii) the removal situation (i.e. the type of residential housing upon removal) and iv) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved by age group.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 189)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1.(a) The number of approved claims and the related amounts of dental grant by age group of the recipients from 2011-12 to 2015-16 were as follows –

- (i) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 18 or below

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Number of approved claims	22	42	30	47	24
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	1,762	1,627	1,763	2,207	2,508
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	Less than 0.05	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

- (ii) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 19 to 59

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Number of approved claims	3 340	3 594	3 795	3 604	2 943
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,209	4,267	4,196	4,785	4,973
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	14.1	15.3	15.9	17.2	14.6

- (iii) Number of approved claims by recipients aged 60 or above

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Number of approved claims	7 643	8 155	8 461	7 969	6 615
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,991	5,073	5,119	5,737	6,235
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	38.1	41.4	43.3	45.7	41.2

- (iv) Total number of approved claims (the total number of approved claims by recipients of all age groups)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Number of approved claims	11 005	11 791	12 286	11 620	9 582
Average amount of dental grant approved each time (\$)	4,747	4,815	4,826	5,427	5,838
Total amount of dental grant approved (\$ million)	52.2	56.8	59.3	63.1	55.9

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for dental grant within a year. SWD does not have information 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 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of designated dental clinics (including 2 mobile clinics)	51	53	59	62	63

- 1.(b)(ii) The number of dental clinics (excluding the 2 mobile clinics) designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients by district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 was as follows –

District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
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	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2	2	2
Kwai Chung	1	2	3	3	3
Kwai Tsing	1	1	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	6	6	6	6	6
Lam Tin	1	1	1	1	1

District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1	1	1
Mongkok	1	1	3	3	2
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2	2	3
North Point	1	1	1	1	3
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	1	1	2	2
Shau Kei Wan	-	1	2	2	1
Sheung Wan	-	-	1	1	1
Tai Po	3	3	3	4	4
Tin Shui Wai	1	2	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	2	2	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	2	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	3	3	3	3	3
Yuen Long	1	1	2	2	2
Ma On Shan	-	-	-	1	1

2. to 5. SWD does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0441

(Question Serial No. 6434)

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. 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, educational attainment, past occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past 5 years;
 - (b) the number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, earnings from employment, and district of residence over the past 5 years; and
 - (c) the changes (such as upward or downward trends) in the number of CSSA cases with unemployed and low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by number, gender, age distribution and educational attainment of the recipients 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.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 191)

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, occupation, earnings from employment and district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Male	16 142	14 416	11 622	9 505	8 542
Female	11 340	10 585	9 384	8 111	7 765
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	1 054	977	794	596	592
20 to 29	1 827	1 585	1 306	1 104	1 064
30 to 39	3 146	2 749	2 233	1 776	1 603
40 to 49	8 166	7 367	6 019	5 184	4 846
50 to 59	13 289	12 323	10 654	8 956	8 202
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Table 3: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year or less	3 320	3 013	2 585	2 318	2 019
More than 1 year to 2 years	2 612	2 008	1 568	1 420	1 467
More than 2 years to 3 years	2 670	1 978	1 399	1 105	1 029
More than 3 years to 4 years	2 197	2 138	1 439	1 045	933
More than 4 years to 5 years	1 478	1 772	1 531	1 092	876
More than 5 years	15 205	14 092	12 484	10 636	9 983
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Unemployed recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). 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

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Primary or below	15 020	13 232	10 938	8 689	7 714
Secondary	12 179	11 471	9 780	8 651	8 283
Post secondary or above	283	298	288	276	310
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Table 5: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Cleaner	308	281	285	216	232
Clerk	31	24	27	14	15
Construction worker/labourer/ decoration worker	65	65	47	37	32
Delivery worker	226	220	188	204	150
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	189	225	176	141	138
Driver	83	67	38	52	47
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	700	605	602	540	463
Salesperson	121	107	116	96	78
Waiter/waitress	129	133	111	96	95
Watchman/guard	30	31	32	21	25
Others	599	562	551	498	484
Jobless	25 001	22 681	18 833	15 701	14 548
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Table 6: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by earnings from employment

Earnings from employment per month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
\$0	25 001	22 681	18 833	15 701	14 548
\$1 to less than \$1,000	1 002	827	728	649	506
\$1,000 to less than \$2,010	1 479	1 493	1 445	1 266	1 253
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

Table 7: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients by district

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	233	199	178	153	148
Eastern	1 060	946	846	749	677
Islands	606	577	517	436	438
Kowloon City	1 101	1 006	967	837	826
Kwai Tsing	2 452	2 267	1 764	1 445	1 342
Kwun Tong	3 453	3 333	2 892	2 457	2 246
North	1 421	1 190	1 032	812	729
Sai Kung	872	779	677	619	540
Sha Tin	1 690	1 518	1 209	862	781

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Sham Shui Po	3 065	2 897	2 430	2 056	1 866
Southern	432	441	382	325	327
Tai Po	701	622	491	422	384
Tsuen Wan	552	460	439	397	375
Tuen Mun	1 947	1 649	1 312	1 090	1 010
Wan Chai	195	172	140	138	126
Wong Tai Sin	2 091	1 924	1 592	1 343	1 300
Yau Tsim Mong	1 876	1 694	1 342	1 173	1 063
Yuen Long	3 735	3 327	2 796	2 302	2 129
Total	27 482	25 001	21 006	17 616	16 307

- (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 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Male	8 406	6 885	6 270	5 756	5 049
Female	8 708	7 237	6 175	5 373	4 508
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by age

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	701	516	477	415	331
20 to 29	2 473	2 012	1 719	1 477	1 285
30 to 39	2 823	2 356	2 031	1 833	1 575
40 to 49	6 981	5 669	4 938	4 359	3 729
50 to 59	4 136	3 569	3 280	3 045	2 637
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

Table 3: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year or less	1 033	806	664	668	493
More than 1 year to 2 years	1 176	877	772	707	711
More than 2 years to 3 years	1 325	874	727	662	543
More than 3 years to 4 years	1 196	1 082	760	635	567
More than 4 years to 5 years	921	971	926	666	566
More than 5 years	11 463	9 512	8 596	7 791	6 677
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

Low-earnings recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). 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

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Primary or below	8 630	6 899	5 836	5 016	4 136
Secondary	8 237	7 008	6 393	5 898	5 215
Post secondary or above	247	215	216	215	206
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

Table 5: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Cleaner	2 273	1 803	1 421	1 247	1 024
Clerk	718	574	464	409	354
Construction worker/labourer/ decoration worker	639	524	405	374	309
Delivery worker	905	745	695	619	573
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	424	363	331	305	232
Driver	766	668	609	516	464
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 951	3 224	2 945	2 695	2 311
Salesperson	1 257	1 005	904	794	671
Waiter/waitress	1 084	922	839	780	687
Watchman/guard	1 215	978	773	632	502
Others	3 882	3 316	3 059	2 758	2 430
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

Table 6: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by earnings from employment

Earnings from employment per month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$4,000	5 584	4 321	3 660	3 252	2 226
\$4,000 to less than \$6,000	4 744	4 087	3 842	3 661	3 603
\$6,000 to less than \$8,000	4 282	3 272	2 585	1 961	1 663
\$8,000 or above	2 504	2 442	2 358	2 255	2 065
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

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. \$2,010 as at end-December 2015) and with not less than 120 working hours per month.

Table 7: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients by district

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	112	108	100	86	82
Eastern	690	569	507	422	366
Islands	528	459	374	346	280
Kowloon City	577	488	536	519	459
Kwai Tsing	2 072	1 728	1 542	1 426	1 233
Kwun Tong	2 601	2 186	1 927	1 692	1 461
North	865	698	589	522	468
Sai Kung	823	594	497	435	363
Sha Tin	1 095	916	790	710	635
Sham Shui Po	1 281	1 138	1 036	984	844
Southern	331	282	271	225	195
Tai Po	522	394	332	259	218
Tsuen Wan	540	421	339	317	270
Tuen Mun	978	834	783	665	556
Wan Chai	45	29	28	29	24
Wong Tai Sin	1 516	1 192	985	863	698
Yau Tsim Mong	372	303	302	311	283
Yuen Long	2 166	1 783	1 507	1 318	1 122
Total	17 114	14 122	12 445	11 129	9 557

- (c) The number of CSSA unemployment and low-earnings cases by number of eligible members from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	12 061	11 190	9 661	8 406	7 763
2	2 760	2 381	1 934	1 662	1 532
3	3 136	2 676	2 123	1 803	1 603
4	2 664	2 245	1 876	1 696	1 429
5	1 106	918	801	774	722
6 or above	462	415	414	389	357

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	293	299	282	262	255
2	1 261	1 141	954	831	701
3	3 024	2 644	2 083	1 659	1 438
4	3 442	2 673	2 319	1 896	1 638
5	1 665	1 322	1 160	1 029	892
6 or above	796	695	665	653	562

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases with unemployed and low-earnings recipients by gender, age distribution and educational attainment.

2. The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Case nature	Number of recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement per month				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	2 764	2 712	2 620	2 545	2 535
Permanent disability	3 232	3 221	3 181	3 110	3 077
Ill health	2 695	2 602	2 663	2 530	2 494
Single parent	7 668	6 635	6 144	5 605	4 881
Low-earnings	10 888	9 023	7 714	6 546	5 642
Unemployment	5 160	4 386	4 328	4 322	3 801
Others	253	235	206	196	152
Total	32 660	28 814	26 856	24 854	22 582

The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Case nature	Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	1,566	1,520	1,481	1,427	1,396
Permanent disability	761	769	765	754	762
Ill health	1,257	1,238	1,245	1,233	1,189
Single parent	1,861	1,878	1,880	1,886	1,901
Low-earnings	2,317	2,325	2,341	2,350	2,375
Unemployment	1,597	1,595	1,628	1,670	1,728
Others	1,510	1,483	1,585	1,605	1,473
Total	1,785	1,756	1,736	1,713	1,697

The median earnings from employment of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Case nature	Median earnings from employment per month				
	(\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	2,500	2,300	2,077	1,920	1,800
Permanent disability	455	472	471	466	477
Ill health	1,413	1,300	1,340	1,318	1,192
Single parent	3,360	3,360	3,500	3,500	3,500
Low-earnings	5,400	5,350	5,431	5,460	5,500
Unemployment	2,200	2,175	2,300	2,500	2,600
Others	2,178	2,019	2,361	2,550	2,000
Total	3,500	3,400	3,420	3,228	3,144

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0442****(Question Serial No. 6435)**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 Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the average monthly disregarded earnings (DE) over the past 5 years.
2. Please advise how effective have been the various employment support services under the CSSA Scheme, including the IEAPS etc., over the past 5 years, in helping CSSA recipients to leave the CSSA net.
3. Please provide the numbers of CSSA cases over the past 5 years in which the recipients have attained post-secondary education level or above, with a breakdown by age group, size of household and case nature.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 192)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14	1,736
2014-15	1,713
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1,697

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

2. In January 2013, SWD integrated various employment assistance programmes for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients into the IEAPS. From January 2013 to end-December 2015, the IEAPS had a total of 63 881 participants, among whom 13 225 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS, and 2 516 had left the CSSA net. SWD does not have the numbers of IEAPS participants, the participants who had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling and those who had left the CSSA net broken down by financial year.
3. (a) The number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 broken down by age and by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above by age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	3	8	4	5	3
20 to 29	63	65	72	75	100
30 to 39	27	31	31	32	39
40 to 49	92	79	72	68	79
50 to 59	98	115	109	96	89
Total	283	298	288	276	310

Table 2: Number of CSSA unemployed recipients with post-secondary education or above by the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	130	143	127	118	127
2	44	50	47	48	63
3	54	52	57	51	65
4	41	37	37	38	38
5	11	11	12	12	11
6 or above	3	5	8	9	6
Total	283	298	288	276	310

- (b) The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 broken down by age and by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above by age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	8	4	2	2	2
20 to 29	157	138	139	133	131
30 to 39	25	20	23	20	15
40 to 49	34	28	26	31	24
50 to 59	23	25	26	29	34
Total	247	215	216	215	206

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with post-secondary education or above by the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	10	9	11	8	11
2	21	21	18	19	21
3	98	95	93	104	86
4	76	61	59	50	55
5	32	21	20	23	21
6 or above	10	8	15	11	12
Total	247	215	216	215	206

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0443

(Question Serial No. 6436)

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. Regarding the work to consider integrating various employment assistance programmes under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (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?
2. Please provide the following information on CSSA –
 - (a) the number of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1 to 2 years, 3 to 5 years and over 6 years respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 14 or below, aged 15 to 59, aged 60 or above);
 - (b) the number of CSSA recipients in the age group of 15 to 59 who were not required to join the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme 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 to 2 years, 3 to 5 years and over 6 years respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 15 to 24, aged 25 to 39, aged 40 to 49, aged 50 to 59) and educational attainment.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 193)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) & (b) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) integrated various employment assistance programmes for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), and commissioned non-governmental organisations to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with a range of one-stop

integrated employment assistance services on a family basis, including personal interviews, formulation of personal action plans for securing employment, provision of information on the labour market, job matching, job-related training, arrangement for acquiring work experience, post-employment support, temporary financial aid, etc., so as to enhance their employability and assist and encourage them to secure employment and become self-reliant. The estimated expenditure for the IEAPS for 2016-17 is about \$112 million.

2. (a) Under the CSSA Scheme, employable adults refer to CSSA recipients who are aged 15 to 59 and considered available for work. Those aged 14 or below and 60 or above are not considered as employable adults. The number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA	Year				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year and less	4 353	3 819	3 249	2 986	2 512
More than 1 year to 3 years	7 783	5 737	4 466	3 894	3 750
More than 3 years to 5 years	5 792	5 963	4 656	3 438	2 942
More than 5 years	26 668	23 604	21 080	18 427	16 660
Total	44 596	39 123	33 451	28 745	25 864

Employable adults might have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as ill health or single parent) 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 SFS Scheme.
- (c) The number of employable adults by age, educational attainment and duration of receiving CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out in the tables below –
- (i) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for 1 year and less

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				Total
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	
2011-12	No schooling/ Kindergarten	2	37	49	110	198
	Primary	27	305	523	783	1 638
	Lower Secondary	116	538	433	341	1 428
	Upper Secondary	104	383	320	199	1 006
	Post-secondary	28	18	19	18	83
	Total	277	1 281	1 344	1 451	4 353
2012-13	No schooling/ Kindergarten	1	23	52	88	164
	Primary	28	245	410	704	1 387
	Lower Secondary	76	439	418	308	1 241
	Upper Secondary	101	344	281	207	933
	Post-secondary	31	16	17	30	94
	Total	237	1 067	1 178	1 337	3 819

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
2013-14	No schooling/ Kindergarten	5	19	52	74	150
	Primary	18	208	346	582	1 154
	Lower Secondary	72	376	331	271	1 050
	Upper Secondary	83	292	241	190	806
	Post-secondary	22	26	19	22	89
	Total	200	921	989	1 139	3 249
2014-15	No schooling/ Kindergarten	1	14	51	70	136
	Primary	14	151	345	503	1 013
	Lower Secondary	61	313	332	245	951
	Upper Secondary	103	223	266	207	799
	Post-secondary	19	26	19	23	87
	Total	198	727	1 013	1 048	2 986
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	1	10	32	35	78
	Primary	19	124	246	463	852
	Lower Secondary	53	267	265	266	851
	Upper Secondary	71	194	201	180	646
	Post-secondary	18	23	23	21	85
	Total	162	618	767	965	2 512

- (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 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
2011-12	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	52	115	197	368
	Primary	33	550	1 026	1 627	3 236
	Lower Secondary	150	779	811	628	2 368
	Upper Secondary	206	556	523	408	1 693
	Post-secondary	14	31	35	38	118
	Total	407	1 968	2 510	2 898	7 783
2012-13	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	38	74	152	268
	Primary	30	390	746	1 211	2 377
	Lower Secondary	113	525	583	513	1 734
	Upper Secondary	139	408	410	322	1 279
	Post-secondary	7	23	20	29	79
	Total	293	1 384	1 833	2 227	5 737
2013-14	No schooling/ Kindergarten	3	18	73	107	201
	Primary	17	271	597	921	1 806
	Lower Secondary	83	383	478	400	1 344
	Upper Secondary	112	299	352	273	1 036
	Post-secondary	11	22	17	29	79
	Total	226	993	1 517	1 730	4 466
2014-15	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	16	70	87	177
	Primary	18	215	516	712	1 461
	Lower Secondary	62	384	445	372	1 263
	Upper Secondary	94	274	306	240	914
	Post-secondary	11	21	18	29	79
	Total	189	910	1 355	1 440	3 894
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	3	22	73	84	182
	Primary	14	200	514	655	1 383
	Lower Secondary	54	347	450	361	1 212
	Upper Secondary	103	234	302	243	882
	Post-secondary	9	26	24	32	91
	Total	183	829	1 363	1 375	3 750

(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 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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
	Total	370	1 193	2 060	2 169	5 792
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
	Total	355	1 252	2 028	2 328	5 963
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
	Total	260	934	1 542	1 920	4 656
2014-15	No schooling/ Kindergarten	3	15	53	79	150
	Primary	16	166	521	709	1 412
	Lower Secondary	73	251	370	367	1 061
	Upper Secondary	87	175	262	251	775
	Post-secondary	5	13	10	12	40
	Total	184	620	1 216	1 418	3 438
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	0	11	57	62	130
	Primary	10	146	464	553	1 173
	Lower Secondary	62	211	350	291	914
	Upper Secondary	82	165	236	208	691
	Post-secondary	1	15	7	11	34
	Total	155	548	1 114	1 125	2 942

(iv) The number of employable adults who had received CSSA for more than 5 years

Year	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
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
	Total	3 601	2 927	9 233	10 907	26 668
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
	Total	3 001	2 606	7 997	10 000	23 604
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
	Total	2 660	2 366	6 909	9 145	21 080
2014-15	No schooling/ Kindergarten	62	52	381	807	1 302
	Primary	492	512	2 557	4 493	8 054
	Lower Secondary	644	884	1 943	1 800	5 271
	Upper Secondary	901	654	1 026	934	3 515
	Post-secondary	119	53	52	61	285
	Total	2 218	2 155	5 959	8 095	18 427
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	52	39	290	685	1 066
	Primary	374	454	2 220	3 938	6 986
	Lower Secondary	540	795	1 800	1 754	4 889
	Upper Secondary	886	617	972	938	3 413
	Post-secondary	144	54	49	59	306
	Total	1 996	1 959	5 331	7 374	16 660

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0444

(Question Serial No. 6437)

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. Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) –
 - (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 to \$2,499, \$2,500 to \$4,999, \$5,000 to \$9,999, \$10,000 to \$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 household employment earnings (\$999 or below, \$1,000 to \$2,499, \$2,500 to \$4,999, \$5,000 to \$9,999, \$10,000 to \$14,999 and \$15,000 or above) and by household size (1 member, 2 members, 3 members, 4 members or above);
 - (c) The number 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 recipient aged 65 or above, and the number of CSSA cases involving 2-member household with both being aged over 65 in the past 5 years (year-end figures).

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 194)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) The number of CSSA adult recipients with employment earnings from 2011-12 to 2015-16, with a breakdown by employment earnings, are provided as follows –

Employment earnings per month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$1,000	5 980	5 575	5 420	5 298	5 156
\$1,000 to less than \$2,500	6 428	5 791	5 633	5 171	4 551
\$2,500 to less than \$5,000	10 372	9 072	8 301	7 721	6 815
\$5,000 to less than \$10,000	9 533	7 842	6 851	5 812	5 252
\$10,000 to less than \$15,000	487	606	740	837	911
15,000 or above	51	91	57	129	46
Total	32 851	28 977	27 002	24 968	22 731

- (b) The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.
- (c) The number of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having employment earnings from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases with recipient(s) having employment earnings	Number of cases without any recipient having employment earnings	Total
2011-12	30 946	228 713	259 659
2012-13	27 453	224 206	251 659
2013-14	25 572	216 516	242 088
2014-15	23 678	210 875	234 553
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	21 643	208 069	229 712

- (d) The number of CSSA cases involving 1-person and 2-person households with all recipient(s) aged 65 or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above	Number of CSSA cases involving two-person household with both recipients aged 65 or above
2011-12	98 394	17 070
2012-13	97 745	16 763
2013-14	96 208	16 261
2014-15	94 865	15 888
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	94 258	15 744

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0445

(Question Serial No. 6438)

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 programmes to help employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients become self-reliant. Please provide the number of participants, the number of those who have successfully secured employment after participating in the programmes, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved in the various employment assistance programmes this year.
2. Please provide the number of CSSA cases and recipients under low-earnings and unemployment categories and their respective percentages 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 retraining programmes provided by the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and received retraining allowance and the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of retraining allowance approved with a breakdown by age, district of residence, gender and case nature over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 195)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In January 2013, SWD launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) and commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide employable able-bodied CSSA recipients with employment assistance services, so as to enhance their employability and assist and encourage them to secure

employment and become self-reliant. In April 2015, SWD extended the IEAPS for 2 years until March 2017.

The revised estimate for the IEAPS for 2015-16 is about \$92 million. SWD requires NGOs operating the IEAPS to meet the following service performance requirements relating to securing employment and returning to mainstream schooling –

Category of services	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 3 months
Ordinary Employment Assistance Services	20%	15%
Strengthened Employment Assistance Services	40%	30%
New Dawn Project Services	40%	30%
Special Training and Enhancement Programme	45%	35%

From 1 January 2013 to end-December 2015, the IEAPS had a total of 63 881 participants, among whom 13 225 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the IEAPS. SWD does not have the number of IEAPS participants and participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream broken down by financial year.

2. The number and percentage of CSSA low-earnings (LE) and unemployment (UT) cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	LE cases		UT cases	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
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	7 302	2.9	18 021	7.2
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	6 335	2.6	16 332	6.7

The number and percentage of CSSA low-earnings (LE) and unemployment (UT) recipients from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	LE recipients		UT recipients	
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)
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	11 129	2.9	17 616	4.7
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	9 557	2.6	16 307	4.5

3. SWD does not have the number of CSSA cases or recipients leaving the CSSA net as a result of having secured employment.
4. SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients attending full-time training courses offered by the ERB or on the allowance approved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0446****(Question Serial No. 6439)**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:

1. Please provide the following information with a breakdown by age for the past 5 years –
 - (a) How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) unemployment (UT) cases had changed to CSSA low-earnings (LE) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such CSSA cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did the change 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 had changed to CSSA single-parent (SP) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA SP cases and how long did the change 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 had changed to CSSA LE cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did the change last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 196)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. (a) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA LE cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier
As at end-December 2011	899
As at end-December 2012	705
As at end-December 2013	628

As at end-December 2014	626
As at end-December 2015	512

- (b) The number of CSSA SP cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier was as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA SP cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier
As at end-December 2011	395
As at end-December 2012	399
As at end-December 2013	340
As at end-December 2014	321
As at end-December 2015	269

- (c) The number of CSSA LE cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 which were originally under other categories 1 year earlier was as follows –

Table 1: As at end-December 2011, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2010

Case nature in end-December 2010	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2011
Old age	347
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	213
Single parent	283
Unemployment	899
Others	91
Total	1 887

Table 2: As at end-December 2012, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2011

Case nature in end-December 2011	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2012
Old age	292
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	139
Single parent	275
Unemployment	705
Others	75
Total	1 540

Table 3: As at end-December 2013, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2012

Case nature in end-December 2012	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2013
Old age	225
Permanent disability	54
Ill health	124

Case nature in end-December 2012	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2013
Single parent	244
Unemployment	628
Others	70
Total	1 345

Table 4: As at end-December 2014, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2013

Case nature in end-December 2013	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2014
Old age	178
Permanent disability	38
Ill health	107
Single parent	223
Unemployment	566
Others	57
Total	1 169

Table 5: As at end-December 2015, the number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2014

Case nature in end-December 2014	Number of LE cases which were originally under other categories in end-December 2015
Old age	160
Permanent disability	41
Ill health	89
Single parent	187
Unemployment	526
Others	22
Total	1 025

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the duration of receiving CSSA before and after such changes of case nature.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0447****(Question Serial No. 6440)**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 receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved.

	Number of cases receiving rent allowance	Number of persons affected by rent allowance	Total expenditure on rent allowance
2011-12			
2012-13			
2013-14			
2014-15			
2015-16			

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 197)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million)
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	219 292	358 120	3,378
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	214 942	346 203	2,502 (up to end-December 2015)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0448

(Question Serial No. 6441)

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 having been referred to food banks due to special circumstances and the reasons for such referrals over the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the nature of the CSSA cases under the category of "Others" and the reasons for approving such cases over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 203)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. There were about 5 100, 2 900, 2 400, 1 200 and 800 CSSA recipients referred to the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects for food assistance under special circumstances in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-January 2016) respectively. The main reason for referral was immediate financial hardship encountered by the CSSA recipients because of unexpected expenses arising from sudden changes of their personal circumstances.
2. CSSA cases are categorised by the conditions of CSSA recipients/households, and the categories 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 care or rehabilitation services. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the reasons for approving CSSA applications under the "Others" category.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0449

(Question Serial No. 6741)

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 service for street sleepers, what were the expenditure incurred, the manpower involved and the number of service users in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 328)

Reply:

The expenditure for street sleeper services subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2011-12 Actual, 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate is \$14.6 million, \$15.6 million and \$16.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$19 million respectively.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. Therefore, SWD does not have the breakdown of the manpower for service for street sleepers.

The number of person-times using the service in the past 5 years is provided as follows –

Year	Number of person-times using the service
2011-12	981
2012-13	875
2013-14	804
2014-15	674
2015-16 (up to December 2015)	559

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0450****(Question Serial No. 6807)**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") (e.g. CSSA "over rent" households in private housing/ CSSA households in private housing x 100%) 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 442)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2011-12 to 2015-16, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members, are provided as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	2 732	3 231	2 703	4 599	4 633
2	184	198	154	318	351
3	36	32	27	35	41
4	32	17	21	17	19
5	6	14	13	12	17
6 and above	1	1	2	3	8
Total	2 991 (2.0%)	3 493 (2.4%)	2 920 (2.1%)	4 984 (3.6%)	5 069 (3.8%)

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	10 675	9 693	7 444	7 171	8 040
2	4 408	3 882	3 457	3 570	4 236
3	2 329	2 236	1 840	1 883	2 301
4	1 138	909	971	945	1 068
5	423	341	374	392	432
6 and above	178	135	163	172	169
Total	19 151 (51.4%)	17 196 (49.1%)	14 249 (44.9%)	14 133 (45.4%)	16 246 (53.3%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0451****(Question Serial No. 6808)**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:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent equivalent to the maximum rent allowance (MRA) (e.g. CSSA “over rent” households in private housing/CSSA households in private housing x 100%) 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 443)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	68 229	68 867	68 994	66 575	66 255
2	43 980	42 822	40 886	39 129	38 040
3	20 840	18 867	17 269	15 949	14 891
4	10 760	8 988	7 988	7 195	6 375
5	3 755	2 998	2 672	2 428	2 224
6 and above	1 378	1 179	1 157	1 121	1 015
Total	148 942 (98.0%)	143 721 (97.6%)	138 966 (97.9%)	132 397 (96.4%)	128 800 (96.2%)

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	8 309	8 096	8 235	7 541	6 165
2	5 118	5 267	4 726	4 725	4 152
3	3 096	2 853	2 996	3 117	2 621
4	1 144	1 160	1 059	1 140	960
5	282	302	322	319	238
6 and above	152	168	154	163	124
Total	18 101 (48.6%)	17 846 (50.9%)	17 492 (55.1%)	17 005 (54.6%)	14 260 (46.7%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0452****(Question Serial No. 6809)**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:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with actual rent less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) (e.g. CSSA "over rent" households in private housing/CSSA households in private housing x 100%) 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 444)Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 by the number of eligible members are provided as follows –

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	68 229	68 867	68 994	66 575	66 255
2	43 980	42 822	40 886	39 129	38 040
3	20 840	18 867	17 269	15 949	14 891
4	10 760	8 988	7 988	7 195	6 375
5	3 755	2 998	2 672	2 428	2 224
6 and above	1 378	1 179	1 157	1 121	1 015
Total	148 942 (98.0%)	143 721 (97.6%)	138 966 (97.9%)	132 397 (96.4%)	128 800 (96.2%)

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	8 309	8 096	8 235	7 541	6 165
2	5 118	5 267	4 726	4 725	4 152
3	3 096	2 853	2 996	3 117	2 621
4	1 144	1 160	1 059	1 140	960
5	282	302	322	319	238
6 and above	152	168	154	163	124
Total	18 101 (48.6%)	17 846 (50.9%)	17 492 (55.1%)	17 005 (54.6%)	14 260 (46.7%)

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0453****(Question Serial No. 6810)**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 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 446)Reply:

The median rent of CSSA cases in public housing and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2011-12 to 2015-16, broken down by the number of eligible members was as follows –

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent (\$) of CSSA cases in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	1,610	1,750	1,850	2,050	2,050
2	3,050	3,220	3,390	3,570	3,570
3	4,040	4,310	4,880	4,600	4,710
4	4,430	4,650	5,000	5,200	5,200
5	4,230	4,410	4,800	5,630	5,610
6 and above	6,000	7,000	6,510	5,900	5,910

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent (\$) of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,200	2,200
2	3,200	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,000
3	4,300	4,500	4,900	5,000	5,000
4	4,500	5,000	5,200	5,500	5,700
5	4,800	5,500	5,600	6,000	6,150
6 and above	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,500

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0454****(Question Serial No. 6811)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 447)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 2011-12 to 2015-16 by the number of eligible members is set out 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 (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	790	870	860	1,070	1,070
2	980	1,100	1,100	1,380	1,380
3	1,290	1,420	1,410	1,750	1,710
4	1,500	1,630	1,580	1,990	1,930
5	1,770	1,910	1,850	2,290	2,210
6 and above	1,880	2,060	2,020	2,540	2,510

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,360	1,300
2	2,000	2,200	2,300	2,500	2,400
3	2,900	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,500
4	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,800
5	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,800	4,000
6 and above	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,500	4,500

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0455

(Question Serial No. 6812)

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 number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with the number of CSSA recipients less than that of the household members (for example, only 1 member is eligible for CSSA in a two-person household) in the past 5 years and the updated figures with a breakdown by number of CSSA recipients and household size.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 451)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0456

(Question Serial No. 6893)

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 number of cases of special grants made at the discretion of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (such as domestic removal grant, grant for rent deposit, grant to cover costs of tooth fillings), the items covered by and the amount of the grants in the past 5 years, as well as the latest figures.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 452)

Reply:

SWD does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0457

(Question Serial No. 6895)

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 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 457)

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). Based on the abovementioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

In addition, the Government 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 data collection of the survey for 2014-15 has been completed and data analysis is underway for preparation of the survey report and update of the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0458

(Question Serial No. 6896)

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 households and individuals were eligible for the Old Age Allowance (OAA) in Hong Kong in each of the past 5 years? Among them, what were the numbers of cases and individuals not receiving OAA?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 462)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information neither on the numbers of households and individuals in Hong Kong who are eligible for OAA, nor on the numbers of such households and individuals who do not receive OAA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0459

(Question Serial No. 6897)

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 households and individuals were eligible for the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in Hong Kong in each of the past 5 years? Among them, what were the numbers of cases and individuals not receiving NDA?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 463)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0460

(Question Serial No. 6898)

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 households and individuals were eligible for the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in Hong Kong in each of the past 5 years? Among them, what were the numbers of cases and individuals not receiving HDA?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 464)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0461

(Question Serial No. 6902)

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 temporary shelter service places provided by the Government and voluntary organisations in Hong Kong in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 470)

Reply:

All the subvented or self-financing singleton hostels/temporary shelters/street sleepers' shelters operated by non-governmental organisations provide placements for persons having temporary accommodation needs. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on such temporary placements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0462

(Question Serial No. 6903)

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 on street sleeper services, the manpower involved and the number of cases served in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 471)

Reply:

The expenditure on street sleeper services subvented by the Social Welfare Department in 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Actual) and 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) is \$14.6 million, \$15.6 million, \$16.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$19 million respectively.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations operating Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (IST) have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The number of cases of quitting street sleeping after the intervention of IST in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (April to December 2015) was 166, 138, 160, 122 and 100 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0463

(Question Serial No. 6951)

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 list the number of applications for Disability Allowance (DA) having been rejected over the past 5 years and the reasons for rejection.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 539)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0464****(Question Serial No. 6983)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 588)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 Announcements in the Public Interest on TV, showing educational 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 2011-12 to 2015-16 are listed below –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of attendance	128 000	143 000	119 000	110 000	80 000

The participation rates of various programmes were encouraging. 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 Facebook page on Love My Family launched in 2015-16 has reached 211 000 Facebook users. The public education programmes organised by DSWOs of SWD from April 2011 to December 2015 attracted around 580 000 counts of attendance.

From 2011-12 to 2015-16, the annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year. Besides, in 2013-14 there was an additional one-off allocation of around \$2.9 million for the production of a series of docudrama, while in 2015-16, an additional one-off allocation of around \$800 000 was for the production of a promotional short films on positive thinking. In 2016-17, SWD has earmarked around \$4 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)0465****(Question Serial No. 6984)**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. For CPs working in the government and subvented organisations, how many cases are being handled by each of them at present? 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 589)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 –

Year	SWD	DH
2011-12	52	30
2012-13	50	30
2013-14	52	32
2014-15	52	32
2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)	52	35

As at 1 March 2016, CPs from SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations each had an active caseload of 45 and 37 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, the earliest appointments available are 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 are given the first appointment within 2 months after the receipt of referrals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0466****(Question Serial No. 6985)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 590)Reply:

The staff establishment of FCPSUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Rank \ Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
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

LWB(WW)0467

(Question Serial No. 6986)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 591)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure of the IFSCs in terms of their average costs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0468****(Question Serial No. 6987)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 592)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence; support victims of domestic violence; provide counselling service to batterers and offer assistance to 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 expenditure for these services from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0469

(Question Serial No. 6988)

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 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 (welfare NGOs) benefited, together with the numbers of social welfare projects, partnering business corporations and disadvantaged persons benefited, broken down by the above organisations.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 593)

Reply:

PFD was set up to promote cross-sectoral tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government, with more than 1 million disadvantaged persons having been benefited so far since its establishment in 2005. In 2015, the Government further injected \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which would 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 welfare NGOs and schools in the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families to facilitate their whole-person development.

The number of approved PFD projects, the amount of grants, the number of organisations benefited and the number of business partners from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Amount of grants from PFD (\$ million)	57.2	62.6	63.2	43.5	69.1
No. of approved projects	123	131	121	87	118
No. of organisations benefited ^[Note 1]	62	91	63	50	87
No. of business partners ^[Note 2]	317	260	329	230	309

[Note 1] The organisations benefited include welfare NGOs, and public sector primary and secondary schools applying for the Dedicated Fund (including government schools and aided schools, etc.). Some of the organisations benefited had more than 1 project approved in the same round of application.

[Note 2] Some of the business partners rendered support to more than 1 project in the same round of application.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0470

(Question Serial No. 6989)

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 for increasing manpower for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) this year, please provide the staffing establishment of IFSCs and the number of registered social workers in each IFSC.
- (b) Will the corresponding subvention service indicators be raised as a result of the additional manpower?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 594)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked a full-year provision of about \$1.1 million for 2016-17 to provide additional manpower for IFSCs run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) by adding a total of 2 frontline social worker posts, bringing the total number of frontline social workers at IFSCs from the current 748 to 750. SWD expects the output indicators (e.g. number of cases served and groups/programmes conducted) for 2016-17 to be maintained at more or less the same level as in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0471

(Question Serial No. 6990)

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 to prevent 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 595)

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 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on the above services is about \$3.063 billion. In handling domestic violence cases, home visits would be conducted by social workers whenever necessary. SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically allocated for conducting home visits for child abuse cases.

- (b) In 2016-17, SWD has earmarked a funding of about \$4 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence, including child abuse. SWD does not have the 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

LWB(WW)0472

(Question Serial No. 6991)

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 –

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 596)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The numbers of cases handled by FCPSUs involving probation orders (POs) from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of cases involving POs	62	52	61	54	67

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of the nature and gender ratio of these cases.

3. & 4. The numbers of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases that were completed by social workers of FCPSUs from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and the numbers of children involved are shown below –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of social enquiry reports completed	1 030	976	940	983	646
Number of children involved	1 534	1 417	1 379	1 427	936

SWD does not have the gender ratio of children involved in these cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0473****(Question Serial No. 6992)**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 advise this Committee –

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 597)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of applications for TAVA and CLEIC including Criminal Injuries Compensation (CIC) and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (LEIC) from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of applications (cases)		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2011-12	8 718	332	-
2012-13	8 594	285	-

Year	Number of applications (cases)		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2013-14	8 920	237	-
2014-15	8 644	247	-
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	6 373	150	-

There were a total of 1 251 applications for CLEIC from 2011-12 to 2015-16, among which 36 cases had involved domestic violence (including 2 cases involving children aged 15 or below). The relevant figures are as follows –

Year	Number of cases involving domestic violence	Number of children aged 15 or below involved
2011-12	13	-
2012-13	6	-
2013-14	11	2
2014-15	3	-
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	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 2015, 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)0474****(Question Serial No. 7049)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 598)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of places of Child Care Centres (CCCs) (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) 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 –

Foster care service	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of places	1 020	1 070	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 –

Type of service	Utilisation rate (%)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December)
Standalone CCCs [Note 1]	-	-	71	92	77
CCCs attached to KGs [Note 2]	-	77	77	79	77
OCCS	62	71	71	71	66

[Note 1] 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 2011-12 and 2012-13 only, which is 99% and 100% respectively.

[Note 2] SWD keeps no records of the utilisation rate of CCCs attached to KGs in 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 –

Foster care service	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December)
Utilisation rate (%)	90	88	86	87	86
Average waiting time for admission (months)	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6

3. The number of CSSA single parent cases as at end-December 2015 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
(From 2011-12 to end-December 2015)**

District	CCCs									
	Standalone CCCs ^[Note 1]					CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 2]				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Central & Western	40	300	202	202	210	3 057	3 461	1 162	1 318	1 359
Southern			-	-	-			1 661	1 492	1 494
Islands			-	-	-			1 081	1 094	956
Eastern	96	489	449	464	474	3 556	3 028	2 713	3 040	2 817
Wan Chai			40	48	48			748	749	773
Kwun Tong	-	216	216	216	216	1 427	1 444	1 456	1 555	1 436
Wong Tai Sin	-	42	42	42	42	2 814	2 810	829	807	807
Sai Kung			-	-	-			2 221	2 321	2 296
Kowloon City	144	1 228	1 168	1 144	1 144	3 468	3 987	3 106	3 708	3 911
Yau Tsim Mong			88	128	128			1 245	1 262	1 177
Shum Shui Po	62	62	62	62	62	712	739	732	720	915
Sha Tin	70	70	70	70	70	1 796	1 897	2 091	2 237	2 012
Tai Po	48	48	-	-	-	1 533	1 634	976	1 011	858
North			48	48	48			704	728	681
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	1 175	1 157	1 087	1 087	1 119
Tsuen Wan	102	298	238	238	244	2 096	2 156	1 144	1 185	1 269
Kwai Tsing			60	60	60			1 138	1 192	1 123
Tuen Mun	64	138	138	64	64	1 082	1 276	1 481	1 506	1 460
Total:	690	2 955	2 885	2 850	2 874	22 716	23 589	25 575	27 012	26 463

[Note 1] Standalone CCCs comprise aided standalone CCCs and non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs. For 2011-12, SWD keeps records of the number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs only.

[Note 2] Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September in each school year.

**Table 2 - Number of places of OCCS
(From 2011-12 to end-December 2015)**

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Central & Western	42	14	14	13	13
Southern		16	16	18	18
Islands		12	12	13	13
Eastern	31	19	19	22	22
Wan Chai		12	12	10	10
Kwun Tong	49	49	49	50	50
Wong Tai Sin	55	34	34	34	34
Sai Kung		21	21	20	20
Kowloon City	47	25	25	22	22
Yau Tsim Mong		22	22	22	22
Shum Shui Po	25	25	25	26	26
Sha Tin	29	29	29	30	30
Tai Po	35	15	15	17	17
North		20	20	16	16
Yuen Long	35	35	35	34	34
Tsuen Wan	55	18	18	20	20
Kwai Tsing		37	37	34	34
Tuen Mun	31	31	31	33	33
Total:	434	434	434	434	434

**Table 3 - Number of CSSA single parent family cases
(as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of CSSA single parent cases
Central & Western	191
Southern	559
Islands	627
Eastern	1 171
Wan Chai	92
Kwun Tong	3 939
Wong Tai Sin	2 091
Sai Kung	826
Kowloon City	1 688
Yau Tsim Mong	1 188
Shum Shui Po	2 720
Sha Tin	2 109
Tai Po	917
North	1 695
Yuen Long	3 469
Tsuen Wan	857
Kwai Tsing	2 461
Tuen Mun	1 798
Total:	28 398

**Table 4 - Ratio of single fathers and single mothers in single parent families
(2011 Population Census)**

Gender District	Male		Female		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	
Central & Western	332	18.4%	1 473	81.6%	1 805
Southern	630	21.9%	2 244	78.1%	2 874
Islands	495	24.3%	1 539	75.7%	2 034
Eastern	1 096	26.1%	3 106	73.9%	4 202
Wan Chai	253	31.2%	559	68.8%	812
Kwun Tong	2 011	22.3%	6 994	77.7%	9 005
Wong Tai Sin	1 109	21.5%	4 041	78.5%	5 150
Sai Kung	932	22.2%	3 274	77.8%	4 206
Kowloon City	1 099	28.5%	2 758	71.5%	3 857
Yau Tsim Mong	661	21.3%	2 441	78.7%	3 102
Shum Shui Po	931	17.8%	4 314	82.2%	5 245
Sha Tin	1 355	21.4%	4 983	78.6%	6 338
Tai Po	794	26.8%	2 171	73.2%	2 965
North	719	18.6%	3 152	81.4%	3 871
Yuen Long	1 901	19.8%	7 694	80.2%	9 595
Tsuen Wan	606	19.6%	2 492	80.4%	3 098
Kwai Tsing	1 407	20.4%	5 478	79.6%	6 885
Tuen Mun	1 326	19.9%	5 327	80.1%	6 653

**Table 5 - Number of single parents and median monthly domestic household income
(2011 Population Census)**

District	Single parents	Median monthly domestic household income (\$)
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

LWB(WW)0475

(Question Serial No. 7050)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 599)

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 preventing 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 in simplified Chinese, publicity videos in Putonghua and with simplified Chinese subtitles to introduce the services for victims of domestic violence and publicise the message of 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 run a service team stationing at the Lo Wu Control Point to introduce social welfare services in Hong Kong to new arrivals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0476****(Question Serial No. 7051)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 600)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 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2

SWD does not have the breakdown of funding specifically allocated for financial assistance and counselling for victims/batterers/children involved in domestic violence cases. Neither

does SWD have the 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. 7052)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 601)

Reply:

Details of expenditure or estimate, additional manpower and posts in respect of the following services for the past 5 years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2015-16) and 2016-17 are tabulated in the Annex.

Expenditure on Services for Domestic Violence Cases

Item		2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Actual)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (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)	180.5	186.3	197.8	204.1	212.7	211.4
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower for FCPSUs.					
3. Refuge centres for women	Expenditure (\$ million)	24.0	26.3	27.3	29.5	30.8	33.6
	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 allocated funding 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)	26.4	23.6	24.4	36.1	32.8	40.1
	Additional Manpower & Post	Child care services are currently provided by different non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the allocated funding in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. In 2014-15, in particular, SWD provided additional funding to enhance social work support for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project for the service operators to 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 (plus an additional one-off allocation of \$2.9 million for the production of docudrama)	5.0	5.0 (plus an additional one-off allocation of \$800,000 for the promotion of positive thinking)	4.0
	Additional Manpower & Post	There is no additional manpower specifically assigned for implementing relevant publicity and public education programmes which are part and parcel of the 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	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6
	Additional Manpower & Post	No additional manpower or post involved.					

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0478

(Question Serial No. 7053)

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 being new arrivals? Please set out details and the time frame in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 602)

Reply:

From 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), a total of 21 applications for CSSA were rejected for failing to meet the then residence requirement. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information mentioned in the question about applications for short-term food assistance or other funds.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0479

(Question Serial No. 7054)

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 gender ratio of each category for the past 5 years; and
2. How much resources have been allocated for publicity each year since legislative amendment in 2010. In what forms? Through what channels? Please provide the detailed information, if available, in table form. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 603)

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 of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the numbers of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) for the past 5 years are tabulated at the Annex.
2. 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 Announcements in the Public Interest 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 2011-12 to 2015-16, the

annual budget for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence is around \$5 million. In addition, in 2013-14 and 2015-16, there was an additional one-off allocation of about \$2.9 million and \$0.8 million respectively for the production of a series of docudramas and for the promotion of positive thinking. In 2016-17, SWD will continue to promote the messages on combating domestic violence to the public through different channels and modes.

Table 1: Spouse/Cohabitant battering cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3 174	2 734	3 836	3 917	3 382
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	558	434	692	655	558
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	2 616	2 300	3 144	3 262	2 824
(iv) Out of (i), number of male cohabitant battering victims being abused by male cohabitants	2	-	1	5	7
(v) Out of (i), number of female cohabitant battering victims being abused by female cohabitants	2	3	10	12	11
(vi) Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]	No breakdown of cases involving ethnic minorities ^[Note 2]		4	18	9
(vii) Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]			176	224	195

^[Note 1] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

^[Note 2] 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.

Table 2: Child abuse cases

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(i) Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	877	894	963	856	874
(ii) Out of (i), number of male victims	329	327	392	379	372
(iii) Out of (i), number of female victims	548	567	571	477	502

SWD does not have 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)0480****(Question Serial No. 7055)**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 granting exemption from the 7-year residence requirement? How many have been rejected? Please set out the details in table form.
- How much resources have to be allocated each year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 604)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 of domestic violence 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 ethnic minorities in the domestic violence cases served by FCPSUs in the past 3 years ^[Note 1] are set out at the table below –

	2013 ^[Note 2]			2014 ^[Note 3]			2015 ^[Note 4]		
	Child Abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total	Child Abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total	Child Abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total
(i) Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs	1 263	2 432	3 695	1 393	2 576	3 969	1 296	2 520	3 816
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims having arrived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	89	473	562	109	519	628	104	462	566
(iii) Out of (i), number of victims of ethnic minorities ^[Note 5]	23	102	125	32	99	131	15	87	102

- [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] Active cases served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2015.
- [Note 5] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

SWD does not keep information on the numbers of victims who are of different sexual orientations, receiving CSSA or in need of housing assistance served by FCPSUs. FCPSUs do not refuse to provide services to victims of domestic violence.

2. 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 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. There is no breakdown of funding allocated to services for new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0481

(Question Serial No. 7056)

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 have subsequently required psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the period of treatment?
2. How many child/youth abuse cases do we have over the past 5 years? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them have subsequently required 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 have subsequently required 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 over the past 5 years?

Please set out the details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 605)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) conducts risk assessment for all new domestic violence cases, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases. From 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015), all the victims involved in the 13 366 new domestic violence cases (including 3 608 child abuse cases) handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD had

undergone risk assessment. Ongoing risk assessment is conducted by case social workers in the process of case handling. During the said period, victims involved in 1 919 domestic violence cases, including 1 437 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 is provided as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2

SWD does not have the breakdown of funding allocated to the services provided for victims of domestic violence cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0482

(Question Serial No. 7057)

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 detail 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 kinds of services do they need and how many of the services are unavailable? How many children do they have to take care of? What is the age distribution?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 608)

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 of SWD, there were 187, 227 and 195 newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases involving female victims being holders of Two-way Permit in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. As the relevant statistics are only captured by the enhanced system starting from January 2013, SWD does not have statistical information on such cases before 2013. 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)0483

(Question Serial No. 7058)

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 cases requiring exemption from the 7-year residence requirement to be granted, the number of withdrawals while applications were still being processed, the number of cases turned down, and the reasons for turning down.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 610)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0484****(Question Serial No. 7059)**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 since VSP was introduced? What kinds of assistance do they seek? How can support services for victims of domestic violence be further enhanced?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 611)Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010. The number of service users in the past 5 years is as follows –

Year	Number of service users
2011-12	613
2012-13	661
2013-14	704
2014-15	650
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	622

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

LWB(WW)0485

(Question Serial No. 7060)

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 can 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;
3. The male/female ratio of these victims, duration of receiving assistance and household size; and
4. Please set out in table form the breakdowns of the number of victims, their family background and household size in various districts over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 612)

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. With an additional funding of \$200 million injected by the Government in 2015, it is expected that the short-term food assistance service can be extended up to end-2017. The Government will further increase the proportion of food/meal coupons and fresh food provided by the food assistance service. 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 statistical information in relation to victims of domestic violence in need of food assistance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0486****(Question Serial No. 7061)**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 requiring assistance 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 required exemption from the 7-year residence requirement to be granted? How many cases have been rejected? Please set out the details in table form.
4. How much resources have to be allocated each year?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 613)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Domestic Violence Ordinance (now retitled Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance) was amended in 2008. 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 for the past 5 years are as follows –

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of newly reported domestic violence cases involving cohabitation relationship	202	200	562	771	746

2. & 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Client Information System (CIS) on 1 April 2013 to capture the data of the victims served by the Family and

Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). Relevant statistics before the enhancement of the CIS are not available. The numbers of victims who were new arrivals and ethnic minorities in the domestic violence cases served by FCPSUs in the past 3 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 or 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 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have a breakdown of funding for (1) to (3) above.

**Numbers of Victims Who Were New Arrivals and Ethnic Minorities in
the Domestic Violence Cases Served by FCPSUs in the Past 3 years** ^[Note 1]

	2013 ^[Note2]			2014 ^[Note3]			2015 ^[Note4]		
	Child abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total	Child abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total	Child abuse	Spouse/ Cohabitant Battering	Total
(i) Total number of victims in the active cases served by FCPSUs	1 263	2 432	3 695	1 393	2 576	3 969	1 296	2 520	3 816
(ii) Out of (i), number of victims having arrived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	89	473	562	109	519	628	104	462	566
(iii) Out of (i), number of victims being ethnic minorities ^[Note 5]	23	102	125	32	99	131	15	87	102
(iv) Out of (i), number of male victims	567	407	974	658	447	1 105	639	447	1 086
(v) Out of (i), number of female victims	696	2 025	2 721	735	2 129	2 864	657	2 073	2 730

[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 being served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2013.

[Note 3] Active cases being served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2014.

[Note 4] Active cases being served by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2015.

[Note 5] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0487

(Question Serial No. 7062)

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 the Government set up shelter services suitable for transgender persons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 614)

Reply:

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. 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, including 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)0488

(Question Serial No. 7073)

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, according to the Government, can the future leaders of our society be encouraged to pursue life-wide learning?

Asked by: Dr Fernando Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No.629)

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 \$1,800 to \$2,710, are higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$180 to \$455 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 \$1,880 to \$2,830, being higher than those for able-bodied adults by \$190 to \$475.

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 \$1,575 to \$6,470 for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e., books, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses) in each school year.

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 over \$720 million from the 2002/03 school year to the 2015/16 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 2014/15 school year, about 220 000 eligible students from 939 schools received assistance through the Fund to take part in activities.

In addition, SWD has implemented the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development through District Social Welfare Offices to address the developmental needs of disadvantaged children and youth in the districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0489****(Question Serial No. 7079)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 635)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 2011-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

Year	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling
2011-12	23 090	6 027
2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)	15 483	4 222

From January 2013 to end-December 2015, the IEAPS had a total of 63 881 participants, among whom 13 225 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the programme. It is expected that there will be 17 100 participants in 2016-17. 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 –

Category of services	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 1 month	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 3 months
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 2016-17 are as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	63
2012-13 (Actual)	80
2013-14 (Actual)	94
2014-15 (Actual)	84
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	92
2016-17 (Estimate)	112

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0490

(Question Serial No. 7080)

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 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 636)

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 accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, it is proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016.

The Government also 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. Data collection for the 2014-15 survey has been completed and analysis is under way for preparing a report and updating the weights of SSAIP.

As SSAIP targets CSSA recipients, it can reflect accurately the impact of price changes on them. 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.

The Social Welfare Department 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)0491****(Question Serial No. 7081)**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 public funds; and (iii) the amount involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 637)Reply:

The number of CSSA fraud cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided in the table below –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of suspected CSSA fraud reports received	2 871	2 310	2 171	1 946	1 464
Number of established CSSA fraud cases	806	1 117	847	674	423
Amount of overpayment involved (\$ million)	51.5	68.4	62.6	49.5	41.4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0492****(Question Serial No. 7082)**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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 638)Reply:

The number of staff in SIS by grade is as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social security officer grade staff	61	61	61	62	62
Social security assistant grade staff	49	51	55	61	61
General grade staff	4	4	9	9	9
Model I grade staff	-	-	1	1	1
Total	114	116	126	133	133

The Social Welfare Department will make suitable manpower deployment in a timely manner based on the workload of SIS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0493

(Question Serial No. 7083)

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 for the past 5 financial years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 639)

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 2011-13 (as at end-December 2012) were as follows –

Year	Number of participants	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling	Percentage of participants having left the CSSA net
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 2015, there were a total of 63 881 participants in IEAPS, among whom 21% had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS and 4% 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 2016-17 are as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	63
2012-13 (Actual)	80
2013-14 (Actual)	94
2014-15 (Actual)	84
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	92
2016-17 (Estimate)	112

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0494

(Question Serial No. 7084)

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 to 69 and 70 or above.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 640)

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 capture information on the number of complaints lodged by elderly persons who had previously received NOAA but were not included 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 of these 119 000 applicants who were former recipients of HOAA or NDA.
6. As at end-December 2015, SWD received a total of some 116 000 new applications for OALA. Among these applications, about 103 000 were approved, 10 000 rejected and the rest being processed. SWD does not have any breakdown by age group of these 116 000 applicants at the time of application.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0495

(Question Serial No. 7085)

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 to 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 of recipients being exempted from participating in the Intensive Employment Assistance Projects since their implementation as well as the reasons for exemption.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 641)

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 2015, there were a total of 63 single parents and child carers exempted from joining the ND Project Services for special reasons, such as having to take care of frail family members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0496

(Question Serial No. 7087)

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 provision for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for 2014-15 is \$21,626,000,000, an increase of \$2,956,000,000 (15.8%) when compared with the Revised Estimate for 2013-14. Please provide the estimated additional provision required 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; and
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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 645)

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 have been TPS flat owner-occupiers for more than 5 years (Measure 2).

As at end-December 2015, the actual cumulative expenditure for the measures was estimated to be \$9.4 million and \$8.5 million respectively. Measure 1 involved 1 123 CSSA cases and 2 871 CSSA recipients (including eligible students), while Measure 2 involved 670 CSSA cases and 1 316 CSSA recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0497

(Question Serial No. 7088)

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:

At present, the residence requirement of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme is 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;
3. The additional expenditure incurred, the number of cases and the number of applicants in 2013-14;
4. The additional funding involved, the estimated 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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 648)

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 “one-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 2015, 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 –

Year	Number of CSSA applications received from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years	Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years
2013-14 (from 17 December 2013)	4 007	3 272
2014-15	5 876	4 677
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	3 522	1 097
Total	13 405	9 046

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. SWD does not make further projection on the breakdown of the expenditure involved in the cancellation of the “seven-year residence requirement”.

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0498****(Question Serial No. 7089)**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, by district of residence and size of household, the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (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.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 649)Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2014, it was estimated that there were about 66 500 CSSA households living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy interventions in 2014, involving a poor population of about 173 600. As regards the number of members in the households, 6.8% were one-person households, 49.8% were two-person households, 26.3% were three-person households, 11.7% were four-person households, 3.9% were five-person households and 1.5% were households with 6 and more persons. The estimated number of CSSA households living in poverty by District Council district is provided as follows –

District Council district	Number of households
Central & Western	400
Wan Chai	300
Eastern	3 300
Southern	1 500
Yau Tsim Mong	1 900
Sham Shui Po	5 000
Kowloon City	2 700
Wong Tai Sin	5 200
Kwun Tong	10 200
Kwai Tsing	7 200

District Council district	Number of households
Tsuen Wan	1 700
Tuen Mun	5 200
Yuen Long	7 500
North	3 400
Tai Po	2 700
Sha Tin	4 900
Sai Kung	2 200
Islands	1 100
Total	66 500

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0499

(Question Serial No. 7090)

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 to 69 and those aged above 70; and
3. The number of cases with random check conducted over the past year, and among which the number of fraud cases detected.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 650)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. 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), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown on the number of social security staff for handling OALA cases, nor the administrative costs involved.
2. The revised estimate of OALA for 2015-16 is \$14.087 billion, which has covered the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for the year. As at end-December 2015, the numbers of OALA cases with recipients aged 65 to 69 and aged 70 or above were 126 576 and 302 668 respectively, totalling 429 244 cases.
3. In 2015-16, SWD conducted case reviews for about 128 000 OALA recipients to verify their continuous eligibility for the allowance. SWD does not have the breakdown figures sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0500

(Question Serial No. 7091)

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 –

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 requiring exemption from the seven-year residence requirement, and the number of applications turned down and the reasons; and
3. Please set out in table form their other service needs.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 651)

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 made as a result of domestic violence, nor applications made by cohabitants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 7106)

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 667)

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 2015), 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 Hospital Authority psychiatric nurses attached to 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)0502

(Question Serial No. 7113)

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) Please give the details of the purposes or services to be covered by the additional resources allocated to the subsidised agencies. 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 implemented, what is the timetable of the Government? In which districts will the services be launched?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 674)

Reply:

The Government will increase the full-year provision by about \$17 million from 2016-17 onwards to provide about 160 additional day care places for the elderly. Moreover, the Government will increase the full-year provision by about \$140 million from 2016-17 onwards to provide more subsidised residential care places, enhance existing residential care services and progressively upgrade 1 200 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). The relevant information on the provisions concerned is provided at Annex.

Item	No. of additional places/ places involved	Estimated full-year expenditure (\$ million)	Resource allocation method	Year of service commencement
Newly constructed day care centres for the elderly ^[Note 1]	118	12	LSG Subvention System	2017-18
Newly constructed contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)/Contract RCHEs with day care units for the elderly (DCUs) ^[Note 2]	230	55	Open competitive bidding	2018-19
Making better use of space in subvented homes ^[Note 3]	23	3	LSG Subvention System	2016-17
Newly constructed RCHE under the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” ^[Note 4]	102	14	LSG Subvention System	2016-17
Converting some of the non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in existing contract RCHEs into subsidised places ^[Note 5]	15	3	Variation of contract	2017-18
Enhancing the service quality of 6 existing contract RCHEs ^[Note 5]	528 ^[Note 6]	34	Variation of contract	2017-18
Upgrading EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places ^[Note 7]	1 200	35	Inviting applications from homes with EA2 places and selecting the suitable homes	From 2016-17
Total	2 216	156	-	-

[Note 1] The additional day care places for the elderly will provide services to applicants residing in Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun.

[Note 2] The newly constructed contract RCHEs/contract RCHEs with DCUs will be provided in the Islands, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po, including 20 day care places.

[Note 3] The additional residential care places for the elderly will provide services across all districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 4] The newly constructed RCHE will be in Tsuen Wan, including 30 day care places.

[Note 5] The contract RCHEs concerned are located at Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Wong Tai Sin.

[Note 6] Including 70 day care places.

[Note 7] The participating RCHEs with EA2 places will provide services across all districts in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0503

(Question Serial No. 7120)

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 advise –

1. Among the mentally ill persons over the past 5 years, how many of them are victims/abusers of domestic violence or children and adolescents who have witnessed domestic violence? What are their proportions among the mentally ill persons?
2. How many of them are new arrivals, ethnic minorities and sexual minorities and what are their proportions?
3. For how long do they have to attend follow-up consultations?

Please provide details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 684)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought in relation to the mentally ill persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0504

(Question Serial No. 7121)

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 following –

1. The number of cases requiring medical consultation due to domestic violence in each of the past 5 years; and
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?

Please provide details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 685)

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 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015), the Clinical Psychology Units (CPUs) of SWD provided psychological assessment/treatment services for a total of 1 919 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 allocated for the handling of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0505

(Question Serial No. 7145)

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 tabulate the number of domestic violence cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in various districts in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 721)

Reply:

The number of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) handled by FCPSUs by district in the recent 5 years is tabulated in the Annex.

**Number of Domestic Violence Cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases
and child abuse cases) Handled by the FCPSUs in Various Districts**

Social Welfare Department District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern and Islands	493	500	492	412	303
Eastern/Wan Chai	454	421	472	456	396
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	568	505	565	631	524
Sham Shui Po	579	521	486	414	369
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	747	821	870	981	884
Kwun Tong	844	806	759	596	521
Sha Tin	558	547	573	555	532
Tai Po/North	715	700	695	606	502
Yuen Long	1 093	1 073	1 076	1 058	936
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1 208	1 091	1 011	906	770
Tuen Mun	617	601	627	612	614
Total	7 876	7 586	7 626	7 227	6 351

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0506****(Question Serial No. 7146)**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 number of victims of domestic violence admitted to refuge centres or crisis support centres, and the average period of stay in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 724)Reply:

Details of the service users of the Refuge Centres for Women over the past 5 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Item	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
(1) Total number of service users ^[Note 1]	1 424	1 418	1 450	1 502	1 152
(2) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for less than 3 months ^[Note 2]	470	462	459	516	401
(3) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for 3 months or over ^[Note 2]	162	147	176	184	102

^[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.

Details of the service users of the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) over the past 5 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Item	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
(1) Total number of service users ^[Note 1]	451	527	509	502	284
(2) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for less than 3 months ^[Note 2]	257	313	284	254	133
(3) Number of cases in which the victims have stayed for 3 months or over ^[Note 2]	63	77	83	73	45

[Note 1] As the service users of MCISC may have multiple admissions in a year, the number of service users is on a person-time basis in each financial year.

[Note 2] Since the victims may bring their children to the MCISC, 1 case may have more than 1 service user. Regarding the number of cases discharged from the centre, since 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 7155)

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 figures for the following for the recent 5 years –

How much funding is dedicated to the service of handling divorce-related matters? What job items are included? How many cases are involved? What are the amounts of funding and manpower involved in the recent 5 years? How much is the dedicated funding for the coming year? What is the manpower involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 734)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support families in need, including divorced couples and their children. 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, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the recent 5 years and 2016-17 is set out in the Annex. SWD does not have the statistical figures on the above service users involved in divorce cases, nor the information on the funding and staff establishment specifically for the handling of divorce-related matters.

Expenditure on Family and Child Welfare

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,864.0
2012-13 (Actual)	2,076.8
2013-14 (Actual)	2,202.3
2014-15 (Actual)	2,453.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,724.2
2016-17 (Estimate)	3,063.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0508

(Question Serial No. 7156)

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 tabulate the number of transgender persons having been admitted to the refuge centres or crisis support centres in the recent 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 735)

Reply:

The number of transgender persons having been admitted to the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre in the past 5 years is as follows –

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of people	3	1	5	1	1

No transgender persons have been admitted to refuge centres for women in the past 5 years. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical figures for transgender persons having been admitted to the Family Crisis Support Centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0509

(Question Serial No. 7157)

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 tabulate the number of persons with homosexual orientation who have been admitted to the refuge centres or crisis support centres in the recent 5 years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 736)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical figures for persons with homosexual orientation who have been admitted to refuge centres, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and Family Crisis Support Centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0510

(Question Serial No. 7159)

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 detail, with breakdowns by nationality and male-to-female ratio, the number of ethnic minorities having been admitted to refuge centres or crisis support centre for the past 5 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 738)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical figures for different racial groups having been admitted to refuge centres or crisis support centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0511

(Question Serial No. 7167)

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 and the financial resources required for increasing the places and resources of the Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC)? Is the manpower sufficient to handle the current number of cases? What is the expenditure involved? What about the timetable?

Asked by: Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No.764)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will provide a total of 40 additional places for Refuge Centres and FCSC. The full-year additional funding involved is around \$6 million, with reference to the manpower and other related expenditure required for these additional places. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The above additional places are expected to be provided in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0512

(Question Serial No. 7168)

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 postnatal depression of women, please inform this Committee of the following –

1. How many women abused their children as a result of postnatal depression in the past 5 years? How many of the cases involved spouse battering?
2. How does the Government follow up on identified child abuse cases resulting from postnatal depression of women? 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 for the prevention of child abuse resulting from postnatal depression of women? If such services are available, please specify the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 770)

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 2015), 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 Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) and other service units as platforms, 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 Hospital Authority psychiatric nurses attached to 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, recover fully and prevent further deterioration of family problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0513****(Question Serial No. 7170)**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 detail the statistics of the following for the recent 5 years: Among the cases referred to Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) under the Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS), how many of them have been successfully put on record? How many cases have been rejected and why? Moreover, what is the number of referral cases by district?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 777)Reply:

Under CCDS, the number of cases referred to IFSCs by Maternal and Child Health Centres of the Department of Health and obstetric clinics of the Hospital Authority (HA) in the recent 5 years is set out below –

Year	Referrals to IFSCs ^[Note 1]
2011-12 ^[Note 2]	961
2012-13	1 842
2013-14	2 368
2014-15	2 556
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	1 924

[Note 1] The figure includes referrals to Integrated Services Centres.

[Note 2] Statistical figures of HA are available from October 2011 onwards.

All referrals are put on record and followed up. The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of referrals by district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0514****(Question Serial No. 3308)**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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17;
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. 420)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per worker of outreaching social work from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
78	78	78

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0515****(Question Serial No. 3311)**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 workers 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 workers in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2016-17;
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. 423)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of workers of school social work from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
564	561	561

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0516

(Question Serial No. 3312)

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:

The figures for outreaching social work teams, 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 teams in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above teams in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above teams in 2016-17;
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. 424)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of outreaching social work teams from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
19	19	19

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0517****(Question Serial No. 3313)**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 teams of Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS), 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 teams in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above teams in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above teams in 2016-17;
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. 425)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of CSSSs is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
5	5	5

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 the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0518****(Question Serial No. 3314)**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 in each children and youth centre, 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 attendees in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above attendees in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above attendees in 2016-17;
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. 426)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of attendees in core programme sessions per children and youth centre is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
21 105	21 105	21 105

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0519****(Question Serial No. 3315)**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 new and renewed members in each children and youth centre, 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 members in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above members in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above members in 2016-17;
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. 427)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of new and renewed members per children and youth centre is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
1 473	1 473	1 473

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0520****(Question Serial No. 3316)**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 workers 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 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;
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. 428)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of workers of school social work from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out below –

2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
566	564	561

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0521****(Question Serial No. 3317)**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 teams 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 teams in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above teams in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above teams in 2015-16;
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. 429)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of outreaching social work teams from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out below –

2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
19	19	19

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0522****(Question Serial No. 3318)**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 teams of the Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS), 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 teams in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above teams in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above teams in 2015-16;
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. 430)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of CSSSs is set out below –

2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
5	5	5

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 the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0523****(Question Serial No. 3319)**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 in each children and youth centre, 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 attendees in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above attendees in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above attendees in 2015-16;
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. 431)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of attendees in core programme sessions per children and youth centre is set out below –

2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
21 898	21 105	21 105

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0524****(Question Serial No. 3320)**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 new and renewed members in each children and youth centre, 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 members in 2013-14;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above members in 2014-15;
3. The estimated figures for the above members in 2015-16;
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. 432)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of new and renewed members per children and youth centre is set out below –

2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)
1 492	1 473	1 473

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0525

(Question Serial No. 3321)

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 Administration of the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (serial number 001), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 22 April 2013; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 433)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Administration of the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities has not been revised since its formulation on 22 April 2013.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Administration of the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0526

(Question Serial No. 3322)

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 Agency-based Clinical Psychological Service and Central Psychological Support Service (serial number 002), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 434)

Reply:

1. The FSA for Agency-based Clinical Psychological Service and Central Psychological Support Service has not been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2002.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3323)

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 Agency-based Occupational Therapy Service (serial number 003), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 July 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 435)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Agency-based Occupational Therapy Service has not been revised since its formulation on 1 July 2002.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Agency-based Occupational Therapy Service as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0528

(Question Serial No. 3324)

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 Agency-based Special Child Care Centre Service for Hearing Impaired Children (serial number 004), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 436)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Agency-based Special Child Care Centre Service for Hearing Impaired Children has not been revised since its formulation in 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Agency-based Special Child Care Centre Service for Hearing Impaired Children as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0529

(Question Serial No. 3325)

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 Back-up Shelter Service for Young Night Drifters (serial number 005) of Holland Hostel, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 May 2001; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 437)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Back-up Shelter Service for Young Night Drifters has not been revised since its formulation in May 2001.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3326)

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 Boys' Homes/Girls' Homes (serial number 006), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 January 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 438)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Boys' Homes/Girls' Homes has not been revised since its formulation in January 2000.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3327)

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 Boys' Hostel/Girls' Hostel (serial number 007), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 439)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Boys' Hostel/Girls' Hostel has not been revised since its formulation in April 2000.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0532

(Question Serial No. 3328)

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 Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons (serial number 008), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 July 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 440)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons has not been revised since its formulation on 1 July 1997.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0533

(Question Serial No. 3329)

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 Care and Attention Homes for the Aged Blind (serial number 009), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 441)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Care and Attention Homes for the Aged Blind has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Care and Attention Homes for the Aged Blind as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3330)

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 (serial number 010), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2013; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 442)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for C&A Homes was revised in October 2013 for the FSA of C&A Homes Providing Continuum of Care and Conversion Homes Providing Continuum of Care to become applicable so as to reflect the upgrading of subsidised residential care places for the elderly by subvented C&A Homes upon getting extra recurrent funding to places reaching the new service standards required of places providing a continuum of care.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0535

(Question Serial No. 3331)

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 Providing Continuum of Care (serial number 011), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2013; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 443)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Care and Attention Homes Providing Continuum of Care has not been revised since its last revision in October 2013.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0536

(Question Serial No. 3332)

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 Child Care Centres (serial number 012), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 444)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Child Care Centre Service was revised in August 2015 to clearly stipulate the essential service requirements and the basis of subvention for the service.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Child Care Centre Service as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3334)

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 Children and Youth Centres (serial number 014), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 446)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Children and Youth Centres has not been revised since its formulation in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0538

(Question Serial No. 3335)

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 Children and Youth Centres with Reading/Study Rooms (serial number 015), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 447)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Children and Youth Centres with Reading/Study Rooms has not been revised since its formulation in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0539

(Question Serial No. 3336)

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 Children Centres (serial number 016), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 448)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Children Centres has not been revised since its formulation in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3337)

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 Children Centres with Reading/ Study Room (serial number 017), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 449)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Children Centres with Reading/Study Room has not been revised since its formulation in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3338)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 450)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Children's Home has not been revised since its last revision in July 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Children's Home as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3339)

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 Clinical Psychological Service In Case Work Setting in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) & Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (serial number 020), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether SWD has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 452)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSAs for Clinical Psychological Service In Case Work Setting in SWD & NGOs has not been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2002.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0543

(Question Serial No. 3340)

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 Combined Homes (serial number 021), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 453)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Combined Homes has not been revised since 1 December 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0544

(Question Serial No. 3341)

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 Commercial-hired Transport Service for People with Disabilities (serial number 022), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 454)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Commercial-hired Transport Service for People with Disabilities has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Commercial-hired Transport Service for People with Disabilities as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3343)

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 Community Rehabilitation Network (serial number 025), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 January 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 456)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Community Rehabilitation Network has not been revised since its formulation on 1 January 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Community Rehabilitation Network as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0546

(Question Serial No. 3345)

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 Crisis Residential Service for Youth-at-Risk (serial number 027), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 458)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Crisis Residential Service for Youth-at-Risk has not been revised since its formulation in April 2002.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3346)

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 Centres (serial number 028), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 459)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centres has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centres as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3347)

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 cum Day Activity Centre (serial number 029), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in August 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 460)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centre and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons has not been further revised since the revision in August 2010.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centre and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0549

(Question Serial No. 3348)

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 (serial number 030), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in August 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 461)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centre and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons has not been revised since its last revision in August 2010.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centre and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0550

(Question Serial No. 3349)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2012; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 462)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centres (including Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in April 2012.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centres (including Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0551

(Question Serial No. 3350)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2012; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 463)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centre (including Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Lung On Day Activity Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in April 2012.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centre (including Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Lung On Day Activity Centre) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0552

(Question Serial No. 3351)

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 Wai Ji Christian Service Nam Shan Day Activity Centre (serial number 033), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2012; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 464)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Activity Centres (including Wai Ji Christian Service Nam Shan Day Activity Centre) has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2012.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Day Activity Centres (including Wai Ji Christian Service Nam Shan Day Activity Centre) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3352)

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 Centres for the Elderly (serial number 034), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 465)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Care Centres for the Elderly has not been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3353)

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 (serial number 035), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2009; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 466)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Day Care Centre/Unit for the Elderly has not been further revised since its last revision in April 2009.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3354)

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 Dementia Supplement for Elderly with Disabilities (serial number 037), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 468)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Dementia Supplement for Elderly with Disabilities has not been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Dementia Supplement for Elderly with Disabilities as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0556

(Question Serial No. 3355)

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 (serial number 039), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in December 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 470)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams has not been revised since its last revision in December 2010.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3356)

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 Early Education & Training Centre (serial number 040), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 November 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 471)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Early Education & Training Centre has not been revised since its formulation in 2002.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Early Education & Training Centre as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0558

(Question Serial No. 3357)

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 Special Child Care Centre cum Early Education & Training Centre (serial number 041), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 August 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 472)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Special Child Care Centre cum Early Education & Training Centre has not been revised since its formulation in 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Special Child Care Centre cum Early Education & Training Centre as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3358)

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 Emergency Placement (as attachment to the FSAs of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly & Nursing Homes) (serial number 042), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 August 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 473)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Emergency Placement has not been revised since 1 August 2004.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3359)

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 Factory for the Blind (serial number 043), would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
- (3) whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 474)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In October 2014, SWD allocated additional recurrent funding for the operators of sheltered workshops to increase care and nursing staff. The FSAs for Sheltered Workshops, including that for Factory for the Blind, were updated accordingly.
- (2) SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for Sheltered Workshops (including that for Factory for the Blind) as and when necessary.
- (3) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0561

(Question Serial No. 3360)

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 Family Aide (serial number 044), would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
- (3) whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 475)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The FSA for Family Aide was revised once in April 2002 to include the regulations in the Lump Sum Grant Manual and the rules governing the use of funding.
- (2) SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (3) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0562

(Question Serial No. 3361)

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 Family Life Education (serial number 045), would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
- (3) whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 476)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The FSA for Family Life Education was revised once in April 2002 to include the regulations in the Lump Sum Grant Manual and the rules governing the use of funding.
- (2) SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
- (3) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0563

(Question Serial No. 3362)

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 Halfway House (serial number 046), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 July 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 477)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Halfway House has not been revised since its formulation on 1 July 1999.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Halfway House as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3363)

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 Home for the Aged (serial number 049), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 478)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Home for the Aged has not been revised since 1 December 1999.
2. SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in homes for the aged since 1 January 2003. Since 2005-06, homes for the aged have been converted into care and attention homes providing a continuum of care by phases. The operators concerned are required to comply with the FSA for Care and Attention Homes Providing Continuum of Care and Conversion Homes Providing Continuum of Care. As such, SWD has no plans now to revise the FSA for Home for the Aged.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0565

(Question Serial No. 3364)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in March 2011; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 479)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Martha Boss Lutheran Day Care Centre for the Elderly has not been further revised since its last revision in March 2011.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3365)

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) (serial number 051), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in August 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 480)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of HMMH in October 2015 to provide additional physiotherapists/occupational therapists for HMMH, with a view to strengthening the improvement measures for meeting the needs of ageing service users. The FSA for HMMH was updated accordingly.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for HMMH as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0567

(Question Serial No. 3366)

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 (Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) (serial number 052), would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in August 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
- (3) whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 481)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) SWD allocated additional recurrent subvention to service operators of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) in October 2015 to add physiotherapists/occupational therapists in these hostels for enhancing the care service for their ageing service users. The FSAs for HMMH (including that for Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) were updated accordingly to include the provision of physiotherapy/occupational therapy services as part of the essential services of HMMH.
- (2) SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for HMMH (including that for Hong Kong Red Cross Shun Lee Hostel) as and when necessary.
- (3) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSA onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3367)

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 (serial number 053), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in August 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 482)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped has not been revised since its last update in August 2010.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0569

(Question Serial No. 3368)

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 Physically Handicapped Persons (serial number 054), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 483)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0570

(Question Serial No. 3369)

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 Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap (serial number 055), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 484)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0571

(Question Serial No. 3370)

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 Hostel for the Elderly (serial number 056), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 485)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hostel for the Elderly has not been revised since 1 December 1999.
2. With effect from 1 January 2003, SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in Hostels for the Elderly. Starting from 2005-06, hostels for the elderly had gradually been converted into care-and-attention homes providing continuum of care. Relevant service operators are required to comply with the FSA for Care and Attention Homes Providing Continuum of Care and Conversion Homes Providing Continuum of Care. Therefore, SWD currently has no plans to revise the FSA for Hostel for the Elderly.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0572

(Question Serial No. 3371)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2001; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 486)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Hotline Service for Youth at Risk has not been revised since its last revision in April 2001.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0573

(Question Serial No. 3372)

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 Infirmity Care Supplement (as attachment to the FSAs of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) (serial number 058), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 487)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Infirmity Care Supplement has not been revised since 29 December 2003.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0574

(Question Serial No. 3373)

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 Infirmary Care Supplement for Aged Blind Persons (serial number 059), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 488)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Infirmary Care Supplement for Aged Blind Persons has not been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Infirmary Care Supplement for Aged Blind Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0575

(Question Serial No. 3374)

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 Infirmary Units for Aged Blind Persons (serial number 060), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 489)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Infirmary Units for Aged Blind Persons has not been revised since its formulation on 29 December 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Infirmary Units for Aged Blind Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0576

(Question Serial No. 3375)

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 Infirmary Units (as attachment to the FSAs of Nursing Homes) (serial number 061), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 January 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 490)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Infirmary Units has not been revised since 1 January 2004.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0577

(Question Serial No. 3376)

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) (serial number 062), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2002; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 491)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for ICYSCs has not been revised since its formulation in April 2002.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0578

(Question Serial No. 3377)

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 (serial number 063), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 492)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMW) will further be revised in April 2016 after the last revision in April 2014 so as to reflect the adjusted service output standards or requirements on the numbers of cases served, outreaching visits/interviews conducted and the groups/programmes organised for the families and carers of ex-mentally ill persons/persons with suspected mental health problems after the allocation of additional recurrent subvention to ICCMW in 2015-16.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for ICCMW as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0579

(Question Serial No. 3378)

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 (serial number 064), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2011; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 493)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Family Service Centre has not been further revised since its last revision in April 2011.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, continue to assess the service needs regularly in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0580

(Question Serial No. 3379)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in January 2007; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 494)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Home Care Services (Agency and District-based) has not been further revised since its last revision in January 2007.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0581

(Question Serial No. 3380)

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 Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (serial number 066), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 12 October 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 495)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (IP) has not been revised since its formulation in 2005.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for IP as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0582

(Question Serial No. 3381)

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 Service for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children in Small Group Home (serial number 067), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 496)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Service for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children in Small Group Home has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Integrated Service for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children in Small Group Home as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0583

(Question Serial No. 3382)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 497)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Tung Chung Integrated Services has not been further revised since its last revision in October 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, continue to assess the service needs regularly in consultation with the service operators concerned and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0584

(Question Serial No. 3383)

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 with Community Support Service Scheme (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong Tai Wo Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 070), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 498)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Community Support Service Scheme (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong Tai Wo Integrated Youth Service Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in October 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0585

(Question Serial No. 3384)

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 with Community Support Service Scheme (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 499)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Community Support Service Scheme (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Jockey Club Kin Sang Youth S.P.O.T.) has not been revised since its last revision in October 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0586

(Question Serial No. 3385)

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 with Community Support Service Scheme (Hong Kong Playground Association Choi Tak Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth) (serial number 072), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 March 2012; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 500)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Community Support Service Scheme (Hong Kong Playground Association Choi Tak Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth) has not been revised since its formulation in March 2012.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3386)

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 with Community Support Service Scheme (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 501)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Community Support Service Scheme (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in October 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0588

(Question Serial No. 3387)

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 with Community Support Service Scheme (Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children and Youth Services) (serial number 074), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 502)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Community Support Service Scheme (Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children and Youth Services) has not been revised since its last revision in October 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0589

(Question Serial No. 3388)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 503)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for integrated services with services for young night drifters (Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0590

(Question Serial No. 3389)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People – Stanley) (serial number 076), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 504)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People – Stanley) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0591

(Question Serial No. 3390)

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 (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 505)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Services with Services for Young Night drifters (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0592

(Question Serial No. 3391)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 506)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Chai Wan Centre Jockey Club Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0593

(Question Serial No. 3392)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong Tin Shui Wai Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 079), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 507)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong Tin Shui Wai Integrated Youth Service Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0594

(Question Serial No. 3393)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 508)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tai Po Integrated Children and Youth Service Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0595

(Question Serial No. 3394)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tin Ping Integrated Youth Service Centre) (serial number 081), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 509)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Tin Ping Integrated Youth Service Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0596

(Question Serial No. 3395)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk and So Uk Integrated Services Centre) (serial number 082), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 510)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Christian Service Lei Cheng Uk and So Uk Integrated Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0597

(Question Serial No. 3396)

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 Federation of Youth Groups LOHAS Youth S.P.O.T.) (serial number 083), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 24 February 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 511)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for ICYSCs with Services for YNDs (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups LOHAS Youth S.P.O.T.) was revised once in October 2013. After discussion, 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. Moreover, performance standards were adjusted and outcome standards of referral services added. To clarify the calculation method of the outcome indicators, in July 2014, the number of cases closed in the note of the Agreement was revised to become the number of YNDs served.

2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0598

(Question Serial No. 3397)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Playground Association Mongkok Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) (serial number 084), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 512)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Playground Association Mongkok Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0599

(Question Serial No. 3398)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Playground Association Tsing Yi Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) (serial number 085), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 513)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Playground Association Tsing Yi Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0600

(Question Serial No. 3399)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Jockey Club Ma On Shan (South) Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre – Jockey Club Youth Express) (serial number 086), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 514)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Jockey Club Ma On Shan (South) Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre – Jockey Club Youth Express) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0601

(Question Serial No. 3400)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 515)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Scout Association of Hong Kong – The Friends of Scouting Long Ping Integrated Service Centre for Children and Youth) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0602

(Question Serial No. 3401)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People) (serial number 088), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 516)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0603

(Question Serial No. 3402)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 517)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Sau Mau Ping Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0604

(Question Serial No. 3403)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 518)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0605

(Question Serial No. 3404)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Homantin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) (serial number 091), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 519)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Homantin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0606

(Question Serial No. 3405)

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 with Services for Young Night Drifters (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Shatin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) (serial number 092), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 520)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres with Services for Young Night Drifters (Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Shatin Integrated Centre for Youth Development) has not been revised since its last revision in July 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3406)

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 Vocational Training Centre (IVTC) (Caritas Lok Mo IVTC) (serial number 093), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 521)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD revised the definition of open employment with respect to cases of vocational rehabilitation services in January 2016, and the FSAs for IVTC (including that of Caritas Lok Mo IVTC) were updated accordingly.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for IVTC (including that of Caritas Lok Mo IVTC) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0608

(Question Serial No. 3407)

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 Vocational Training Centre (IVTC) (Hong Chi Association Hong Chi Pinehill IVTC) (serial number 094), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 522)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD revised the definition of open employment with respect to cases of vocational rehabilitation services in January 2016, and the FSA for IVTCs (including that of Hong Chi Association Hong Chi Pinehill IVTC) were updated accordingly.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for IVTC (including that of Hong Chi Association Hong Chi Pinehill IVTC) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3742)

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 Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre (IVRSC) (serial number 095), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 523)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD revised the definition of open employment with respect to cases of vocational rehabilitation services in January 2016, and the FSA for IVRSC was updated accordingly.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for IVRSC as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0610

(Question Serial No. 3743)

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 Inter-country Adoption Service (serial number 096), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 524)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Inter-country Adoption Service has not been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2000.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Inter-country Adoption Service as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0611

(Question Serial No. 3744)

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 Long Stay Care Home (serial number 097), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 525)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Long Stay Care Home has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Long Stay Care Home as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0612

(Question Serial No. 3745)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 526)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons has not been revised since its last revision in October 2014.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0613

(Question Serial No. 3746)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 527)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for NEC has not been further revised since its last revision in October 2014.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0614

(Question Serial No. 3747)

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 (Kowloon City Baptist Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre) (serial number 100), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 528)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Kowloon City Baptist Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre has not been further revised since its last revision in October 2014.
2. SWD has no plans to revise the FSA in the coming year.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0615

(Question Serial No. 3749)

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 Family Support Networking Team (serial number 102), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 February 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 530)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Family Support Networking Team has not been revised since its formulation in February 2003.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0616

(Question Serial No. 3751)

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 Nursing Homes (serial number 104), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 532)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Nursing Homes has not been revised since 1 October 2000.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0617

(Question Serial No. 3752)

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 Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children (serial number 105), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 533)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children has not been revised since its formulation in 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0618

(Question Serial No. 3753)

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 Parents/Relatives Resource Centre (PRC) for Disabled Persons (serial number 106), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2001; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 534)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD allocated additional recurrent allocation to service operators of PRC in October 2015 to increase the manpower of social workers for the provision of professional casework counselling service and group work. This would enhance the understanding and caring skill of the parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons towards persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons, assisting them in handling the problems and difficulties concerned and relieving the pressure they experience in the caring process. The FSA for PRC for Disabled Persons was updated accordingly to include the provision of professional casework counselling service and group work as the essential services of PRC.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for PRC for Disabled Persons as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0619

(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:

Regarding the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Parents/Relatives Resource Centre (PRC) for Mentally Ill Persons (serial number 107), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 October 2001; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 535)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD allocated additional recurrent allocation to service operators of PRC in October 2015 to increase the manpower of social workers for the provision of professional casework counselling service and group work. This will enhance the understanding and caring skill of the parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons towards persons with disabilities/ex-mentally ill persons, assist them in handling the problems and difficulties concerned and relieve the pressure they experience in the caring process. The FSA for PRC for Mentally Ill Persons was updated accordingly to include the provision of professional casework counselling service and group work as the essential services of PRC.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for PRC for Mentally Ill Persons as and when necessary.

3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0620

(Question Serial No. 3755)

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 Rehabilitation and Training Centre for the Visually Impaired (serial number 108), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 536)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Rehabilitation and Training Centre for the Visually Impaired has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Rehabilitation and Training Centre for the Visually Impaired as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3756)

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 Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) for Relief and Assistance (serial number 109), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 March 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 537)

Reply:

1. The FSA for Relief and Assistance has not been revised since its formulation on 1 March 2004.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3757)

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 Creche (serial number 110), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 538)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Residential Creche has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Residential Creche as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3758)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 539)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Residential Nursery has not been revised since its last revision in July 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Residential Nursery as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3759)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in April 2010; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 540)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Residential Service for Young Probationers has not been revised since its last revision in April 2010.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0625

(Question Serial No. 3760)

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 Residential Special Child Care Centre (serial number 113), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 541)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Residential Special Child Care Centre has not been revised since its formulation in 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Residential Special Child Care Centre as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0626

(Question Serial No. 3761)

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 Residential Special Child Care Centre cum Early Education & Training Centre (RSCCC cum EETC) (Hong Chi Pinehill Pre-school Centre) (serial number 114), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 September 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 542)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSAs for RSCCC cum EETC (including that of Hong Chi Pinehill Pre-school Centre) have not been revised since their formulation in 2004.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for RSCCC cum EETC (including that of Hong Chi Pinehill Pre-school Centre) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0627

(Question Serial No. 3762)

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 Residential Special Child Care Centre cum Early Education & Training Centre (RSCCC cum EETC) (SAHK Apleichau Pre-school Centre) (serial number 115), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 31 August 2004; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 543)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSAs for RSCCC cum EETC (including that of SAHK Apleichau Pre-school Centre) have not been revised since their formulation in 2004.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for RSCCC cum EETC (including that of SAHK Apleichau Pre-school Centre) as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0628

(Question Serial No. 3763)

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 Respite Service (as attachment to the FSAs of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly) (serial number 116), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 544)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Respite Service has not been revised since its formulation on 1 December 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3764)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in January 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 545)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for School Social Work has not been revised since its last revision in January 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0630

(Question Serial No. 3765)

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 (Refuge Centres) (serial number 118), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in March 2012; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 546)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The FSA for Refuge Centres has not been further revised since its last revision in March 2012. In 2016-17, SWD will provide a total of 30 additional residential places in Refuge Centre and review the FSA with the service operator concerned.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0631

(Question Serial No. 3766)

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 –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in February 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 547)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Services for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners has not been revised since its last revision in February 2014.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3767)

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 Sheltered Workshop (SW) (serial number 120), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 548)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD allocated additional recurrent allocation to service operators of SW in October 2014 to increase the manpower for caring and nursing in SW. The FSA for SW was updated accordingly to include the provision of nursing service as an essential service of SW.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0633

(Question Serial No. 3768)

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 Sheltered Workshop cum Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (SW cum HMMH) (serial number 121), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in October 2014; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 549)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. SWD allocated additional recurrent allocation to service operators of HMMHs in October 2015 for additional physiotherapists/occupation therapists to provide services that meet the needs of their ageing service users. The FSA for SW cum HMMH was updated accordingly to include the provision of physiotherapy/occupational therapy services as part of the essential services of SW cum HMMH.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0634

(Question Serial No. 3769)

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 Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children (SGH(MMHC))/Integrated Service for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children (MMHC) in Small Group Home (SGH) (serial number 122), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 February 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 550)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for SGH(MMHC) and the FSA for Integrated Service for MMHC in SGH have not been revised since their formulation on 1 February 2000 and 1 April 2000 respectively.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSAs for SGH(MMHC) and Integrated Service for MMHC in SGH as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0635

(Question Serial No. 3770)

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 (SGH) (serial number 123), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its last revision in July 2008; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 551)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for SGH has not been revised since its last revision in July 2008.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for SGH as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0636

(Question Serial No. 3771)

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 Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled (serial number 124), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 552)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0637

(Question Serial No. 3772)

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 Special Child Care Centre (serial number 126), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 553)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Special Child Care Centre has not been revised since its formulation in 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Special Child Care Centre as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0638

(Question Serial No. 3773)

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 Special Children Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children (serial number 127), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 15 August 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 554)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Special Children Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children has not been revised since its formulation on 15 August 2005.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Special Children Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0639

(Question Serial No. 3774)

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 Special Provision Programme for Autistic Children in Special Child Care Centre (serial number 128), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 555)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Special Provision Programme for Autistic Children in Special Child Care Centre has not been revised since its formulation in 2003.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Special Provision Programme for Autistic Children in Special Child Care Centre as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3775)

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 Supported Employment (SE) (serial number 131), would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2005; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
- (3) whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 556)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) SWD revised the definition of open employment with respect to cases of vocational rehabilitation services in January 2016, and the FSA for SE was updated accordingly.
- (2) SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for SE as and when necessary.
- (3) SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0641

(Question Serial No. 3776)

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 Supported Hostel (serial number 132), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 557)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Supported Hostel has not been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2000.
2. SWD will assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA for Supported Hostel as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0642

(Question Serial No. 3777)

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 Support Team for the Elderly (STE) in District Elderly Community Centre (DECC) (serial number 133), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2003; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 558)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. After the last revision of the FSA for STE attached to DECC in April 2003, the relevant content was included in the FSAs for DECCs in October 2014. The original FSA for STE is no longer applicable.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0643

(Question Serial No. 3778)

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 Temporary Shelter/Hostel for Street Sleepers (serial number 134), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 2001; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 559)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Temporary Shelter/Hostel for Street Sleepers was formulated in April 2000. It was revised in November 2000 to cover all homeless people by extending the age range of target service users.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs based on the type of service onto its webpage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3779)

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 Youth Centres (serial number 136), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 560)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Youth Centres has not been revised since its last revision in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0645

(Question Serial No. 3780)

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 Youth Centres with Reading/Study Rooms (serial number 137), would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether the above FSA has been revised since its formulation on 1 April 1999; if yes, when was it revised and what were the details?
2. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has any plans to revise the above FSA in the coming year; if yes, what are the details of the planned revision?
3. whether SWD will upload both the latest and previous FSAs onto its webpage; if yes, what are the details; and if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 561)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The FSA for Youth Centres with Reading/Study Rooms has not been revised since its formulation in April 1999.
2. SWD will, in line with the established practice, assess the service needs regularly and revise the FSA as and when necessary.
3. SWD has uploaded the latest sample FSAs onto its webpage on a service type basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0646****(Question Serial No. 3781)**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:

What are the respective numbers of social welfare services launched by way of fixed-price bidding and competitive bidding each year? (Please fill in the table below)

		Number
Family and Child Welfare	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	
Services for The Elderly	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	
Rehabilitation Services	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	
Community Development	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	
Services for Young People	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	
Services for Offenders	Fixed-price bidding	
	Competitive bidding	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 562)Reply:

The numbers of new service agreements/contracts awarded ^[Note 1] by way of fixed-price bidding ^[Note 2] and competitive bidding ^[Note 3] by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015) are as follows –

Type of service	Programme	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
		Service agreement/ contract	Service agreement/ contract
Family and Child Welfare	Fixed-price bidding	-	-
	Competitive bidding	-	3
Services for The Elderly	Fixed-price bidding	1	5
	Competitive bidding	12	4
Rehabilitation Services	Fixed-price bidding	7	1
	Competitive bidding	-	-
Community Development	Fixed-price bidding	-	-
	Competitive bidding	-	-
Services for Young People	Fixed-price bidding	-	37
	Competitive bidding	-	-
Services for Offenders	Fixed-price bidding	-	-
	Competitive bidding	-	-

[Note 1] Referring to the number of agreements/contracts awarded to the service operators within a specific time frame.

[Note 2] The amount for the service provision is pre-determined by SWD. SWD awards service agreements/contracts by comparing the service quality of the NGOs based on the proposals they have submitted.

[Note 3] Service contracts awarded by tender in which competitive bidding is involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0647****(Question Serial No. 3782)**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 total accumulated Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve of the subvented organisations in each of the past 5 years.

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 563)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total accumulated LSG Reserve (\$ million)	2,551	2,620	2,649	2,701	Not yet available

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0648****(Question Serial No. 3783)**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) by the amount of their cumulative reserve, in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative reserve	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above HKD100,000,000					
HKD90,000,001 to 100,000,000					
HKD80,000,001 to 90,000,000					
HKD70,000,001 to 80,000,000					
HKD60,000,001 to 70,000,000					
HKD50,000,001 to 60,000,000					
HKD40,000,001 to 50,000,000					
HKD30,000,001 to 40,000,000					
HKD20,000,001 to 30,000,000					
HKD10,000,001 to 20,000,000					
HKD5,000,001 to 10,000,000					
HKD1,000,001 to 5,000,000					
HKD500,001 to 1,000,000					
HKD1 to 500,000					
HKD0					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 564)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

Number of NGOs by their amount of cumulative reserve from 2010-11 to 2014-15

Amount of cumulative reserve (\$)	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above 100,000,000	5	5	5	6	Not yet available
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	2	1	1	1	
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	-	3	4	3	
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	5	5	4	5	
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	5	2	4	2	
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	1	4	1	3	
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	5	2	3	3	
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	3	5	5	3	
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	6	6	5	5	
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	12	12	12	14	
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	25	23	24	20	
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	34	32	38	39	
500,001 to 1,000,000	14	14	9	12	
1 to 500,000	31	31	26	23	
0	16	19	24	26	
Total	164	164	165	165	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0649****(Question Serial No. 3784)**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) by their amount of reserve after deducting the sum deposited in the holding account, in each of the past 5 years.

Amount of Reserve after Deducting the Sum Deposited in the Holding Account	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above HKD100,000,000					
HKD90,000,001 to 100,000,000					
HKD80,000,001 to 90,000,000					
HKD70,000,001 to 80,000,000					
HKD60,000,001 to 70,000,000					
HKD50,000,001 to 60,000,000					
HKD40,000,001 to 50,000,000					
HKD30,000,001 to 40,000,000					
HKD20,000,001 to 30,000,000					
HKD10,000,001 to 20,000,000					
HKD5,000,001 to 10,000,000					
HKD1,000,001 to 5,000,000					
HKD500,001 to 1,000,000					
HKD1 to 500,000					
HKD0					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 565)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

Number of NGOs by their amount of cumulative Lump Sum Grant Reserve after deducting the sum deposited in the holding account from 2010-11 to 2014-15

Amount of cumulative reserve after deducting the sum deposited in the holding account (\$)	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above 100,000,000	-	-	-	-	Not yet available
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	-	-	-	-	
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	-	-	-	-	
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	-	-	-	-	
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	-	-	1	1	
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	-	1	1	1	
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	1	1	1	4	
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	4	2	4	3	
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	5	8	6	4	
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	11	11	11	9	
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	12	11	10	14	
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	33	32	38	40	
500,001 to 1,000,000	17	18	17	14	
1 to 500,000	37	37	33	33	
0	44	43	43	42	
Total	164	164	165	165	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0650****(Question Serial No. 3785)**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) by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention received in the year, in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention received	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
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%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 566)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of
LSG subvention received in the year from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year ^[Note]	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
51% or above	33	29	24	23	Not yet available
46% to 50%	6	9	8	7	
41% to 45%	6	9	9	7	
36% to 40%	16	10	10	9	
31% to 35%	9	12	12	13	
26% to 30%	12	9	14	15	
21% to 25%	12	11	12	18	
16% to 20%	11	14	15	11	
11% to 15%	18	18	17	16	
6% to 10%	12	11	11	10	
1% to 5%	13	12	9	10	
0%	16	20	24	26	
Total	164	164	165	165	

[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0651****(Question Serial No. 3786)**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) by percentage of their cumulative reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding account) to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention received in the year, in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding account) to the amount of LSG subvention received	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
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%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 567)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve
(deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding account)
to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Percentage of cumulative reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding account) to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year ^[Note]	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
51% or above	5	5	5	4	Not yet available
46% to 50%	2	4	2	2	
41% to 45%	1	1	1	2	
36% to 40%	2	3	2	1	
31% to 35%	6	3	3	1	
26% to 30%	5	4	6	5	
21% to 25%	8	13	18	17	
16% to 20%	25	17	18	27	
11% to 15%	16	20	20	18	
6% to 10%	20	22	20	19	
1% to 5%	29	26	25	25	
0%	45	46	45	44	
Total	164	164	165	165	

^[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0652****(Question Serial No. 3787)**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) by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention received in the year (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund), in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention received (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above 45%					
40% to 45%					
35% to 40%					
30% to 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 568)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve to
the amount of LSG subvention received in the year
(excluding subvention on Provident Fund)
from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year (excluding subvention on Provident Fund) ^[Note]	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
46% or above	42	44	37	35	Not yet available
41% to 45%	9	8	12	8	
36% to 40%	13	13	8	9	
31% to 35%	14	9	12	14	
26% to 30%	8	6	12	13	
21% to 25%	10	12	11	14	
16% to 20%	11	15	14	14	
11% to 15%	18	16	19	12	
6% to 10%	10	9	8	10	
5% or below	29	32	32	36	
Total	164	164	165	165	

^[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0653****(Question Serial No. 3788)**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) by percentage of their cumulative reserve (after deducting sum deposited in the Holding Account) to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention received in the year (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund), in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the sum deposited in the Holding Account) to the amount of LSG subvention received (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Above 45%					
40% to 45%					
35% to 40%					
30% to 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 569)Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

**Number of NGOs by percentage of their cumulative reserve
(after deducting the sum deposited in the Holding Account)
to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year
(excluding subvention on Provident Fund) from 2010-11 to 2014-15**

Percentage of cumulative reserve (after deducting the sum deposited in the Holding Account) to the amount of LSG subvention received in the year (excluding subvention on Provident Fund) ^[Note]	Number of NGOs				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
46% or above	7	10	7	8	Not readily available
41% to 45%	1	-	2	1	
36% to 40%	4	6	4	-	
31% to 35%	6	1	2	1	
26% to 30%	4	6	6	8	
21% to 25%	18	17	18	20	
16% to 20%	17	16	22	27	
11% to 15%	14	21	14	14	
6% to 10%	22	17	21	19	
5% or below	71	70	69	67	
Total	164	164	165	165	

[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0654****(Question Serial No. 3789)**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 amount of cumulative reserve, and by the percentage of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention, in 2013-14.

Cumulative reserve/percentage of cumulative reserve to the amount of 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 to 100,000,000												
HKD80,000,001 to 90,000,000												
HKD70,000,001 to 80,000,000												
HKD60,000,001 to 70,000,000												
HKD50,000,001 to 60,000,000												
HKD40,000,001 to 50,000,000												
HKD30,000,001 to 40,000,000												
HKD20,000,001 to 30,000,000												
HKD10,000,001 to 20,000,000												
HKD5,000,001 to 10,000,000												
HKD1,000,001 to 5,000,000												
HKD500,001 to 1,000,000												
HKD1 to 500,000												
HKD0												

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 570)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 2013-14**

Cumulative reserve/ such reserve as a percentage of the LSG subvention ^[Note]/ number of NGOs (\$)	51% or above	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%	Total
Above 100,000,000	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	3	2	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	14
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	3	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	-	20
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	10	-	1	1	3	3	6	5	4	2	4	-	39
500,001 to 1,000,000	2	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	12
1 to 500,000	2	-	-	1	-	2	3	1	6	3	5	-	23
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26
Total	23	7	7	9	13	15	18	11	16	10	10	26	165

[Note] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0655****(Question Serial No. 3790)**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:

For each of the past 3 years, what was the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that received the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention having to refund the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSG Subvention System (LSGSS) to the Government in the following financial year, number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) upon application with justifications from the NGOs, and the amount of funding for other charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS? (Please complete the following table)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of NGOs that received the LSG subvention having to refund to the Government in the following financial year the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSGSS			
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs			
Amount of funding for other charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 571)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of NGOs that received the LSG subvention having to refund to the Government in the following financial year the amount above the accumulated reserve capped under the LSGSS	23	17	17
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs	-	-	-
Amount of funding ^[Note] required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve has exceeded the cap under the LSGSS (\$ million)	16.6	10.8	12.7

[Note] The total amount of funding that should be refunded to the Government has been calculated based on a preliminary review conducted by the Social Welfare Department on the Annual Financial Reports submitted by individual NGOs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0656****(Question Serial No. 3791)**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:

What is the respective amount of subvention received for Provident Fund by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the past 3 years? (Please complete the following table)

Subvention received for Provident Fund by NGOs	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Snapshot Staff			
6.8% and other posts			
Total amount			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 572)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Subvention received for Provident Fund by NGOs	2012-13 (Actual) (\$ million)	2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)
Snapshot Staff	404.4	415.2	424.3
6.8% and other posts	349.1	389.2	483.6
Total amount	753.5	804.4	907.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0657****(Question Serial No. 3792)**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, the number and names of NGOs newly operating under the LSG subvention system (LSGSS) and the number and names of NGOs having left the LSGSS, in each of the last 3 years.

Year	Number of organisations under the LSGSS	Number of organisations newly operating under the LSGSS	Number of organisations having left the LSGSS
2013-14			
2014-15			
2015-16			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 573)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of organisations under the LSGSS	Number of organisations newly operating under the LSGSS	Number of organisations having left the LSGSS
2013-14	165	-	-
2014-15	164	-	1 [The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission]
2015-16	165	1 [First Assembly of God Church]	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0658****(Question Serial No. 3793)**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:

What is the provisional subvention allocation for subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2016-17, and what were the revised and actual amount of subvention allocation for subvented NGOs in 2015-16 and 2014-15 respectively? (Please fill in the following table)

Year	Subvention Allocation for Subvented NGOs (\$)
2014-15 (Actual)	
2015-16 (Revised)	
2016-17 (Provisional)	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 574)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Subvention Allocation for Subvented NGOs (\$ million)
2014-15 (Actual)	11,913
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	12,761
2016-17 (Estimate)	12,824

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0659

(Question Serial No. 3794)

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:

What is the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) which have failed to submit their Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each year since 2013-14? Please inform this Committee of the progress of following up the case(s) of NGOs having failed to submit their AFRs to SWD. Has the NGO concerned now submitted to SWD its AFR for the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention for the year concerned?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 575)

Reply:

For 2013-14, all NGOs receiving LSG subvention had submitted their AFRs for the year to SWD. For 2014-15, 4 NGOs have not yet done so, and SWD is now following up the matter with the NGOs concerned on their outstanding AFRs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0660****(Question Serial No. 3795)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 303m²? 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 576)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 156m² to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. Since 2014-15, the Government has provided an additional recurrent funding of some \$82.5 million for 51 Social Centres for the Elderly to raise their standard of services to that of NECs, including increasing their standard internal floor area by 156m² correspondingly. The number of NECs (including those that were upgraded in 2014-15) with internal floor area meeting/below the standard 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	34	29	1
Total floor area below standard	92	12	-

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)0661****(Question Serial No. 3796)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 424m²? 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 577)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 83m² to meet the enhanced functions of the centre. The number of DECCs with internal floor area meeting/below the standard 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	7	21	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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0662****(Question Serial No. 3799)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation of 535m²? 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what are the plans of the Government to identify 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. 580)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
No. of IFSCs with total floor area above or close to the standard	43 ^[Note]	1	-
No. of IFSCs with total floor area below the standard	20	1	-

^[Note] Including 32 centres with total floor area above the standard and 11 centres with total floor area close to the standard (i.e. reaching 90% or above of the standard).

The Social Welfare Department will continue to identify suitable premises for IFSCs with total floor areas below the standard.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0663****(Question Serial No. 3800)**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) in Hong Kong, 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 581)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 ^[Note]

^[Note] Including 4 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0664****(Question Serial No. 3801)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 345m²? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above standard			
Total floor area below standard			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 582)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Number of DSCs without 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 ^[Note]	-	-

^{Note} Including 2 DSCs expected to be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of construction/conversion works in 2016-17.

While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for DSC, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for DSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual DSCs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0665****(Question Serial No. 3802)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 631m²? 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 583)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA	42	42	-
Total floor area 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)0666****(Question Serial No. 3803)**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) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying total floor areas above and below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 137m²? 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			

For the above service units occupying floor areas below standard, what plans does the Government have to identify for them premises meeting the requirements in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 584)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	With no sub-base	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA	5	1	-
Total floor area below the standard SoA	9	-	-

While the SoA is a planning parameter for setting up the above DYOTs, 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)0667****(Question Serial No. 3804)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Optimal Level of Reserve (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-government organisations (NGOs) should have documents briefly setting out their mechanisms in planning, evaluating and determining the level of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) 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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD

assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 585)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Optimal Level of LSG Reserve is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should have documents briefly setting out their mechanisms in planning, evaluating and determining the level of LSG 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.	40	26	80
NGOs' chief executives should regularly report the status of the reserve to their governing boards.	114	9	23

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0668****(Question Serial No. 3805)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Communication (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 586)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Communication is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	116	9	21
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.	84	11	51

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0669****(Question Serial No. 3806)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Term of Office of the Governing Board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 587)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Term of Office of the Governing Board is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	80	22	44

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0670****(Question Serial No. 3807)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Roles of Governing Board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 588)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Roles of Governing Board is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	105	9	32
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.	83	12	51

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0671****(Question Serial No. 3808)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Delineation of Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Board (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 589)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Delineation of Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Board is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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	104	12	30
NGOs should provide appropriate channels for the staff and service users to access such information.	94	13	39

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0672****(Question Serial No. 3809)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under NGOs' Decision Making on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
<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 Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD

assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 590)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Decision Making on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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. [Examples of important decisions mentioned above – (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary; (d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]	52	24	70

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0673****(Question Serial No. 3810)**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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under NGO's Decisions Made on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services (Level Two)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
<p>Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should prepare documents and policies on their own, spelling out how information about important decisions related to Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 591)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Decisions Made on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services is under the Level Two guidelines that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the guideline according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in the first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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. [Examples of important decisions made by NGO – (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary; (d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]	49	25	72

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0674****(Question Serial No. 3811)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Maximised Use of Reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, based on the actual circumstances and their development strategies, decide on their own how the Lump Sum Grant (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			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 592)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Maximised Use of Reserve is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	147	0	17
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.	125	0	39
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.	152	0	12
NGOs are required to have documents setting out the policies and procedures on managing and monitoring	98	1	65

their LSG reserve, and to make known to staff such procedures.			
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NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0675****(Question Serial No. 3812)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Status of Reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about the utilisation of the Lump Sum Grant (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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 593)Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Status of Reserve is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	93	1	70

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0676****(Question Serial No. 3813)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Use of Reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, based on the actual circumstances of their provident fund (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 Lump Sum Grant (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			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 594)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Use of PF Reserve is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	132	0	32
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.	113	1	50
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.	131	2	31
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.	98	2	64
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	81	3	80

be used in the future at their annual general meetings/in their annual reports.			
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NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0677****(Question Serial No. 3814)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Status of Reserve (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about utilisation of the provident fund (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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 595)Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Status of PF Reserve is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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.	97	2	65

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0678****(Question Serial No. 3815)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Salary Adjustment (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
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 Lump Sum Grant (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 subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 596)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Salary adjustment is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
In spending the allocation for salary adjustment, 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.	164	-	-
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 CSPA; or (b) Spend the full amount of the additional allocation for salary adjustment on salary adjustment for staff.	164	-	-
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	142	-	22

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.			
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NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0679****(Question Serial No. 3816)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under Composition, Duties and Responsibilities on Handling Complaints at Different Levels (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Lump Sum Grant (LSG)-related complaints against NGOs or their service units lodged by service users/staff should first be handled by the non-governmental organisation (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 (Service Quality Standard 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 LSG Independent Complaint Handling Committee (IHC).			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 597)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Composition, Duties and Responsibilities on Handling Complaints at Different Levels is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
LSG-related complaints against NGOs or their service units lodged by service users/staff should first be handled by the NGO concerned in accordance with its established policies.	149	-	15
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 (Service Quality Standard 15) have already covered the complaints mentioned above, the NGOs just need to follow the existing mechanism.	127	1	36
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.	143	-	21

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the

requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0680****(Question Serial No. 3817)**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 (LSGSC) 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 30 October 2015?

Among the organisations that had returned the BPM checklist to SWD by 30 October 2015, how many had complied with, had not yet complied with or were still in progress regarding Criteria and Procedures under NGOs' Policies and Procedures on Complaints Handling (Level One)? (please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are required to have documents spelling out their internal control measures in relation to handling Lump Sum Grant (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 LSG Independent Complaint Handling Committee's (IHC) requirements to provide relevant information and written records of the complaints concerned in a timely manner to facilitate the IHC'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 IHC's recommendations.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations being unable to comply with the above criteria and procedures? What are their views on implementing BPM? How will SWD

assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 598)

Reply:

All 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted the first self-assessment checklist for Level One guidelines under BPM to SWD, with 146 of them having also submitted the self-assessment checklist for Level Two guidelines.

Policies and Procedures on Complaints Handling is under the Level One guidelines that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the self-assessment checklists submitted in this first round, the implementation of this particular guideline by NGOs is set out as follows –

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out their internal control measures in relation to handling LSG-related complaints.	140	-	24
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.	148	-	16
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.	148	-	16
NGOs are required to keep relevant written records to show that follow-up actions have been taken in accordance with the ICHC's recommendations.	149	-	15

NGOs receiving LSG subvention are allowed to review their existing policies and procedures, so as to make necessary amendments for complying with the requirements of BPM in 3 years (i.e. by 30 June 2017).

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing transparency and monitoring in financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

Upon the implementation of BPM in July 2014, SWD has visited all NGOs receiving LSG subvention and held 5 seminars and workshops in order to assist them in complying with the requirements of BPM. SWD will keep in view the implementation of BPM by NGOs, and provide advice and assistance for those having any problems.

If any NGO fails to comply with Level One guidelines, SWD will approach the NGO in order to know about the progress, assist them in drawing up an improvement plan and monitor its implementation. For NGOs which have persistently failed to comply with the requirements of BPM, SWD will submit the case to LSGSC for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0681

(Question Serial No. 3818)

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 (LSG) 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. 599)

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 on a pilot study basis 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. Upon the completion of the above 2 rounds of pilot studies, SWD has sent letters to encourage subvented NGOs 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

LWB(WW)0682

(Question Serial No. 3819)

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 type of the service units in each of the past 5 years;
2. among the visits mentioned in no. 1 above, how had the service units been complying with the agreed performance standards in each of the past 5 years; and
3. what were the actions taken by SWD to follow up on the service units which had failed to comply with the agreed performance standards in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 600)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Over the past 5 years, SWD has conducted a total of 450 review visits/surprise visits. The number of visits by year and service type is set out in Annex 1.
2. Among the 450 visits mentioned above, 434 service units were assessed to have complied with the “Essential Service Requirements” set out in their respective Funding and Service Agreements, and have complied with the requirements of the Service Quality Standards being assessed. The results by year are 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 improvement plans and monitored their implementation. Generally speaking, the NGOs are able to carry out their improvement plans smoothly.

**Number of review visits/surprise visits conducted by service type
from 2011-12 to 2015-16**

Year	Elderly Services	Family and Child Welfare Services	Rehabilitation Services	Youth and Probation Services	Others	Total
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
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	14	9	17	8	-	48
Total	152	63	137	96	2	450

Results of review visits/surprise visits conducted from 2011-12 to 2015-16

Year	Number of units having complied with requirements	Number of units having failed to comply with requirements	Total
2011-12	83	7	90
2012-13	67	-	67
2013-14	141	5	146
2014-15	95	4	99
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	48	-	48
Total	434	16	450

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0683

(Question Serial No. 3820)

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 advise, by district (District Council district), the number of places provided by aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS) and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs), and the utilisation rate of the various services in the past 3 years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16).
- (2) Please advise, by district (District Council district), the number of children received the home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group service (CCG) under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), as well as the annual total number of service hours of each of the above 2 services in the past 3 years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 760)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of places and utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs by district in the past 3 financial years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.
- (2) The number of children served under HCCS and CCG in each district, as well as the total number of service hours of HCCS, in the past 3 financial years are set out in Table 4 of the Annex. The minimum number of service sessions per year required by the Social Welfare Department is 816 (each session of at least 2 consecutive hours).

Table 1 - Number of places and utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs and their utilisation rate (2013-14)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places [Note]	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)
Central & Western	40	100	1 162	63	14	35	52	42	14	18.9
Southern	-	N.A.	1 661	56	16	108	58	83	42	5.0
Islands	-	N.A.	1 081	33	12	79	14	16	11	5.6
Eastern	56	100	2 713	79	19	56	96	70	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	40	100	748	74	12	59	56	80	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 456	87	49	76	122	82	56	9.9
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	829	88	34	81	84	125	14	14.8
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 221	67	21	64	56	51	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	56	100	3 106	86	25	63	66	58	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	88	99	1 245	90	22	68	58	98	14	-
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	25	84	76	116	37	17.1
Sha Tin	70	98	2 091	85	29	59	82	57	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	976	71	15	69	66	83	-	N.A.
North	48	100	704	78	20	43	58	74	14	3.3
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	35	67	70	66	42	3.5
Tsuen Wan	70	100	1 144	83	18	77	50	98	14	3.2
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 138	88	37	71	88	60	42	3.8
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 481	72	31	83	78	77	14	-
Total	690	100	25 575	77	434	71	1 230	78	314	7.9

[Note] Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

Table 2 - Number of places and utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs and their utilisation rate (2014-15)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places [Note]	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)
Central & Western	40	100	1 318	57	13	37	52	46	14	22.5
Southern	-	N.A.	1 492	62	18	95	58	63	42	0.9
Islands	-	N.A.	1 094	38	13	72	14	3	11	1.6
Eastern	64	100	3 040	77	22	52	96	68	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	99	749	80	10	73	56	70	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 555	91	50	74	122	71	56	12.0
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	807	92	34	83	84	91	14	13.8
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 321	68	20	54	56	55	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	64	97	3 708	82	22	64	66	59	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	96	99	1 262	88	22	63	58	65	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	26	84	76	87	37	17.2
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	30	54	82	53	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	1 011	76	17	73	66	84	14	10.9
North	48	100	728	93	16	54	58	66	14	1.7
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	34	75	70	59	42	2.4
Tsuen Wan	70	100	1 185	83	20	63	50	91	14	6.5
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 192	89	34	81	88	57	42	6.0
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	33	78	78	63	-	N.A.
Total	722	99	27 012	79	434	71	1 230	67	314	8.0

[Note] Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

Table 3 - Number of places and utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs and their utilisation rate
(April to December 2015)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places [Note]	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate(%)
Central & Western	48	100	1 359	53	13	37	74	40	14	27.6
Southern	-	N.A.	1 494	56	18	74	70	66	42	0.20
Islands	-	N.A.	956	42	13	63	14	12	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100	2 817	75	22	48	190	66	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100	773	77	10	75	94	58	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 436	89	50	75	232	63	56	12.7
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	807	85	34	70	196	83	14	15.1
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 296	67	20	74	80	64	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	64	94	3 911	78	22	65	148	53	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	96	97	1 177	86	22	61	146	55	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	62	100	915	82	26	89	158	84	37	26.6
Sha Tin	70	100	2 012	88	30	53	110	45	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	858	77	17	72	96	68	14	10.3
North	48	100	681	90	16	63	74	60	14	5.0
Yuen Long	64	100	1 119	100	34	61	130	59	42	2.8
Tsuen Wan	76	100	1 269	82	20	47	94	72	14	1.5
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 123	90	34	72	132	68	42	8.2
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 460	82	33	63	166	53	-	N.A.
Total	736	99	26 463	77	434	66	2 204	63	303	10.0

[Note] Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

Table 4 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project
(From 2013-14 to December 2015)

District	2013-14				2014-15				April to December 2015			
	Number of children served			Number of service hours of HCCS	Number of children served			Number of service hours of HCCS	Number of children served			Number of service hours of HCCS
	HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG		HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG		HCCS	CCG	HCCS & CCG	
Central & Western	204	1	-	9 433	479	-	3	9 556	418	-	5	7 394
Eastern	402	-	-	17 969	394	2	2	23 827	380	5	5	19 176
Wanchai	228	-	-	9 240	199	59	15	9 735	73	122	32	2 920
Southern	252	29	16	17 225	335	21	4	25 469	234	20	1	21 756
Islands	371	-	-	39 493	364	-	-	41 934	319	15	5	35 551
Kwun Tong	443	117	15	46 754	489	181	17	55 663	466	159	17	50 399
Wong Tai Sin	488	192	11	51 046	480	229	8	54 511	369	224	6	48 921
Sai Kung	888	-	-	63 144	908	-	-	60 229	628	2	14	40 030
Kowloon City	408	37	6	15 016	546	73	13	14 196	467	7	4	10 549
Sham Shui Po	844	171	20	76 753	723	149	28	59 813	597	205	10	45 638
Yau Tsim Mong	619	54	151	51 730	628	108	144	64 129	522	117	95	48 375
Sha Tin	535	-	-	39 206	661	3	8	59 998	555	25	3	55 430
Tai Po	555	16	4	60 561	646	17	27	73 093	553	43	30	66 004
Northern	367	9	8	41 200	373	59	26	44 921	353	11	12	35 850
Yuen Long	569	258	61	59 787	722	303	110	66 785	567	270	76	55 322
Tsuen Wan	428	-	-	27 847	505	20	-	34 425	459	-	-	32 681
Kwai Tsing	247	441	31	25 707	260	511	27	20 752	460	231	22	18 452
Tuen Mun	858	180	60	69 946	859	105	56	76 921	896	28	21	37 753
Total	8 706	1 505	383	722 055	9 571	1 840	488	795 954	8 316	1 484	358	632 198

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0684****(Question Serial No. 3823)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare,
(2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise the Committee of the number of cases involving ethnic minorities and the frequency of community interpretation service used from 2013 to 2015. Please provide the following information –

Type of service	2013		2014		2015	
	Number of cases	Frequency of interpretation	Number of cases	Frequency of interpretation	Number of cases	Frequency of interpretation
Social security						
Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)						
Number of family and child protection cases						
Incidents of domestic violence						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 763)Reply:

The number of cases involving ethnic minorities in the past 3 years is provided in the table below.

Type of service	2013	2014	2015
	Number of cases	Number of cases	Number of cases
Social security ^[Note 1]	14 274	14 066	13 728
IFSCs ^[Note 2]	614	660	701
Number of family and child protection cases ^[Note 3]	125	131	102
Incidents of domestic violence ^[Note 4]	180	242	204

[Note 1] Among various social security schemes, only the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients whose country of origin was not China is captured.

[Note 2] The relevant figures include cases involving family members of ethnic minorities (ethnicities include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai) served by IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations on 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 respectively. There was at least 1 recipient being of ethnic minority in each case reflected in the statistics.

[Note 3] Information on the “ethnicity” of the victims of some cases which were served by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) before the system enhancement on 1 April 2013 could not be reflected. The relevant figures reflect the number of victims involving ethnic minorities (ethnicities include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai) in cases of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering being followed up by FCPSUs as at 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 respectively.

[Note 4] The number of victims involving ethnic minorities in the newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases as captured by SWD’s Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases. The SWD’s Child Protection Registry does not capture statistics on newly reported child abuse cases involving children of different ethnicities.

SWD does not have the information on community interpretation service used in various social security schemes, IFSCs, FCPSUs or incidents of domestic violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0685****(Question Serial No. 3824)**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 inform this Committee of the number of cases using the following 4 types of services covered by Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)) across all districts in Hong Kong in the last 5 years –

2015-2016

District Served	Meal Delivery Service	Household Cleansing	Escort Service	Personal Care
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tim Mong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				

2014-2015

District Served	Meal Delivery Service	Household Cleansing	Escort Service	Personal Care
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				

Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tim Mong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				

2013-2014

District Served	Meal Delivery Service	Household Cleansing	Escort Service	Personal Care
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tim Mong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				

2012-2013

District Served	Meal Delivery Service	Household Cleansing	Escort Service	Personal Care
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tim Mong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				

2011-2012

District Served	Meal Delivery Service	Household Cleansing	Escort Service	Personal Care
Central & Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tim Mong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Islands				
Kwai Tsing				
North				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 765)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases for IHCS(OC) with a breakdown by type of services, namely meal delivery service, household cleansing, escort service and personal care, across all districts in Hong Kong from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0686****(Question Serial No. 3825)**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 2016-17 Budget that the Government will allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million from 2016-17 onwards to provide more subsidised residential care places to enhance existing residential care services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of how the afore-mentioned \$140 million will be allocated.

Items		2015-16		2016-17	
	Number of existing residential care places	Expenditure	Additional places	Expenditure	
1. Subsidised residential care places	1.1 Places in Care-and-attention homes providing a continuum of care				
	1.2 Nursing homes places				
	1.3 Places in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme				
	1.4 Contract home places				
		2015-16 Current Expenditure		2016- 17 Additional expenditure	
	2) Current initiatives to enhance residential care services				
	(Specify) : 1 2 3 4				
	3) New initiatives to enhance existing residential care services				
	(Specify) : 1 2 3 4				

	Total: \$140 million				
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Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 766)

Reply:

Relevant information about the provision is set out in the table below –

Item	No. of additional places/places involved	Estimated full-year expenditure (\$ million)
Newly constructed contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) ^[Note 1]	210	53
Making better use of space in subvented homes ^[Note 2]	23	3
Newly constructed RCHEs under the “Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses” ^[Note 3]	72	11
Converting some of the non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in existing contract RCHEs into subsidised places ^[Note 4]	15	3
Enhancing the service quality of the 6 existing contract RCHEs ^[Note 4]	528 ^[Note 5]	34
Upgrading EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places ^[Note 6]	1 200	35
Total	2 048	140 ^[Note 7]

[Note 1] The newly constructed contract RCHEs will be provided in the Islands, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po.

[Note 2] The additional residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 3] The newly constructed RCHEs will be provided in Tsuen Wan.

[Note 4] The contract RCHEs concerned are located at Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Wong Tai Sin.

[Note 5] Including 70 day care places.

[Note 6] The participating RCHEs with EA2 places will provide services across all districts in Hong Kong.

[Note 7] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0687

(Question Serial No. 3826)

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 paragraph 141 of the Budget Speech 2016-17 that “starting from 2016-17, we shall allocate a recurrent provision of \$180 million to strengthen various residential care services, special transport services and community support services for persons with disabilities”. What items of services will be covered by this sum of \$180 million, and what will be the services included, amounts involved, staffing establishment and commencement date of each item?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 772)

Reply:

It is proposed by the Government in the Budget Speech that a full-year expenditure of about \$180 million be provided in 2016-17 to strengthen various residential care services, special transport services and community support services for persons with disabilities and to support children with special needs and their families. The measures are set out as follows –

- (i) An additional funding of about \$129 million for the provision of 1 110 additional places for various rehabilitation services, including 210 places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 400 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 350 places for residential care services and 150 places under the Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs), to enhance care for persons with disabilities and provide the necessary training.
- (ii) An additional funding of about \$10 million for increasing the training hours for eligible children on the waiting list for special child care centres to 6 hours per month under the Training Subsidy Programme, with the expected implementation date in the fourth quarter of 2016.

- (iii) An additional funding of about \$13 million for setting up a new Child Assessment Centre under the Department of Health.
- (iv) An additional funding of about \$9 million for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme at RCHDs to enhance the primary medical service and support for their residents, with the expected implementation date in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- (v) An additional funding of about \$19 million for enhancing the Rehabus service (including procuring 9 additional Rehabuses and replacing 10 Rehabuses with higher vehicle age) and bus service offered by day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and community rehabilitation day centres (including hiring 73 bus drivers). SWD will also apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund for procuring additional buses for day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and community rehabilitation day centres, with a view to enhancing the escort service offered by such service units to ageing service users. It is expected that the above measures will be implemented in the fourth quarter of 2016.

The minimum staffing requirements for RCHDs as indicated in the Schedule of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation (Subsidiary Legislation of Chapter 613) shall be met for the provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities. The details are set out as follows –

Type of staff	Type of RCHDs		
	High care level home [Note 1]	Medium care level home [Note 2]	Low care level home [Note 3]
Home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager	1 home manager
Ancillary worker	1 ancillary worker for every 40 residents or part of 40 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker or 1 care worker for every 40 residents or part of 40 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 ancillary worker or 1 care worker for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Care Worker	(a) 1 care worker for every 20 residents or part of 20 residents, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.; (b) 1 care worker for every 40 residents or part of 40 residents, between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.; (c) 1 care worker for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.		
Health worker	1 health worker for every 30 residents or part of 30 residents, or 1 nurse for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.	1 health worker for every 60 residents or part of 60 residents, or 1 nurse	No health worker or nurse required
Nurse			

[Note 1] As an additional requirement for a high care level home, at least 2 designated persons must be on duty between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Designated person means a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse.

[Note 2] As an additional requirement for a medium care level home with a capacity of –

- (a) more than 60 residents, at least 1 designated person must be on duty and 1 other designated person must be on site (whether or not on duty) between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Designated person means a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse;
- (b) not more than 60 residents, at least 1 designated person must be on site (whether or not on duty) and 1 other designated person must be on call (whether or not on site) between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Designated person means a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse.

[Note 3] As an additional requirement for a low care level home, at least 1 designated person must be on site (whether or not on duty) and 1 other designated person must be on call (whether or not on site) between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Designated person means a home manager, an ancillary worker, a care worker, a health worker or a nurse.

Apart from the above requirements, under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating rehabilitation services have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0688****(Question Serial No. 3828)**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 Estimates, there will be a net increase of 31 posts in 2016-17. Please tell this Committee-

1. How many staff members are now handling social security, what ranks are they and how many applications does each post handle on average?
2. How many newly-added staff members will there be, what ranks will they be and how many applications will each post handle on average after the manpower increase?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 792)Reply:

As at 31 December 2015, the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) had an establishment of about 1 500 posts, including the Social Security Officer Grade, Social Security Assistant Grade, clerical grade and supporting general grade. Regarding social security, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will have a net increase of 31 posts in total in the Social Security Officer Grade, Social Security Assistant Grade and clerical grade.

The estimated number of cases handled by SSFUs in 2015-16 and 2016-17 are provided as follows –

Year	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme	Social Security Allowance Scheme
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	289 000	867 000
2016-17 (Estimate)	284 000	893 000

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 therefore not possible to simply

set an average number of cases to be handled by each officer of the Social Security Assistant Grade and Social Security Officer Grade. However, SWD will deploy suitable manpower as and when necessary and seek additional resources as required.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0689****(Question Serial No. 3829)**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 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will 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. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the progress of this initiative and the expenditure involved?
2. whether SWD had consulted the sector when introducing this scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 793)Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) 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. SWD had consulted the sector before introducing the programme. As at end-January 2016, 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 to provide a continuum of care.

From 2013-14 to 2015-16, the funding allocated by SWD for homes with places providing a continuum of care is set out as follows –

2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
2,109.2	2,335.8	2,474.7

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0690

(Question Serial No. 3830)

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 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes). Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the progress of this initiative and the expenditure involved?
2. the rank and the number of posts under the scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 794)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 with a view to enhancing the drug management capabilities of RCHes and their staff. The Government earmarked a sum of \$5 million for implementing the three-year Pilot Scheme from June 2010 to June 2013 and subsequently earmarked an additional \$4.2 million for extending the Pilot Scheme to March 2017. About 8 800 elderly residents of 94 RCHes participating in the Pilot Scheme have been served since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0691

(Question Serial No. 3831)

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 Estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to organise the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

1. the number of places under the programme and the expenditure involved?
2. the drop-out rate of the Programme and the reasons for the trainees to drop out?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 795)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, SWD has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Another 920 training places will be provided in the coming few years, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out.
2. SWD does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3832)

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 Estimates that there will be a net increase of 60 posts in 2016-17. Please inform this Committee of –

1. the current number of posts handling services for the elderly and their rank, as well as the average number of applications processed by each post;
2. the number of additional staff and their rank, as well as the average number of applications processed by each post after the increase in manpower.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 796)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Currently there are a total of 127 posts in the Elderly Branch of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), including officers of the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Station Officer, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Registered Nurse, Clerical and supporting general grades. There is also a directorate post. The above officers are responsible for coordinating and supporting the development and implementation of subsidised services for the elderly, handling the registration and allocation of subsidised long-term care services, monitoring the operation of subsidised services for the elderly, inspecting and monitoring the elderly service units, and implementing new measures in respect of services for the elderly.
2. The net increase of 60 posts for services for the elderly in 2016-17, including 1 directorate post, will be in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Station Officer, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Registered Nurse, Clerical and supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively strengthen the licensing services as well as the inspection and regulation of residential care homes for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0693

(Question Serial No. 3833)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0793 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the integrated family service centres (IFSCs) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 801)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0694

(Question Serial No. 3834)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0794 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the children and youth centres (CYCs) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 802)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0695

(Question Serial No. 3835)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0795 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 803)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0696

(Question Serial No. 3836)

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)0784 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0796 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the youth outreaching teams operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 804)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 3837)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0797 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 805)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0698

(Question Serial No. 3838)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0798 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the agencies providing overnight outreaching services for young night drifters operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 806)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0699

(Question Serial No. 3839)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0799 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the family support networking teams operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 807)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0700

(Question Serial No. 3840)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0804 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (single hostels) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 808)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0701

(Question Serial No. 3841)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0805 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the supported hostels operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 809)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0702

(Question Serial No. 3845)

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 3 100 to 3 387. However, there were 5 205 children with disabilities on the waiting list as at January 2016. Please advise –

- a. the details on the districts where the additional 287 places will be provided and the month in which the service is expected to be launched;
- b. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using EETC service by SWD 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 2009 to 2013;
- c. a breakdown of the number of children with disabilities using EETC service by SWD 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 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 983)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Of the additional EETC places, 240 will be provided in 3 new centres located in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po and Tai Po respectively, which are expected to commence service in the fourth quarter of 2016-17. Moreover, 47 of the additional places will be offered by 2 existing centres in Tsuen Wan and Central/Western respectively through in-situ expansion, and are expected to commence service in the third quarter of 2016-17.
- b.& c. The number of children with disabilities using EETC service broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group in the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 to Table 5 at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of users of EETCs by district in 2011-12 (as at end-March 2012)

District	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	88	125	223
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	83	167	258
Kwun Tong	16	80	150	246
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	131	239	400
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	18	99	161	278
Sham Shui Po	8	35	67	110
Sha Tin	5	67	173	245
Tai Po/North	6	66	115	187
Yuen Long	15	69	80	164
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	83	158	261
Tuen Mun	16	44	52	112
Total	152	845	1 487	2 484

Table 2: Number and age distribution of users of EETCs by district in 2012-13 (as at end-March 2013)

District	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	12	67	145	224
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	57	192	257
Kwun Tong	15	42	207	264
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	111	270	401
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	66	189	263
Sham Shui Po	12	46	78	136
Sha Tin	8	56	178	242
Tai Po/North	5	45	151	201
Yuen Long	12	62	118	192
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	19	77	174	270
Tuen Mun	10	43	72	125
Total	129	672	1 774	2 575

**Table 3: Number and age distribution of users of EETCs by district
in 2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	16	63	153	232
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	57	193	257
Kwun Tong	6	63	183	252
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	92	288	396
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	66	190	265
Sham Shui Po	13	33	103	149
Sha Tin	6	49	197	252
Tai Po/North	7	46	162	215
Yuen Long	18	48	113	179
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	27	54	200	281
Tuen Mun	13	40	82	135
Total	138	611	1 864	2 613

**Table 4: Number and age distribution of users of EETCs by district
in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)**

District	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	12	72	166	250
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	88	214	307
Kwun Tong	10	61	213	284
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14	119	290	423
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	14	62	190	266
Sham Shui Po	10	40	96	146
Sha Tin	19	92	233	344
Tai Po/North	4	60	167	231
Yuen Long	15	47	97	159
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	17	90	229	336
Tuen Mun	11	39	104	154
Total	131	770	1 999	2 900

**Table 5: Number and age distribution of users of EETCs by district
in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	113	133	254
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	103	209	319
Kwun Tong	17	77	152	246
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	33	117	276	426
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	14	104	178	296
Sham Shui Po	10	63	108	181
Sha Tin	15	90	217	322
Tai Po/North	9	81	165	255
Yuen Long	16	71	94	181
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	143	201	368
Tuen Mun	15	80	97	192
Total	168	1 042	1 830	3 040

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0703****(Question Serial No. 4293)**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 services provided by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of service users in the whole year, the number of elderly persons who passed away while on the waiting list, the number of service units, the cost per place per month and the financial provision in each year from 2013-14 to 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 36)Reply:

The number of elderly persons served under day care services for the elderly in a year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	No. of cases served in the whole year
2013-14	5 219
2014-15	5 529
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	5 546

The number of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list for day care services for the elderly from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting lists for day care services for the elderly
2013-14	15
2014-15	23
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	16

The number of DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	No. of DEs/DCUs
2013-14	67
2014-15	72
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	72

The cost per place per month of DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Cost per place per month(\$)
2013-14 (Actual)	7,037
2014-15 (Actual)	7,998
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	8,357

The annual expenditure of DEs/DCUs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	221.5
2014-15 (Actual)	265.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	293.5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0704

(Question Serial No. 4296)

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:

Mental health is becoming an increasingly serious issue in Hong Kong, with the number of people requiring the psychiatric services of the Hospital Authority (HA) on the rise in recent years. One-stop services are being provided by publicly-funded integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, and their families. Please provide the following information –

1. Does the Government have plan on the number of cases handled by each social worker of an ICCMW? If yes, what is the number of cases? If no, what are the reasons?
2. If there is an increase in caseload in a particular service district, will additional resources be allocated to the ICCMW(s) concerned for recruiting more social workers to meet the demand in the community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. Will the Government carry out long-term service and manpower planning for the ICCMWs for the next 5 years, with additional resources to be deployed on a yearly basis to address the increasingly serious mental health issue? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. All essential staff of ICCMWs, i.e. occupational therapists, qualified nurses (psychiatric) and registered social workers can handle ICCMW cases. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to ensuring service quality and meeting the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. Since the manpower, posts and

quantity as arranged by each ICCMW to handle casework vary, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not specify the caseload for each caseworker (including registered social worker).

2. SWD's expenditure on ICCMWs has increased from \$199 million in 2012-13 (Actual) to \$286.8 million in 2016-17 (Revised Estimate), covering also the additional social workers for ICCMWs since 2015-16 to provide more intensive counselling and support for families/carers of ex-mentally ill persons through casework, group activities, etc., involving an additional full-year expenditure of about \$12.7 million. SWD will keep under review the existing services and resources from time to time and make appropriate deployment or seek new resources having regard to community needs, the development of HA's mental health service, etc.
3. SWD is currently working with representatives from NGOs operating ICCMWs, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and service users to review ICCMW services as a whole, including the indicators for service planning, scope of services, manpower of service teams, etc., and to advise on the future development and planning of ICCMWs. The review is expected to be completed in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0705

(Question Serial No. 4298)

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 Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) plans to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems. Please inform this Committee of the following –

1. What are the main target groups and details of the above plan? How many professionals such as social workers, doctors, nurses, psychologists are needed? How will the effectiveness of the plan be evaluated?
2. What is the amount of allocation for implementing the above plan as estimated by LWB?
3. Will there be an increase in the number of school social workers to enhance the awareness of mental health among primary and secondary students, with a view to providing early intervention of mental health problems of children and youths? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory to provide ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers as well as residents living in the serving districts with one-stop, district-based community mental health support services ranging from prevention to risk management, including various types of public education programmes with a view to raising the public's awareness of mental health and promoting early intervention of mental health problems. The essential staffing requirements of ICCMWs include occupational therapists, qualified nurses (psychiatry) and at least 2 registered social workers having at least 3 years of experience in mental health service. SWD's estimated expenditure for ICCMW

services for 2016-17 is \$286.8 million. In addition, SWD implemented the two-year “Pilot Project on Peer Support Service for Ex-mentally Ill Persons in Community Psychiatric Service Units” in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund, with the aim of equipping suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters for speeding up their own recovery and supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery. They will also assist in organising groups and mental health public education activities to enhance the public’s proper and positive understanding of the ex-mentally ill.

Meanwhile, LWB has been organising a “Mental Health Month” every year since 1995 in collaboration with over 20 government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public organisations and the media, aiming at enhancing the public’s awareness and knowledge of mental health, eradicating discrimination against mentally ill and ex-mentally ill persons and encouraging the integration of ex-mentally ill persons into society, through a series of territory-wide and district-based promotional activities. In 2016-17, LWB has earmarked \$0.5 million for continuing to organise the “Mental Health Month”.

3. SWD has implemented the policy of “one school social worker for each secondary school” since the 2000/01 school year by providing recurrent subvention to NGOs with a view to supporting students. Since September 2011, SWD has strengthened the school social work service by devoting additional resources to increasing the manpower of social workers by 20% in all secondary schools in Hong Kong. School social workers have been working closely with school disciplinary/guidance teachers and relevant service units and stakeholders in the community, so as to understand students’ needs, help them resolve their academic, social and emotional problems and provide them with appropriate and timely assistance through counselling, referrals and various seminars, talks, groups and exhibitions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0706

(Question Serial No. 4310)

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:

Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please inform this Committee of the number of users of various community support services projects for persons with disabilities (including Training and Caring for People with Special Needs organised by Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited, Share Care – “Shine” Project (Critical Moment Intervention for Autistic Persons and their Families) by the Salvation Army, Junior Gateway Club by Heep Hong Society, Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities by Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, Creativity to Independence by Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong, the Multi-systemic Community Support Program by the Child Development Centre, We Care, We Share by the Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League, Community Support Services for VIPs and their Families by Hong Kong Blind Union and Walking with Friends and Light by the Hong Kong Federation of the Blind) in the last 5 years (ie 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16). What are the details of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

Since 2009, SWD has been providing funding to implement the Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities, with each of the projects lasting 3 years. SWD subsidises 9 non-governmental organisations to operate the projects, the details of which are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of participants in the above projects and the amount of subsidy involved are set out in Table 2 and Table 3 of the Annex respectively.

**Table 1: Details of the Community-based Support Projects
for Persons with Disabilities**

Project name Agency name	Project year		
	January 2009 to December 2011	January 2012 to December 2014	January 2015 to December 2017
Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	Training and Caring for People with Special Needs	Training and Caring for People with Special Needs	Training and Caring for People with Special Needs
The Salvation Army	Share Care - New Scope Project	Share Care - Light Up My Path (L.U.M.P) Project	Share Care - “SHINE” Project (Critical Moment Intervention for Autistic Persons and their Families)
Heep Hong Society	Junior Gateway Club	Junior Gateway Club	Junior Gateway Club - Enhancing quality of life of children with special needs and their families
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities	Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities	Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	Creativity to Independence	Creativity to Independence	Creativity to Independence
The Child Development Centre	The Multi-Systemic Community Support Program	The Multi-Systemic Community Support Program	The Multi-Systemic Community Support Program
The Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League	-	-	We Care, We Share
Hong Kong Blind Union	Life Beyond Vision - Support Scheme for Newly Blind Persons	Life Beyond Vision - Support Scheme for Newly Blind Persons	Community Support Services for VIPs and their Families
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	Walking with Friends and Light	Walking with Friends and Light	Walking with Friends and Light

Table 2: Number of participants in the projects

Agency name	Financial year				
	2011-12 (January to December 2011)	2012-13 (January to December 2012)	2013-14 (January to December 2013)	2014-15 (January to December 2014)	2015-16 (January to December 2015)
Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	949	407	446	499	763
The Salvation Army	335	327	328	360	444
Heep Hong Society	2 511	2 581	2 799	2 341	2 288
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation ^[Note]	111	103	223	125	89
Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	391	418	402	473	802
The Child Development Centre	533	390	489	421	463
The Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League	-	-	-	-	146
Hong Kong Blind Union	20	20	20	20	110
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	50	50	50	50	69

[Note] Number of participating self-help organisations

Table 3: Details of the subsidy provided for the projects

Agency name	Funding year		
	January 2009 to December 2011	January 2012 to December 2014	January 2015 to December 2016
	Total subsidy for the three-year project (\$ million)		
Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	0.943	1.016	1.367
The Salvation Army	4.951	4.999	5.000
Heep Hong Society	3.900	4.290	4.719
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	1.378	1.516	1.786
Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	2.385	2.624	3.671
The Child Development Centre	0.106	0.116	0.192
The Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League	-	-	1.229
Hong Kong Blind Union	0.389	0.428	2.224
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	0.973	1.070	1.558

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0707****(Question Serial No. 4311)**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 Department please inform this Committee of the respective number of visually impaired people who benefited from the Newly Blind Training Project run by the Hong Kong Federation of the Blind in the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) and of the details of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 83)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided funding to implement the Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities since 2009. Each of the projects will last for 3 years. SWD has subsidised the Hong Kong Federation of the Blind to operate the "Walking with Friends and Light" project from 2009 to 2017. The number of visually impaired people participating in the above project in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex. Details of the subsidy involved in the above project are provide in the table as follows –

Funding year	Project name	Total amount of subsidy for a three-year project (\$ million)
January 2009 to December 2011	Walking with Friends and Light	0.973
January 2012 to December 2014	Walking with Friends and Light	1.070
January 2015 to December 2017	Walking with Friends and Light	1.558

Number of visually impaired people participating in the project

Financial year	Project name	No. of visually impaired people participating in the project
2011-12	Walking with Friends and Light	50
2012-13	Walking with Friends and Light	50
2013-14	Walking with Friends and Light	50
2014-15	Walking with Friends and Light	50
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	Walking with Friends and Light	69

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0708

(Question Serial No. 4312)

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:

Would the Department please inform this Committee of the respective number of carers of visually impaired people and members of the public who benefited from the Carer Supporting Scheme run by the Hong Kong Federation of the Blind (HKFB) in the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) and of the respective expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 84)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has subsidised the implementation of community-based support projects for persons with disabilities since 2009, with each of the projects lasting for 3 years. SWD subsidised HKFB to implement the “Walking with Friends and Light” in 3 phases from 2009 to 2017. Since the launch of the third phase of the project in January 2015, there have been a total of 33 carers of visually impaired people receiving the service. SWD does not keep the number of carers of visually impaired people participating in the project between January 2009 and December 2014, nor does it have the number of members of the public in all 3 phases of the project. The details of subsidy for the above project are tabulated as follows –

Year of subsidy	Project Name	Total amount of subsidy for the three-year project (\$ million)
January 2009 to December 2011	Walking with Friends and Light - Support scheme for newly blind persons	0.973
January 2012 to December 2014	Walking with Friends and Light - Support scheme for newly blind persons	1.070
January 2015 to December 2017	Walking with Friends and Light - Support scheme for newly blind persons	1.558

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0709

(Question Serial No. 4313)

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:

Would the Department please inform this Committee of the number of people being blind in both eyes who received normal disability allowance (NDA) in the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) and of the details of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 85)

Reply:

The number of NDA cases with disability categorised as total loss of sight in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	4 563
2012-13	4 528
2013-14	3 023
2014-15	2 997
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2 992

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure involved in the above cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0710

(Question Serial No. 4314)

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:

Would the Department please inform this Committee of the number of people being blind in both eyes who received higher disability allowance (HDA) in the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) and of the details of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

The number of HDA cases with disability categorised as total loss of sight in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	98
2012-13	103
2013-14	99
2014-15	84
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	91

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure involved in the above cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0711****(Question Serial No. 4315)**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 Department please inform us for each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) the number of recipients of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) who suffered from serious deficiencies in mental capacity (including people with brain organ-related symptoms, intellectual disability, mental illness, nerve diseases, personality disorder and any other condition compromising full mental capacity) and the amount of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 87)Reply:

The number of HDA cases involving recipients with disability categorised as having disabling mental conditions ^[Note] in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	3 269
2012-13	3 452
2013-14	3 567
2014-15	3 746
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	3 928

^[Note] Such cases involve organic brain syndrome, mental retardation, psychosis, neurosis, personality disorders and any other conditions resulting in total mental disablement.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure involved in the above cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0712****(Question Serial No. 4316)**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 Department please inform us for each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) the number of recipients of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) suffered from serious deficiencies in mental capacity (including people with brain organ-related symptoms, intellectual disability, mental illness, nerve diseases, personality disorder and any other condition compromising full mental capacity) and the amount of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 88)Reply:

The number of HDA cases involving recipients with disability categorised as having disabling mental conditions ^[Note] in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	3 269
2012-13	3 452
2013-14	3 567
2014-15	3 746
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	3 928

^[Note] Such cases involve organic brain syndrome, mental retardation, psychosis, neurosis, personality disorders and any other conditions resulting in total mental disablement.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure involved in the above cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0713

(Question Serial No. 4317)

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:

Would the Department please tell us in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) how many visually impaired persons were on the waiting list for the services of Rehabilitation Centre of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind. In each of the past 5 years, how many visually impaired persons were given course place at the Rehabilitation Centre and how much expenditure was involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 89)

Reply:

The number of visually impaired persons on the waiting list for the services of the Rehabilitation and Training Centre for Visually Impaired Persons (RTC) and the number of those receiving training at RTC as well as the details of expenditure involved for the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of visually impaired persons waitlisting for the services of RTC and the number of visually impaired persons receiving training at RTC

Year	Number of persons on the waiting list	Number of persons receiving training
2011-12	196	354
2012-13	216	356
2013-14	214	352
2014-15	226	378
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	262	309

Table 2: Expenditure of RTC

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	9.6
2012-13 (Actual)	9.7
2013-14 (Actual)	10.1
2014-15 (Actual)	11.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	11.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0714

(Question Serial No. 4318)

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:

Would the Department please tell us in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) how many visually impaired persons received training at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind and how much expenditure was involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The number of visually impaired persons receiving training at the rehabilitation and training centre for visually impaired persons and the expenditure involved in the past 5 years are set out in the tables as follows –

Table 1: Number of visually impaired persons receiving training at Rehabilitation and Training Centre for Visually Impaired Persons

Year	Number of persons receiving training
2011-12	354
2012-13	356
2013-14	352
2014-15	378
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	309

Table 2: Expenditure of Rehabilitation and Training Centre for Visually Impaired Persons

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	9.6
2012-13 (Actual)	9.7
2013-14 (Actual)	10.1
2014-15 (Actual)	11.0
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	11.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0715****(Question Serial No. 4319)**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 Department please tell us in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) how many course places were newly added at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind (HKSB) and how much expenditure was involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 91)Reply:

During the period between 2011-12 and 2015-16, there was no newly added training place at the Rehabilitation Centre of HKSB. The subventions received by HKSB for the past 5 years are set out below –

Year	Subvention allocation (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	92.3
2012-13 (Actual)	99.9
2013-14 (Actual)	105.0
2014-15 (Actual)	117.9
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	126.1

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions to their subvented service units, subject to ensuring service quality and meeting service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0716

(Question Serial No. 4330)

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 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, how many people aged 70 or above were not receiving Old Age Allowance despite being eligible?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 111)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of people aged 70 or above who are not receiving Old Age Living Allowance despite being eligible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0717****(Question Serial No. 4337)**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:

Please list by case nature, age, gender and educational attainment of the applicants: (A) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with children who are eligible for receiving child rate under CSSA but their parents are not eligible for CSSA due to their having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years; and (B) the nature and number of cases living with household members who are ineligible for CSSA due to their having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 151)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cases with children on CSSA but whose parents were not eligible for CSSA due to the then seven-year Hong Kong resident requirement (SYHKR). Neither does SWD have the number of cases and their case nature in which there were members in the CSSA households who were ineligible for CSSA due to the then SYHKR requirement.

As at end-December 2015, the number of CSSA cases with eligible member(s) having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years with a breakdown by case nature is provided as follows –

Case nature	As at end-December 2015
Old age	3 035
Permanent disability	549
Ill health	1 527
Single parent	5 394
Low-earnings	1 043
Unemployment	1 342
Others	556
Total	13 446

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0718****(Question Serial No. 4338)**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 changes in the level of asset limits for different categories of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 152)Reply:

The asset limits for different nature of CSSA cases are provided in the table below –

		Effective Period				
		February 2012 to January 2013	February 2013 to January 2014	February 2014 to January 2015	February 2015 to January 2016	February 2016 to present
Single person cases						
Able-bodied adult		\$24,000	\$25,000	\$26,500	\$28,000	\$29,500
A person who is not an able-bodied adult		\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500	\$43,500	\$45,500
Family cases involving any able-bodied adult						
Able-bodied adults/children	For each such member	\$16,500	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000
	Up to a maximum of (for four or more members)	\$66,000	\$68,000	\$72,000	\$76,000	\$80,000
Persons other than able-bodied adults/children	For one such member	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500	\$43,500	\$45,500
	For each additional such member	\$19,000	\$19,500	\$20,500	\$21,500	\$22,500
Family cases involving no able-bodied adult						
For the first member		\$38,000	\$39,500	\$41,500	\$43,500	\$45,500
For each additional member		\$19,000	\$19,500	\$20,500	\$21,500	\$22,500

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0719****(Question Serial No. 4339)**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) recipients benefiting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) and the average amount of DE over the past 5 years with breakdown by case nature, as well as the total reduced CSSA expenditure as a result of the recipients' assessable income.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 153)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows –

Case nature	Number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement per month				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	2 764	2 712	2 620	2 545	2 535
Permanent disability	3 232	3 221	3 181	3 110	3 077
Ill health	2 695	2 602	2 663	2 530	2 494
Single parent	7 668	6 635	6 144	5 605	4 881
Low-earnings	10 888	9 023	7 714	6 546	5 642
Unemployment	5 160	4 386	4 328	4 322	3 801
Others	253	235	206	196	152
Total	32 660	28 814	26 856	24 854	22 582

The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Case nature	Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	1,566	1,520	1,481	1,427	1,396
Permanent disability	761	769	765	754	762
Ill health	1,257	1,238	1,245	1,233	1,189
Single parent	1,861	1,878	1,880	1,886	1,901
Low-earnings	2,317	2,325	2,341	2,350	2,375
Unemployment	1,597	1,595	1,628	1,670	1,728
Others	1,510	1,483	1,585	1,605	1,473
Total	1,785	1,756	1,736	1,713	1,697

The total reduced CSSA expenditure as a result of the recipients' assessable income from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Year	Total reduced CSSA expenditure as a result of the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)
2011-12	798.4
2012-13	726.4
2013-14	651.6
2014-15	605.0
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	411.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0720****(Question Serial No. 4340)**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 different nature of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the total number of recipients in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 154)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	195 886	192 221	187 141	183 017	180 459
Permanent disability	25 853	25 335	24 973	24 622	24 045
Ill health	41 944	40 319	39 756	38 641	37 922
Single parent	79 462	73 154	71 062	70 009	67 937
Low-earnings	39 059	32 264	27 808	23 849	20 637
Unemployment	46 132	40 214	34 084	30 327	27 283
Others	10 880	10 641	8 529	6 995	6 563
Total	439 216	414 148	393 353	377 460	364 846

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0721****(Question Serial No. 4341)**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 cases and recipients of unemployment Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases having changed from other case natures in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 155)Reply:

The number of CSSA unemployment cases having changed from other case natures and the number of recipients involved in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided in the tables below –

Table 1: Of the 26 859 unemployment cases as at end-December 2011, 3 051 cases involving 6 848 recipients were originally under other case natures as at end-December 2010. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2010	Number of unemployment cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2011	Number of recipients involved
Old age	355	777
Permanent disability	165	275
Ill health	769	1 192
Single parent	822	1 771
Low-earnings	743	2 415
Others	197	418
Total	3 051	6 848

Table 2: Of the 23 980 unemployment cases as at end-December 2012, 2 772 cases involving 5 941 recipients were originally under other case natures as at end-December 2011. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2011	Number of unemployment cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2012	Number of recipients involved
Old age	355	741
Permanent disability	157	265
Ill health	756	1 207
Single parent	802	1 519
Low-earnings	527	1 842
Others	175	367
Total	2 772	5 941

Table 3: Of the 21 149 unemployment cases as at end-December 2013, 2 383 cases involving 4 903 recipients were originally under other case natures as at end-December 2012. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2012	Number of unemployment cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2013	Number of recipients involved
Old age	298	673
Permanent disability	145	234
Ill health	705	1 075
Single parent	716	1 323
Low-earnings	367	1 243
Others	152	355
Total	2 383	4 903

Table 4: Of the 18 650 unemployment cases as at end-December 2014, 2 494 cases involving 5 661 recipients were originally under other case natures as at end-December 2013. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2013	Number of unemployment cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2014	Number of recipients involved
Old age	346	765
Permanent disability	160	238
Ill health	687	1 245
Single parent	713	1 437
Low-earnings	410	1 492
Others	178	484
Total	2 494	5 661

Table 5: Of the 16 332 unemployment cases as at end-December 2015, 2 079 cases involving 4 348 recipients were originally under other case natures as at end-December 2014. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2014	Number of unemployment cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2015	Number of recipients involved
Old age	272	550
Permanent disability	148	208
Ill health	562	896
Single parent	673	1 369
Low-earnings	317	1 105
Others	107	220
Total	2 079	4 348

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0722****(Question Serial No. 4342)**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 cases and recipients of low-earnings Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases having changed from other case natures in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 156)Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures and the number of recipients involved in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided in the tables below –

Table 1: Of the 12 319 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2011, 1 887 cases involving 5 929 recipients were originally under other case natures in end-December 2010. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2010	Number of low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2011	Number of recipients involved
Old age	347	1 076
Permanent disability	54	154
Ill health	213	695
Single parent	283	736
Unemployment	899	3 001
Others	91	267
Total	1 887	5 929

Table 2: Of the 10 339 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2012, 1 540 cases involving 4 724 recipients were originally under other case natures in end-December 2011. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2011	Number of low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2012	Number of recipients involved
Old age	292	846
Permanent disability	54	165
Ill health	139	463
Single parent	275	650
Unemployment	705	2 369
Others	75	231
Total	1 540	4 724

Table 3: Of the 8 891 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2013, 1 345 cases involving 4 126 recipients were originally under other case natures in end-December 2012. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2012	Number of low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2013	Number of recipients involved
Old age	225	645
Permanent disability	54	167
Ill health	124	373
Single parent	244	570
Unemployment	628	2 163
Others	70	208
Total	1 345	4 126

Table 4: Of the 7 584 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2014, 1 307 cases involving 4 167 recipients were originally under other case natures in end-December 2013. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2013	Number of low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2014	Number of recipients involved
Old age	219	661
Permanent disability	46	153
Ill health	121	402
Single parent	234	540
Unemployment	626	2 212
Others	61	199
Total	1 307	4 167

Table 5: Of the 6 335 low-earnings cases as at end-December 2015, 990 cases involving 3 160 recipients were originally under other case natures in end-December 2014. The details are as follows –

Case nature as at end-December 2014	Number of low-earnings cases having changed from other case natures as at end-December 2015	Number of recipients involved
Old age	154	461
Permanent disability	39	122
Ill health	84	271
Single parent	179	428
Unemployment	512	1 812
Others	22	66
Total	990	3 160

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0723****(Question Serial No. 4343)**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 case nature and age of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, the number of new CSSA cases, the number of cases having left the CSSA net, the number of recipients and the reasons for leaving the CSSA net in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 157)Reply:

The breakdown of CSSA new applications and closed cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Table 1: The number of CSSA new applications by case nature (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once)

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	14 146	14 125	13 178	13 451	9 852
Permanent disability	1 566	1 574	1 601	1 655	1 174
Ill health	6 563	6 476	6 423	6 501	4 791
Single parent	3 314	3 435	3 657	4 345	3 209
Low-earnings	2 186	1 985	1 742	1 641	1 150
Unemployment	8 619	7 790	6 996	6 726	4 752
Others	5 432	5 593	5 917	5 304	3 904
Total	41 826	40 978	39 514	39 623	28 832

Table 2: The number of CSSA closed cases by case nature

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Old age	14 019	14 455	15 049	15 484	12 082
Permanent disability	1 238	1 262	1 199	1 212	992
Ill health	2 538	2 423	2 397	2 458	1 950
Single parent	3 773	4 095	3 806	3 666	2 605
Low-earnings	3 127	2 627	2 296	2 083	1 302

Case nature	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)
Unemployment	6 086	5 244	4 669	4 321	2 960
Others	1 442	1 508	1 490	1 260	873
Total	32 223	31 614	30 906	30 484	22 764

Table 3: The number of CSSA closed cases by case nature and reason for closure

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2011-12)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	10 757	265	208	2 545	187	14 019
Permanent disability	2	232	72	77	771	84	1 238
Ill health	6	466	80	255	1 567	164	2 538
Single parent	6	11	99	340	3 253	64	3 773
Low-earnings	2	8	85	164	2 821	47	3 127
Unemployment	19	135	241	1 478	3 872	341	6 086
Others	2	13	20	325	919	163	1 442
Total	94	11 622	862	2 847	15 748	1 050	32 223

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2012-13)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	71	10 971	257	247	2 744	165	14 455
Permanent disability	2	244	83	83	781	69	1 262
Ill health	4	433	65	295	1 458	168	2 423
Single parent	4	14	113	331	3 572	61	4 095
Low-earnings	1	3	68	156	2 369	30	2 627
Unemployment	18	119	159	1 339	3 319	290	5 244
Others	3	10	25	384	959	127	1 508
Total	103	11 794	770	2 835	15 202	910	31 614

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2013-14)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	23	10 823	205	178	3 639	181	15 049
Permanent disability	4	235	94	61	722	83	1 199
Ill health	8	429	65	255	1 496	144	2 397

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2013-14)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Single parent	3	9	94	314	3 330	56	3 806
Low-earnings	-	5	59	112	2 082	38	2 296
Unemployment	3	121	183	1 014	3 111	237	4 669
Others	-	11	28	360	979	112	1 490
Total	41	11 633	728	2 294	15 359	851	30 906

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2014-15)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	62	11 526	211	192	3 301	192	15 484
Permanent disability	1	215	83	65	791	57	1 212
Ill health	7	477	87	247	1 507	133	2 458
Single parent	7	15	103	303	3 180	58	3 666
Low-earnings	2	7	74	114	1 852	34	2 083
Unemployment	5	113	135	1 131	2 734	203	4 321
Others	2	16	26	364	735	117	1 260
Total	86	12 369	719	2 416	14 100	794	30 484

Case nature	Reasons for closure						
	(Number of CSSA cases closed in 2015-16) (up to end-December 2015)						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	43	8 836	183	159	2 696	165	12 082
Permanent disability	2	181	72	47	623	67	992
Ill health	6	375	81	212	1 169	107	1 950
Single parent	3	8	65	218	2 275	36	2 605
Low-earnings	-	4	33	78	1 173	14	1 302
Unemployment	6	70	71	830	1 865	118	2 960
Others	3	8	22	215	549	76	873
Total	63	9 482	527	1 759	10 350	583	22 764

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on recipients of CSSA new applications or recipients having left the CSSA net.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0724****(Question Serial No. 4344)**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 numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “unemployment” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the numbers of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years), gender, educational attainment, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 158)Reply:

The number of CSSA unemployment cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: By the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	12 061	11 190	9 661	8 406	7 763
2	2 760	2 381	1 934	1 662	1 532
3	3 136	2 676	2 123	1 803	1 603
4	2 664	2 245	1 876	1 696	1 429
5	1 106	918	801	774	722
6 or above	462	415	414	389	357
Total	22 189	19 825	16 809	14 730	13 406

Table 2: By combination of household members (recipients aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years)

Combination of household members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
With members who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	1 298	1 011	1 208	1 405	1 342
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, but with at least 1 elderly recipient aged 60 or above	1 862	1 649	1 381	1 235	1 183
With neither new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above, but with at least 1 child aged below 18	5 752	4 937	3 718	3 017	2 681
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, and with members aged 18 to 59 (i.e. without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, children aged below 18, or elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	13 277	12 228	10 502	9 073	8 200
Total	22 189	19 825	16 809	14 730	13 406

Table 3: By duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year or less	2 984	2 684	2 230	2 029	1 825
More than 1 year to 2 years	2 421	1 812	1 477	1 252	1 211
More than 2 years to 3 years	2 521	1 739	1 227	1 059	938
More than 3 years to 4 years	2 015	1 935	1 293	936	833
More than 4 years to 5 years	1 289	1 599	1 444	956	779
More than 5 years	10 959	10 056	9 138	8 498	7 820
Total	22 189	19 825	16 809	14 730	13 406

Unemployed recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as single parent or ill health) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have all along been receiving CSSA because of unemployment.

Table 4: By type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Public housing	13 961	12 554	10 725	9 332	8 457
Private housing	6 934	5 998	4 951	4 364	3 945
Residential care home	340	326	317	278	271
Others	954	947	816	756	733
Total	22 189	19 825	16 809	14 730	13 406

The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 5: By gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Male	25 731	22 477	18 694	16 192	14 523
Female	20 401	17 737	15 390	14 135	12 760
Total	46 132	40 214	34 084	30 327	27 283

Table 6: By educational attainment

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/ kindergarten	9 017	7 914	6 618	5 691	5 040
Primary	19 664	16 945	14 208	12 337	10 859
Lower Secondary	10 643	9 382	8 028	7 423	6 844
Upper Secondary	6 477	5 630	4 903	4 542	4 199
Post-secondary	331	343	327	334	341
Total	46 132	40 214	34 084	30 327	27 283

Table 7: By age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 15	10 356	8 926	7 495	6 519	5 919
15 to 59	33 569	29 332	24 896	22 241	19 860
60 or above	2 207	1 956	1 693	1 567	1 504
Total	46 132	40 214	34 084	30 327	27 283

The number of CSSA unemployment cases with recipients having earnings from employment by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 8: By occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Cleaner	545	458	459	458	439
Clerk	103	70	75	62	48
Construction worker/ labourer/ decoration worker	233	193	154	140	123
Delivery worker	424	393	389	391	345
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	218	204	188	175	156
Driver	173	145	130	137	135
General worker/ labourer (other than those of construction)	1 410	1 175	1 242	1 181	1 051
Salesperson	289	233	243	255	184
Waiter/waitress	324	266	246	276	235
Watchman/guard	190	141	105	101	86
Others	1 280	1 137	1 122	1 161	1 024
Total	5 189	4 415	4 353	4 337	3 826

Table 9: By the number of working hours

Number of working hours	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 50 hours	1 874	1 663	1 667	1 659	1 458
50 hours to less than 100 hours	1 373	1 154	1 249	1 252	1 159
100 hours to less than 150 hours	966	809	821	881	770
150 hours to less than 200 hours	382	318	257	224	206
200 hours to less than 250 hours	347	253	202	158	126
250 hours or above	110	73	40	45	17
Total	5 052	4 270	4 236	4 219	3 736

Table 10: By earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$1,000	838	686	607	562	424
\$1,000 to less than \$2,000	1 381	1 243	1 172	1 090	869
\$2,000 to less than \$3,000	960	789	840	831	784
\$3,000 to less than \$4,000	794	671	702	717	616
\$4,000 to less than \$5,000	408	365	405	521	521

Earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
\$5,000 to less than \$6,000	230	180	199	198	232
\$6,000 to less than \$7,000	201	152	121	128	134
\$7,000 to less than \$8,000	166	143	131	75	73
\$8,000 to less than \$9,000	126	83	86	71	52
\$9,000 to less than \$10,000	43	46	37	59	43
\$10,000 or above	42	57	53	85	78
Total	5 189	4 415	4 353	4 337	3 826

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0725****(Question Serial No. 4345)**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 numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “low-earnings” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the numbers of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years), gender, educational attainment, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 159)Reply:

The number of CSSA low-earnings cases with eligible members broken down by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: By the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1	293	299	282	262	255
2	1 261	1 141	954	831	701
3	3 024	2 644	2 083	1 659	1 438
4	3 442	2 673	2 319	1 896	1 638
5	1 665	1 322	1 160	1 029	892
6 or above	796	695	665	653	562
Total	10 481	8 774	7 463	6 330	5 486

Table 2: By combination of household members (recipients aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years)

Combination of household members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
With members who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	1 920	1 462	1 318	1 224	1 043
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, but with at least 1 elderly recipient aged 60 or above	2 809	2 394	1 937	1 626	1 422
With neither new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above, but with at least 1 child aged below 18	4 865	4 122	3 491	2 848	2 437
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, and with members aged 18 to 59 (i.e. without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, children aged below 18, or elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	887	796	717	632	584
Total	10 481	8 774	7 463	6 330	5 486

Table 3: By duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year or less	489	424	322	301	241
More than 1 year to 2 years	657	429	391	298	264
More than 2 years to 3 years	765	514	367	335	270
More than 3 years to 4 years	753	633	431	292	265
More than 4 years to 5 years	563	601	556	350	279
More than 5 years	7 254	6 173	5 396	4 754	4 167
Total	10 481	8 774	7 463	6 330	5 486

Low-earnings recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as unemployment or ill health) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have all along been receiving CSSA because of low-earnings.

Table 4: By type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Public housing	8 473	7 012	5 876	4 911	4 226
Private housing	1 977	1 728	1 567	1 384	1 232
Residential care home	8	9	2	3	2
Others	23	25	18	32	26
Total	10 481	8 774	7 463	6 330	5 486

The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients broken down by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 5: By gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Male	19 321	15 917	13 625	11 610	10 079
Female	19 738	16 347	14 183	12 239	10 558
Total	39 059	32 264	27 808	23 849	20 637

Table 6: By educational attainment

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/ kindergarten	9 103	7 661	6 678	5 739	4 898
Primary	16 825	13 789	11 639	9 824	8 445
Lower Secondary	8 035	6 639	5 818	4 983	4 268
Upper Secondary	4 857	3 969	3 488	3 138	2 859
Post-secondary	239	206	185	165	167
Total	39 059	32 264	27 808	23 849	20 637

Table 7: By age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 15	11 718	9 859	8 549	7 370	6 459
15 to 59	23 435	19 063	16 501	14 129	12 111
60 or above	3 906	3 342	2 758	2 350	2 067
Total	39 059	32 264	27 808	23 849	20 637

The number of CSSA low-earnings recipients with earnings from employment broken down by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 8: By occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Cleaner	1 441	1 180	893	733	579
Clerk	401	318	266	233	202
Construction worker/ labourer/ decoration worker	448	367	294	252	216
Delivery worker	659	537	458	380	346
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	179	159	146	118	89
Driver	696	598	530	463	400
General worker/ labourer (other than those of construction)	2 452	2 043	1 754	1 555	1 308
Salesperson	695	562	474	400	349
Waiter/waitress	596	518	464	375	344
Watchman/guard	1 003	815	657	505	418
Others	2 363	1 955	1 807	1 553	1 411
Total	10 933	9 052	7 743	6 567	5 662

Table 9: By the number of working hours

Number of working hours	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 50 hours	402	320	315	263	217
50 hours to less than 100 hours	514	467	439	362	318
100 hours to less than 150 hours	3 497	3 131	2 881	2 636	2 507
150 hours to less than 200 hours	2 379	2 009	1 643	1 436	1 151
200 hours to less than 250 hours	2 949	2 239	1 797	1 384	1 094
250 hours or above	801	607	459	322	238
Total	10 542	8 773	7 534	6 403	5 525

Table 10: By earnings from employment

Earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$1,000	206	150	128	117	109
\$1,000 to less than \$2,000	340	281	225	171	124
\$2,000 to less than \$3,000	481	381	327	258	176
\$3,000 to less than \$4,000	1 995	1 611	1 186	918	552
\$4,000 to less than \$5,000	1 808	1 564	1 436	1 257	1 285

Earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
\$5,000 to less than \$6,000	1 281	1 028	927	891	825
\$6,000 to less than \$7,000	1 717	1 244	842	642	548
\$7,000 to less than \$8,000	1 251	1 062	960	718	557
\$8,000 to less than \$9,000	921	790	662	585	499
\$9,000 to less than \$10,000	554	477	508	391	363
\$10,000 or above	379	464	542	619	624
Total	10 933	9 052	7 743	6 567	5 662

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0726****(Question Serial No. 4346)**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 numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “single parent” case nature and the number of recipients with breakdown by the number of household members, family composition (the numbers of members aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years), gender, educational attainment, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, occupation, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 160)Reply:

The number of CSSA single parent cases with eligible members by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: By the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
2	16 508	15 758	15 227	15 013	14 635
3	10 960	9 965	9 650	9 490	9 224
4	2 581	2 218	2 206	2 155	2 055
5	465	404	393	402	369
6 or above	104	85	97	107	104
Total	30 618	28 430	27 573	27 167	26 387

Table 2: By combination of household members (recipients aged 60 or above, aged below 18 or who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years)

Combination of household members	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
With members who are new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years	3 933	3 508	4 222	5 255	5 384
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, but with at least 1 elderly recipient aged 60 or above	1 375	1 305	1 254	1 254	1 201
With neither new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years nor elderly recipients aged 60 or above, but with at least 1 child aged below 18	23 433	22 057	20 608	19 273	18 705
Without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, and with members aged 18 to 59 (i.e. without new arrivals having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years, children aged below 18, or elderly recipients aged 60 or above)	1 877	1 560	1 489	1 385	1 097
Total	30 618	28 430	27 573	27 167	26 387

Table 3: By duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
1 year or less	2 259	2 233	2 441	2 811	2 692
More than 1 year to 2 years	2 594	2 177	2 406	2 579	2 829
More than 2 years to 3 years	2 782	2 359	2 096	2 297	2 233
More than 3 years to 4 years	2 538	2 497	2 205	1 961	2 103
More than 4 years to 5 years	2 006	2 261	2 277	2 037	1 788
More than 5 years	18 439	16 903	16 148	15 482	14 742
Total	30 618	28 430	27 573	27 167	26 387

Single parent recipients may have been on CSSA due to some other reasons (such as unemployment or ill health) in earlier years of receiving CSSA, and not all of them have all along been receiving CSSA because of being single parent.

Table 4: By type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 As at end-December 2015)
Public housing	22 629	20 836	19 949	18 695	17 593
Private housing	7 836	7 440	7 449	8 230	8 532
Residential care home	40	39	41	41	56
Others	113	115	134	201	206
Total	30 618	28 430	27 573	27 167	26 387

The number of CSSA single parent recipients by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: By gender

Gender	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Male	29 380	26 949	25 922	25 378	24 443
Female	49 815	45 887	44 872	44 416	43 216
Total	79 195	72 836	70 794	69 794	67 659

Table 2: By educational attainment

Educational attainment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
No schooling/kindergarten	17 580	16 685	16 936	17 163	16 783
Primary	31 552	28 707	27 739	26 978	25 840
Lower Secondary	18 587	17 059	16 247	15 792	15 269
Upper Secondary	11 166	10 058	9 529	9 490	9 371
Post-secondary	310	327	343	371	396
Total	79 195	72 836	70 794	69 794	67 659

Table 3: By age group

Age group	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 15	30 702	28 984	29 079	29 452	29 137
15 to 59	46 726	42 194	40 092	38 702	36 945
60 or above	1 767	1 658	1 623	1 640	1 577
Total	79 195	72 836	70 794	69 794	67 659

The number of CSSA single parent recipients with earnings from employment by selected profiles from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Table 1: By occupation

Occupation	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Cleaner	1 271	1 025	935	765	641
Clerk	264	213	191	182	163
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	63	58	47	41	28
Delivery worker	222	176	159	156	154
Domestic helper/baby sitter	628	518	485	410	325
Driver	92	99	81	66	52
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 651	1 397	1 291	1 239	1 011
Salesperson	650	569	534	491	425
Waiter/waitress	721	655	616	577	532
Watchman/guard	186	160	160	143	120
Others	1 902	1 725	1 627	1 519	1 399
Total	7 650	6 595	6 126	5 589	4 850

Table 2: By the number of working hours per month

Number of working hours per month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Below 50 hours	1 870	1 667	1 686	1 615	1 480
50 hours to less than 100 hours	1 658	1 535	1 464	1 404	1 239
100 hours to less than 150 hours	2 338	1 992	1 871	1 681	1 432
150 hours to less than 200 hours	909	719	582	480	384
200 hours to less than 250 hours	716	560	431	342	277
250 hours or above	159	122	92	67	38
Total	7 650	6 595	6 126	5 589	4 850

Table 3: By monthly earnings from employment

Monthly earnings from employment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Less than \$1,000	667	490	469	427	368
\$1,000 to less than \$2,000	1 438	1 181	1 142	1 006	847
\$2,000 to less than \$3,000	1 147	1 111	994	927	820
\$3,000 to less than \$4,000	1 683	1 430	1 202	1 064	757
\$4,000 to less than \$5,000	1 014	910	912	892	899
\$5,000 to less than \$6,000	540	476	469	445	416
\$6,000 to less than \$7,000	533	405	302	254	245
\$7,000 to less than \$8,000	335	272	300	225	181
\$8,000 to less than \$9,000	176	180	175	168	148
\$9,000 to less than \$10,000	77	80	83	73	82
\$10,000 or above	40	60	78	108	87
Total	7 650	6 595	6 126	5 589	4 850

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0727****(Question Serial No. 4353)**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 rates of and the annual total expenditure for Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 238)Reply:

The expenditure for NDA and HDA from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Type of allowance	2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2] (\$ million)
NDA	2,095	2,244	2,652
HDA	717	761	909
Total	2,812	3,005	3,561

^[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2013-14 and 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

^[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances for the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0728****(Question Serial No. 4354)**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 rates of and the annual total expenditure for Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively in 2010-13?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 239)Reply:

The expenditure for NDA and HDA in 2011-12 and 2012-13 is set out as follows –

Type of allowance	2011-12 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1, 2] (\$ million)
NDA	2,222	2,434
HDA	628	685
Total	2,850	3,118

^[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2011-12 and 2012-13 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

^[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0729****(Question Serial No. 4355)**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 rates of and the annual total expenditure for Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively in 2005-10?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 240)Reply:

The expenditure for NDA and HDA in the recent 5 years is set out as follows –

Type of allowance	2012-13 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2013-14 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) ^[Note 1] (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) ^[Note 2] (\$ million)	2016-17 (Estimate) ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
NDA	2,434	2,095	2,244	2,652	2,700
HDA	685	717	761	909	977
Total ^[Note 4]	3,118	2,812	3,005	3,561	3,677

^[Note 1] The actual expenditure from 2012-13 to 2014-15 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances in the respective years.

^[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances for the year.

^[Note 3] The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 has included (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of various payment rates by 4.4% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2016 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016; and (ii) the 1 additional month of the allowances (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council).

^[Note 4] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0730

(Question Serial No. 4356)

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 were the numbers of mentally handicapped persons receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and their age distribution (i.e. aged 14 or below, aged 15 to 59, aged 60 to 69, aged 70 to 79, aged 80 or above) in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 241)

Reply:

The numbers of NDA cases with disability categorised as mental retardation in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	10 007
2012-13	10 138
2013-14	10 212
2014-15	10 275
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	10 406

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0731****(Question Serial No. 4357)**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 provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, what were the median monthly earnings from employment and average monthly earnings from employment of CSSA recipients under the unemployment, low-earnings and single parent categories in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 161)Reply:

The median earnings from employment per month of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Case nature	Median earnings from employment per month (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Single parent	3,360	3,360	3,500	3,500	3,500
Low-earnings	5,400	5,350	5,431	5,460	5,500
Unemployment	2,200	2,175	2,300	2,500	2,600

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LWB(WW)0732

(Question Serial No. 4358)

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 list the changes in the “total amount to be disregarded” and “maximum amount to be disregarded” under the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 162)

Reply:

From 2011-12 to 2015-16, the “total amount to be disregarded” and the “maximum amount to be disregarded” under the DE arrangement of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme are \$800 and \$2,500 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0733

(Question Serial No. 4359)

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 Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, Intensive Employment Assistance Projects, New Dawn (ND) Intensive Employment Assistance Projects and Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) (i.e. the Ordinary Employment Assistance Services, Strengthened Employment Assistance Services, ND Project Services, Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP)) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information about the various projects/programmes/schemes since their implementation –

- (a) the number of CSSA recipients who have joined the projects/programmes/schemes;
- (b) their age distribution, gender and educational attainment;
- (c) the number of participants who have secured full-time or part-time employment;
- (d) the nature of jobs, median employment income and average working hours per month;
- (e) the number of participants who have left the CSSA net.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 163)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) - (e) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned non-governmental organisations to operate the ND Project and the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) in April 2006 and October 2008 respectively under the SFS Scheme, with a view to encouraging and assisting single parents/child carers and employable able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and achieve self-reliance. Since the implementation of the 2 programmes up to end-2012, the number of participants, number of participants having secured employment and number of participants having left the CSSA net are set out in the table below –

Employment assistance projects	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured employment		Number of participants having left the CSSA net
		Full-time	Part-time	
ND Project	26 162	2 509	5 073	1 162
IEAS	121 507	26 079	-	8 659

SWD does not have statistical information on the age, gender, educational attainment, job nature, median wage and average number of working hours per month with respect to the participants of the ND Project and the IEAS.

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance projects into the IEAPS. As at end-December 2015, there were a total of 63 881 participants in IEAPS, among whom 13 225 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in IEAPS. Of these 13 225 participants, 12 110 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling, 1 115 had secured part-time employment, and 2 516 had left the CSSA net.

The types of occupation taken up by IEAPS participants were mainly labourer, waiter/waitress, salesperson, cleaner and watchman/security officer, with a median wage of \$6,400 and an average of 164 working hours per month.

The number of CSSA recipients participating in the IEAPS broken down by age, gender and educational attainment is set out in the table below –

Gender	Educational attainment	Age group					Total
		15 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	
Female	No schooling/ Kindergarten	20	37	111	544	990	1 702
	Primary	80	148	739	3 513	4 180	8 660
	Lower Secondary	760	959	2 065	4 623	2 664	11 071
	Upper Secondary	911	1 532	989	1 766	1 043	6 241
	Post-secondary	53	875	144	250	179	1 501
Subtotal		1 824	3 551	4 048	10 696	9 056	29 175
Male	No schooling/ Kindergarten	40	49	119	205	722	1 135
	Primary	121	191	1 089	2 328	7 316	11 045
	Lower Secondary	1 167	1 331	2 943	4 286	4 372	14 099
	Upper Secondary	1 038	1 638	1 159	1 358	1 481	6 674
	Post-secondary	66	853	192	278	364	1 753
Subtotal		2 432	4 062	5 502	8 455	14 255	34 706
Total	No schooling/ Kindergarten	60	86	230	749	1 712	2 837
	Primary	201	339	1 828	5 841	11 496	19 705
	Lower Secondary	1 927	2 290	5 008	8 909	7 036	25 170
	Upper Secondary	1 949	3 170	2 148	3 124	2 524	12 915
	Post-secondary	119	1 728	336	528	543	3 254
Overall total		4 256	7 613	9 550	19 151	23 311	63 881

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0734****(Question Serial No. 4361)**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:

Please provide the following information on claims for additional grant for school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past 5 years, with breakdown by primary education and secondary education –

- (a) the numbers of applicants and claims;
- (b) the numbers of applicants and claims with additional grant approved; and
- (c) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grants approved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 165)Reply:

The number of approved claims for additional grant for school-related expenses by CSSA recipients and the amount of the additional grant from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by selected age group are provided as follows –

Age group	2011-12	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
6 to 11	258	229,696
12 to 17	170	156,881

Age group	2012-13	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
6 to 11	230	195,739
12 to 17	99	87,213

Age group	2013-14	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
6 to 11	221	193,192
12 to 17	90	79,155

Age group	2014-15	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
6 to 11	149	152,156
12 to 17	51	51,244

Age group	2015-16 (up to end-December 2015)	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
6 to 11	45	39,496
12 to 17	22	24,764

CSSA recipients may submit more than 1 claim for additional grant for school-related expenses within 1 year. The Social Welfare Department does not have the numbers of applicants and those with their claims approved, the numbers of claims and approved claims by educational attainment, nor other information sought in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0735****(Question Serial No. 4362)**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 information on rent allowance below –

- (a) What is the number of cases with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA), among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and amounts of rent exceeding to the extent of \$1-99, \$100-499, \$500-999 and \$1,000 or above; and the number of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance by the above criteria?
- (b) What is the median actual rent paid by households in private housing per month, among the cases in private housing receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and by district under District Council?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 166)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance, with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA, from 2011-12 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by number of eligible household members were as follows –

Number of eligible household members	2011-12					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				Total
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or above	
1	8 309	1 442	5 282	2 275	1 676	10 675
2	5 118	390	1 638	1 200	1 180	4 408
3	3 096	174	785	521	849	2 329
4	1 144	109	264	262	503	1 138
5	282	27	83	80	233	423

6 and above	152	9	46	49	74	178
Total	18 101	2 151	8 098	4 387	4 515	19 151

Number of eligible household members	2012-13					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or above	Total
1	8 096	2 420	3 088	2 206	1 979	9 693
2	5 267	808	920	1 019	1 135	3 882
3	2 853	274	612	499	851	2 236
4	1 160	20	230	226	433	909
5	302	6	66	65	204	341
6 and above	168	2	34	38	61	135
Total	17 846	3 530	4 950	4 053	4 663	17 196

Number of eligible household members	2013-14					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or above	Total
1	8 235	1 034	2 919	1 681	1 810	7 444
2	4 726	148	1 241	1 021	1 047	3 457
3	2 996	70	588	452	730	1 840
4	1 059	61	197	228	485	971
5	322	8	74	63	229	374
6 and above	154	3	29	39	92	163
Total	17 492	1 324	5 048	3 484	4 393	14 249

Number of eligible household members	2014-15					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or above	Total
1	7 541	776	2 617	1 734	2 044	7 171
2	4 725	16	1 156	1 145	1 253	3 570
3	3 117	65	668	426	724	1 883
4	1 140	50	269	167	459	945
5	319	2	90	64	236	392
6 and above	163	8	28	28	108	172
Total	17 005	917	4 828	3 564	4 824	14 133

Number of eligible household members	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) ^[Note]					
	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Actual rent exceeding MRA				
		Less than \$100	\$100 – less than \$500	\$500 – less than \$1,000	\$1,000 or above	Total
1	6 165	951	2 779	1 912	2 398	8 040
2	4 152	12	1 227	1 379	1 618	4 236
3	2 621	83	843	546	829	2 301
4	960	54	264	193	557	1 068
5	238	-	92	51	289	432
6 and above	124	5	21	28	115	169
Total	14 260	1 105	5 226	4 109	5 806	16 246

[Note] MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

- (b) Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance with a breakdown by number of eligible household members and by district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is presented in the following tables –

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2011-12 (\$)					
	Number of eligible household 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
Overall	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,700	4,000	4,800

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2012-13 (\$)					
	Number of eligible household 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	2,800	3,600	3,900	4,500	5,550
Yuen Long	1,400	2,600	3,500	3,800	4,000	4,800
Overall	1,500	2,700	3,500	3,900	4,148	5,000

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2013-14 (\$)					
	Number of eligible household 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	3,800	4,200	4,800	5,700
Yau Tsim Mong	1,500	2,900	3,800	4,210	4,100	5,600
Yuen Long	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,200	4,500	5,500
Overall	1,500	3,000	3,800	4,200	4,800	5,700

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2014-15 (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,600	3,100	4,300	5,000	6,500	8,500
Eastern	1,700	3,200	4,355	5,000	5,150	7,050
Islands	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,200	4,300	5,174
Kowloon City	1,600	3,300	4,000	4,553	4,800	5,950
Kwai Tsing	1,535	3,000	4,100	4,360	5,150	6,000
Kwun Tong	1,700	3,100	4,100	4,500	4,800	5,050
North	1,700	3,200	4,000	4,200	4,550	5,750
Sai Kung	1,113	1,241	3,500	3,900	5,000	4,693
Sha Tin	1,225	1,308	4,247	5,100	5,250	6,500
Sham Shui Po	1,650	3,355	4,000	4,200	4,550	5,250
Southern	1,600	3,100	4,000	4,400	7,600	6,200
Tai Po	1,800	3,300	4,150	5,000	4,500	6,101
Tsuen Wan	1,650	3,200	4,000	4,300	4,650	4,800
Tuen Mun	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,650	6,000	5,800
Wan Chai	1,550	3,100	4,325	5,250	5,800	7,300
Wong Tai Sin	1,500	3,150	4,000	4,300	4,675	6,501
Yau Tsim Mong	1,601	3,200	4,000	4,500	4,950	6,150
Yuen Long	1,600	3,000	4,000	4,300	4,800	5,700
Overall	1,600	3,200	4,000	4,500	4,800	5,800

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,700	3,300	4,585	5,300	6,200	12,500
Eastern	1,800	3,500	4,500	5,000	6,000	7,050
Islands	1,700	3,200	4,016	4,500	4,500	5,692
Kowloon City	1,800	3,400	4,300	4,800	5,180	6,150
Kwai Tsing	1,700	3,250	4,400	4,568	5,650	6,700
Kwun Tong	1,800	3,400	4,380	4,700	5,000	5,500
North	1,800	3,400	4,025	4,500	4,800	5,600
Sai Kung	1,278	1,251	3,697	4,600	5,000	4,804
Sha Tin	1,300	1,388	4,500	4,850	6,500	7,250
Sham Shui Po	1,750	3,500	4,200	4,500	4,800	5,500
Southern	1,748	3,400	4,300	5,300	5,150	8,300
Tai Po	2,000	3,500	4,500	5,000	5,150	7,000
Tsuen Wan	1,800	3,500	4,200	4,800	4,500	5,500
Tuen Mun	1,600	3,000	4,200	5,100	6,300	6,300
Wan Chai	1,700	3,100	4,600	5,775	5,745	6,250
Wong Tai Sin	1,588	3,400	4,300	4,800	4,800	6,501
Yau Tsim Mong	1,700	3,500	4,340	4,800	5,900	7,000
Yuen Long	1,800	3,200	4,000	4,500	5,500	6,000
Overall	1,700	3,400	4,300	4,690	5,200	6,200

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0736****(Question Serial No. 4363)**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:

Please list by the following case nature the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) –

- (a) Old age;
- (b) Ill health;
- (c) Persons with disabilities;
- (d) Unemployment;
- (e) Low-earnings;
- (f) Single parent.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 167)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA with a breakdown by case nature as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Case nature	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA
Old age	4 725
Permanent disability	965
Ill health	2 320
Single parent	4 673
Low-earnings	725
Unemployment	2 362
Others	476
Total	16 246

MRA has been increased by 5.8% with effect from 1 February 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0737****(Question Serial No. 4364)**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 respective number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) students studying at kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, as well as others by District Council district in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 168)Reply:

The number of students receiving CSSA by district and education level from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

District	2011-12 (as at end-December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	73	239	287	12	611
Eastern	488	1 464	2 123	78	4 153
Islands	323	1 220	1 738	45	3 326
Kowloon City	574	1 328	1 574	50	3 526
Kwai Tsing	1 157	3 767	5 636	161	10 721
Kwun Tong	1 535	4 995	7 584	276	14 390
North	733	2 188	3 063	52	6 036
Sai Kung	302	1 282	2 653	86	4 323
Sha Tin	747	2 447	3 918	113	7 225
Sham Shui Po	1 059	2 799	3 841	107	7 806
Southern	227	661	1 041	43	1 972
Tai Po	357	1 065	1 656	43	3 121
Tsuen Wan	354	1 081	1 435	33	2 903
Tuen Mun	844	2 425	3 479	86	6 834
Wan Chai	60	137	130	2	329
Wong Tai Sin	807	2 461	4 450	129	7 847
Yau Tsim Mong	469	1 099	1 141	22	2 731

District	2011-12 (as at end-December 2011)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Yuen Long	1 579	4 923	7 685	199	14 386
Total	11 688	35 581	53 434	1 537	102 240

District	2012-13 (as at end-December 2012)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	82	192	258	32	564
Eastern	451	1 328	1 767	192	3 738
Islands	287	1 103	1 579	135	3 104
Kowloon City	540	1 266	1 388	182	3 376
Kwai Tsing	980	3 400	4 608	834	9 822
Kwun Tong	1 404	4 849	6 443	749	13 445
North	672	2 068	2 571	275	5 586
Sai Kung	277	1 090	2 033	268	3 668
Sha Tin	632	2 297	3 125	422	6 476
Sham Shui Po	982	2 791	3 404	367	7 544
Southern	195	606	895	134	1 830
Tai Po	327	995	1 292	160	2 774
Tsuen Wan	324	994	1 193	188	2 699
Tuen Mun	748	2 217	2 869	433	6 267
Wan Chai	46	123	106	16	291
Wong Tai Sin	728	2 334	3 575	489	7 126
Yau Tsim Mong	455	1 063	949	154	2 621
Yuen Long	1 465	4 394	6 272	881	13 012
Total	10 595	33 110	44 327	5 911	93 943

District	2013-14 (as at end-December 2013)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	75	210	219	24	528
Eastern	405	1 222	1 569	208	3 404
Islands	275	953	1 404	163	2 795
Kowloon City	559	1 418	1 393	169	3 539
Kwai Tsing	876	3 024	3 935	823	8 658
Kwun Tong	1 236	4 418	5 743	743	12 140
North	576	1 910	2 252	287	5 025
Sai Kung	259	934	1 680	250	3 123
Sha Tin	594	2 136	2 687	475	5 892
Sham Shui Po	962	2 694	3 088	456	7 200
Southern	181	589	793	160	1 723
Tai Po	317	928	1 143	134	2 522
Tsuen Wan	313	880	1 042	160	2 395
Tuen Mun	690	2 008	2 510	428	5 636
Wan Chai	57	114	93	23	287
Wong Tai Sin	632	2 157	3 120	459	6 368
Yau Tsim Mong	423	925	870	144	2 362
Yuen Long	1 284	3 944	5 411	803	11 442
Total	9 714	30 464	38 952	5 909	85 039

District	2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	93	192	233	25	543
Eastern	360	1 190	1 409	188	3 147
Islands	261	853	1 246	157	2 517
Kowloon City	657	1 679	1 457	180	3 973
Kwai Tsing	887	2 885	3 607	535	7 914
Kwun Tong	1 193	4 065	5 168	585	11 011
North	558	1 766	1 994	234	4 552
Sai Kung	255	879	1 447	218	2 799
Sha Tin	550	2 001	2 413	317	5 281
Sham Shui Po	967	2 582	2 822	349	6 720
Southern	158	573	700	144	1 575
Tai Po	301	896	1 021	140	2 358
Tsuen Wan	299	804	954	126	2 183
Tuen Mun	638	1 915	2 257	304	5 114
Wan Chai	64	109	76	15	264
Wong Tai Sin	595	2 074	2 715	388	5 772
Yau Tsim Mong	432	889	758	154	2 233
Yuen Long	1 154	3 659	4 896	641	10 350
Total	9 422	29 011	35 173	4 700	78 306

District	2015-16 [as at end-December 2015 (preliminary figures)]				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
Central & Western	88	178	193	36	495
Eastern	355	1 035	1 258	294	2 942
Islands	224	732	1 102	240	2 298
Kowloon City	616	1 571	1 333	341	3 861
Kwai Tsing	866	2 517	3 098	849	7 330
Kwun Tong	1 058	3 477	4 408	1 195	10 138
North	514	1 537	1 673	498	4 222
Sai Kung	240	709	1 186	305	2 440
Sha Tin	532	1 808	2 161	570	5 071
Sham Shui Po	898	2 324	2 433	741	6 396
Southern	146	489	644	173	1 452
Tai Po	280	712	829	321	2 142
Tsuen Wan	303	742	802	250	2 097
Tuen Mun	553	1 515	1 769	792	4 629
Wan Chai	57	100	78	25	260
Wong Tai Sin	585	1 859	2 279	677	5 400
Yau Tsim Mong	463	816	706	326	2 311
Yuen Long	1 094	3 278	4 149	1 188	9 709
Total	8 872	25 399	30 101	8 821	73 193

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0738****(Question Serial No. 4365)**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 Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please provide a breakdown, by nature of CSSA cases, of –

- (a) the latest number and percentage of CSSA households living in public housing estates; and
- (b) the latest and total number of CSSA cases by nature of cases in the District Council districts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 169)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of CSSA cases in each public housing estate as at end-December 2015 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	490	11%
Bo Shek Mansion	50	19%
Broadview Garden	23	5%
Butterfly	1 147	22%
Chai Wan	393	25%
Chak On	480	27%
Cheung Ching	502	10%
Cheung Fat	343	31%
Cheung Hang	507	12%
Cheung Hong	1 263	15%
Cheung Kwai	52	11%
Cheung Lung Wai	283	22%
Cheung On	445	38%
Cheung Sha Wan	280	20%
Cheung Shan	143	9%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Cheung Wah	630	37%
Cheung Wang	739	17%
Ching Ho	1 735	25%
Cho Yiu Chuen	210	9%
Choi Fai	160	12%
Choi Fook	674	20%
Choi Ha	196	38%
Choi Hung	1 243	17%
Choi Ming Court	494	18%
Choi Tak	997	17%
Choi Wan (I)	666	11%
Choi Wan (II)	357	12%
Choi Ying	849	21%
Choi Yuen	1 160	23%
Chuk Yuen (North)	491	40%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 309	22%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	114	12%
Chun Shek	364	17%
Chung On	455	17%
Clague Garden Estate	76	14%
Easeful Court	39	8%
Fortune	698	33%
Fu Cheong	1 670	28%
Fu Heng	608	38%
Fu Shan	264	17%
Fu Shin	654	31%
Fu Tai	713	14%
Fu Tung	153	9%
Fuk Loi	506	16%
Fung Tak	590	50%
Fung Wah	119	33%
Fung Wo	256	16%
Grandeur Terrace	632	15%
Hau Tak	597	14%
Healthy Village	135	12%
Heng On	331	42%
High Prosperity Terrace	47	6%
Hin Keng	304	49%
Hin Yiu	183	23%
Hing Man	244	12%
Hing Tin	144	36%
Hing Tung	255	12%
Hing Wah (I)	384	17%
Hing Wah (II)	702	20%
Ho Man Tin	944	20%
Hoi Fu Court	710	26%
Hoi Lai	715	15%
Hong Tung	207	45%
Hung Fuk	605	16%
Hung Hom	685	25%
Jat Min Chuen	442	12%
Ka Fuk	313	16%
Ka Wai Chuen	282	17%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Kai Ching	823	16%
Kai Tin	465	21%
Kai Yip	953	23%
Kam Peng	47	19%
Kin Ming	1 164	17%
Kin Sang	163	31%
King Lam	597	40%
Ko Cheung Court	209	12%
Ko Yee	259	22%
Kwai Chung	2 633	19%
Kwai Fong	1 007	16%
Kwai Hing	131	41%
Kwai Luen	461	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 189	19%
Kwai Shing (West)	688	13%
Kwong Fuk	864	14%
Kwong Tin	303	13%
Kwong Yuen	508	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	212	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	642	14%
Lai King	621	15%
Lai Kok	718	25%
Lai On	257	19%
Lai Tak Tsuen	215	8%
Lai Yiu	398	14%
Lakeside Garden	21	9%
Lam Tin	638	21%
Lee On	543	15%
Lei Cheng Uk	534	46%
Lei Muk Shue	1 570	15%
Lei Tung	628	30%
Lei Yue Mun	673	21%
Lek Yuen	515	16%
Leung King	819	33%
Lok Fu	651	18%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	438	13%
Lok Wah (North)	280	9%
Lok Wah (South)	1 730	25%
Long Bin IH	6	60%
Long Ping	906	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	663	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	806	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	790	12%
Lung Hang	449	10%
Lung Tin	104	24%
Lung Yat	147	15%
Ma Hang	79	9%
Ma Tau Wai	363	18%
Mei Lam	646	16%
Mei Tin	1 254	19%
Mei Tung	469	19%
Ming Tak	242	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	207	10%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Model Housing	89	13%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	114	12%
Nam Cheong	242	37%
Nam Shan	570	21%
Nga Ning Court	46	11%
Ngan Wan	60	14%
Oi Man	720	11%
Oi Tung	1 043	27%
On Tin	81	11%
On Ting	965	19%
On Yam	728	14%
Pak Tin	1 826	25%
Ping Shek	563	12%
Ping Tin	1 210	22%
Po Lam	472	29%
Po Tat	1 607	22%
Po Tin	2 181	27%
Pok Hong	399	36%
Prosperous Garden	93	14%
Sai Wan	51	8%
Sam Shing	224	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	802	20%
Sau Mau Ping	2 605	22%
Sha Kok	1 231	20%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	54	8%
Shan King	1 277	22%
Shatin Pass	211	17%
Shek Kip Mei	2 103	24%
Shek Lei (I)	931	19%
Shek Lei (II)	1 721	19%
Shek Mun	355	18%
Shek Pai Wan	784	15%
Shek Wai Kok	876	14%
Shek Yam (East)	464	20%
Shek Yam	540	20%
Sheung Lok	151	44%
Sheung Tak	898	16%
Shin Ming	377	19%
Shui Chuen O	369	13%
Shui Pin Wai	627	27%
Shun Lee	669	15%
Shun On	566	19%
Shun Tin	1 192	17%
Siu Sai Wan	653	11%
Sun Chui	915	14%
Sun Tin Wai	412	12%
Tai Hang Tung	587	29%
Tai Hing	1 719	20%
Tai Ping	75	31%
Tai Wo	729	43%
Tai Wo Hau	1 211	16%
Tai Yuen	693	15%
Tak Long	1 178	15%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Tak Tin	901	46%
Tin Chak	829	21%
Tin Ching	1 492	24%
Tin Heng	769	13%
Tin King	193	23%
Tin Ping	341	34%
Tin Shui	984	13%
Tin Tsz	719	22%
Tin Wah	802	22%
Tin Wan	603	20%
Tin Yan	1 625	29%
Tin Yat	458	14%
Tin Yiu	1 109	13%
Tin Yuet	924	22%
Tsing Yi	253	40%
Tsui Lam	283	19%
Tsui Lok	126	40%
Tsui Ping (South)	585	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 396	44%
Tsui Wan	184	35%
Tsz Ching	1 781	22%
Tsz Hong	281	14%
Tsz Lok	1 125	18%
Tsz Man	339	17%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	23	9%
Tung Tau	886	41%
Tung Wui	403	31%
Un Chau	1 702	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 726	26%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 125	23%
Verbena Heights	180	19%
Wah Fu	990	11%
Wah Kwai	364	36%
Wah Lai	200	14%
Wah Ming	562	39%
Wah Sum	270	18%
Wan Hon	454	46%
Wan Tau Tong	264	47%
Wan Tsui	539	15%
Wang Tau Hom	699	12%
Wing Cheong	309	21%
Wo Che	782	13%
Wo Lok	355	18%
Wu King	403	9%
Yan On	434	17%
Yat Tung	1 757	15%
Yau Lai	1 669	20%
Yau Oi	1 252	14%
Yau Tong	788	22%
Yee Ming	270	13%
Yiu On	331	35%
Yiu Tung	719	14%
Yue Kwong Chuen	64	7%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA househods	Percentage to the total number of households in the respective public housing estate
Yue Wan	364	17%
Yung Shing Court	358	21%

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

- (b) The number of CSSA cases by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (number of households)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

The above figures do not include the cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0739****(Question Serial No. 4366)**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 numbers of cases and the numbers of recipients by the case nature of “single parent” (SP), “unemployment” (UT) and “low-earnings” (LE) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the duration of receiving and the median duration of receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 170)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of SP, UT and LE cases by duration of receiving CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 259	2 984	489	2 233	2 684	424
More than 1 to 2	2 594	2 421	657	2 177	1 812	429
More than 2 to 3	2 782	2 521	765	2 359	1 739	514
More than 3 to 4	2 538	2 015	753	2 497	1 935	633
More than 4 to 5	2 006	1 289	563	2 261	1 599	601
More than 5	18 439	10 959	7 254	16 903	10 056	6 173
Total	30 618	22 189	10 481	28 430	19 825	8 774

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2013-14			2014-15		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 441	2 230	322	2 811	2 029	301
More than 1 to 2	2 406	1 477	391	2 579	1 252	298
More than 2 to 3	2 096	1 227	367	2 297	1 059	335
More than 3 to 4	2 205	1 293	431	1 961	936	292
More than 4 to 5	2 277	1 444	556	2 037	956	350
More than 5	16 148	9 138	5 396	15 482	8 498	4 754
Total	27 573	16 809	7 463	27 167	14 730	6 330

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	2 692	1 825	241
More than 1 to 2	2 829	1 211	264
More than 2 to 3	2 233	938	270
More than 3 to 4	2 103	833	265
More than 4 to 5	1 788	779	279
More than 5	14 742	7 820	4 167
Total	26 387	13 406	5 486

2. The numbers of SP, UT and LE recipients by duration of receiving CSSA from 2011-12 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2011-12			2012-13		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	6 633	5 641	2 345	6 569	4 983	2 016
More than 1 to 2	7 220	4 690	2 858	6 277	3 674	2 084
More than 2 to 3	7 483	4 950	3 140	6 474	3 393	2 277
More than 3 to 4	6 682	4 047	3 096	6 627	3 858	2 541
More than 4 to 5	5 417	2 619	2 433	5 835	3 181	2 443
More than 5	45 760	24 185	25 187	41 054	21 125	20 903
Total	79 195	46 132	39 059	72 836	40 214	32 264

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2013-14			2014-15		
	SP	UT	LE	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	7 696	4 588	1 893	8 193	4 251	1 590
More than 1 to 2	6 756	3 076	1 863	7 924	3 005	1 805
More than 2 to 3	5 859	2 557	1 753	6 245	2 278	1 616
More than 3 to 4	5 916	2 571	1 888	5 347	2 006	1 440
More than 4 to 5	5 880	2 890	2 190	5 351	1 943	1 576
More than 5	38 687	18 402	18 221	36 734	16 844	15 822
Total	70 794	34 084	27 808	69 794	30 327	23 849

Duration of receiving CSSA (year)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	SP	UT	LE
1 or less	7 491	3 542	1 117
More than 1 to 2	8 655	3 138	1 727
More than 2 to 3	6 214	2 004	1 371
More than 3 to 4	5 684	1 837	1 338
More than 4 to 5	4 806	1 642	1 336
More than 5	34 809	15 120	13 748
Total	67 659	27 283	20 637

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.

3. The median durations of stay on CSSA for SP, UT and LE cases from 2011-12 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Median duration (year)		
	SP	UT	LE
2011-12	6.6	4.9	7.8
2012-13	6.5	5.2	8.3
2013-14	6.2	5.5	8.7
2014-15	5.9	6.0	9.0
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	5.8	6.4	9.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0740

(Question Serial No. 4367)

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 135) that “starting from 2016-17, a recurrent provision of \$17 million will be allocated to provide 160 additional day care places for the elderly”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the additional number of day care places for the elderly by District Council district and of the service commencement date?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 301)

Reply:

The geographical distribution of the additional day care places for the elderly expected to be commencing service in phases from 2016-17 to 2018-19 is set out as follows –

District	No. of places
Kwun Tong	20
Tsuen Wan	110
Tuen Mun	38
Total	168

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0741

(Question Serial No. 4368)

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 2016-17;
- (b) The number of DEs/DCUs receiving DS annually from 2011-12 to 2016-17 with breakdown by SWD administrative district; and
- (c) The number of DS cases in each district from 2011-12 to 2016-17 with breakdown by SWD administrative district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 302)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is as follows –

Year	Number of subsidised DEs/DCUs
2012-13	61
2013-14	66
2014-15	70
2015-16	71
2016-17	74

- (b) The geographical distribution of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at the Annex.

- (c) 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 from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2012-13	555
2013-14	610
2014-15	640
2015-16	657
2016-17	674

**Geographical distribution of subsidised DEs/DCUs receiving DS
(from 2012-13 to 2016-17)**

District	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Central & Western	3	4	4	4	4
Eastern	5	5	5	5	5
Wan Chai	2	2	2	3	3
Southern	2	2	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	8	9	9	9	9
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6	6	6
Sai Kung	3	3	4	4	4
Kowloon City	3	3	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	6	7	8	8	8
Yau Tim Mong	3	3	3	3	3
Sha Tin	5	6	7	7	7
Tai Po	1	1	1	1	1
North	1	1	1	1	1
Yuen Long	3	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan	1	1	2	2	4
Kwai Tsing	4	5	5	5	6
Tuen Mun	3	3	3	3	3
Total	61	66	70	71	74

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0742****(Question Serial No. 4369)**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 –

- (a) the total annual allocation of DS to DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) from 2011-12 to 2016-17;
- (b) the annual allocation of DS to DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2016-17 with a breakdown by 20 places, 40 places and 60 places; and
- (c) the number of DEs/DCUs from 2011-12 to 2016-17 by SWD's administrative district with a breakdown by 20 places, 40 places and 60 places in each district?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 303)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The allocation of DS to subsidised DEs/DCUs from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is provided as follows –

	Allocation of DS (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	12.6
2013-14 (Actual)	14.7
2014-15 (Actual)	15.7
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	17.6
2016-17 (Estimate)	18.7

- (b) The approximate amount of DS allocated to the subsidised DEs/DCUs according to their number of service places from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is provided as follows –

	Allocation for DEs/DCUs (\$ '0,000)		
Service places in DEs/DCUs	20 Places	40 Places	60 Places
2012-13 (Actual)	10	20	31
2013-14 (Actual)	11	22	33
2014-15 (Actual)	12	23	35
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	12	24	36
2016-17 (Estimate)	13	25	38

- (c) For information such as number of places, service commencement date, etc. of DEs/DCUs, please browse the following SWD website
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)0743

(Question Serial No. 4370)

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. Last year, the Government stated in the reply to my question (Reply Serial No.: LWB(WW)0072) that "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" and "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". In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Did SWD conduct any random checks on DS in 2016-17? If yes, how many random checks were conducted and what was the situation like in respect of irregularities? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Did SWD have breakdown information on the amount of DS that was not fully used and had to be returned to SWD in 2016-17? If yes, how much surplus DS was returned and how many DEs/day care units for the elderly had to do that and why? If no, what are the reasons? Would SWD consider keeping such information in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 304)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) DS allocated to NGOs is one of the central items for designated purposes. SWD will monitor NGOs' use of the allocations under central items to ensure proper use of

public funds. SWD does not have breakdown information on random checks conducted specifically for DS.

- (b) The surplus of central items, including DS, is required to be returned to SWD by NGOs. 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

LWB(WW)0744

(Question Serial No. 4371)

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 Social Welfare Department's additional recurrent funding of some \$160 million allocated for 210 elderly centres, including district elderly community centres and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, to enhance the community support and services for the elderly persons (including demented and frail elderly persons) and their carers since 2014-15, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) a breakdown, showing respectively how many normal elderly persons, how many demented elderly persons, how many demented and frail elderly persons and how many carers for them have benefited from elderly centres enhancing community care support for demented and frail elderly persons and their carers from 2014-15 to 2016-17;
- (b) a breakdown, by Social Welfare Department district, showing respectively how many cases of care needs assessment and how many cases of service application elderly centres in various districts have handled from 2014-15 to 2016-17; and
- (c) a breakdown, by Social Welfare Department district, showing, in connection with promoting the awareness of dementia prevention and strengthening coping capacity, the average attendance per session at elderly centres in various districts from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 305)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Since 2014-15, an additional full-year expenditure of some \$160 million has been allocated for 210 elderly centres, including district elderly community centres and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, to enhance the community support and services for the elderly persons (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. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture figures on elderly centres' beneficiaries who are normal elderly persons, demented elderly persons, and demented and frail elderly persons respectively. As to beneficiaries of enhanced community care support for carers, the total number of carers served by elderly centres in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at December 2015) stands at 34 485 and 34 719 respectively.

- (b) The number of cases of elderly health and home care assessment handled by elderly centres in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at December 2015) by SWD district is set out in the Annex.
- (c) SWD does not capture the average attendance per session at elderly centres in connection with "promoting the awareness of dementia prevention and strengthening coping capacity".

Number of cases of elderly health and home care assessment by district

District	Number of cases of elderly health and home care assessment	
	2014-15 ^[Note]	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	335	764
Eastern/Wan Chai	347	572
Kwun Tong	342	787
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	440	1 064
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	318	625
Sham Shui Po	165	485
Sha Tin	167	535
Tai Po/North	130	463
Yuen Long	155	344
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	345	851
Tuen Mun	182	442
Total	2 926	6 932

^[Note] Number of cases compiled from October 2014 when recurrent funding was increased.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0745****(Question Serial No. 4376)**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 inform this Committee of the respective numbers of beneficiaries and child carers under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in each of the past 3 financial years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

District	Number of children served								Number of child carers
	Age below 3		Age 3 to below 6			Age above 6			Total
	HCCS			HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG	HCCS	CCG	HCCS and CCG
Central & Western									
Eastern									
Islands									
Kowloon City									
Kwai Tsing									
Kwun Tong									
North									
Sai Kung									
Sha Tin									
Sham Shui Po									
Southern									
Tai Po									
Tsuen Wan									
Tuen Mun									
Wan Chai									
Wong Tai Sin									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Yuen Long									
Total									

Legend

Home-based child care service – HCCS

Centre-based care group service – CCG

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 310)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)
(2013-14)**

(2015-16)

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		
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 2 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)
(2014-15)**

(2014-15)

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		
Central & Western	148	321	-	3	10	-	-	482	60
Eastern	259	90	-	1	45	2	1	398	147
Islands	161	155	-	-	48	-	-	364	21
Kowloon City	192	209	48	10	145	25	3	632	369
Kwai Tsing	191	49	354	22	20	157	5	798	82
Kwun Tong	313	135	117	14	41	64	3	687	53
North	189	144	30	18	40	29	8	458	89
Sai Kung	469	353	-	-	86	-	-	908	76
Sha Tin	385	226	2	6	50	1	2	672	87
Sham Shui Po	401	258	127	24	64	22	4	900	97
Southern	160	145	6	2	30	15	2	360	37
Tai Po	392	203	14	25	51	3	2	690	90
Tsuen Wan	277	134	16	-	94	4	-	525	55
Tuen Mun	344	366	61	30	149	44	26	1 020	53
Wan Chai	101	86	51	15	12	8	-	273	63
Wong Tai Sin	255	128	222	8	97	7	-	717	80
Yau Tsim Mong	467	125	76	143	36	32	1	880	183
Yuen Long	449	211	202	53	62	101	57	1 135	54
Total	5 153	3 338	1 326	374	1 080	514	114	11 899	1 696

**Table 3 - Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)
(April to December 2015)**

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	109	278	-	5	31	-	-	423	38
Eastern	199	115	-	3	66	5	2	390	101
Islands	128	136	15	3	55	-	2	339	20
Kowloon City	149	165	5	3	153	2	1	478	418
Kwai Tsing	159	202	134	17	99	97	5	713	81
Kwun Tong	289	133	52	9	44	107	8	642	61
North	151	138	4	6	64	7	6	376	91
Sai Kung	284	244	2	9	100	-	5	644	59
Sha Tin	316	173	19	2	66	6	1	583	97
Sham Shui Po	284	234	139	10	79	66	-	812	110
Southern	118	79	5	1	37	15	-	255	37
Tai Po	342	158	25	24	53	18	6	626	83
Tsuen Wan	200	167	-	-	92	-	-	459	63
Tuen Mun	234	389	8	9	273	20	12	945	139
Wan Chai	32	14	92	22	27	30	10	227	40
Wong Tai Sin	188	120	192	2	61	32	4	599	122
Yau Tsim Mong	402	96	93	94	24	24	1	734	193
Yuen Long	330	156	175	46	81	95	30	913	65
Total	3 914	2 997	960	265	1 405	524	93	10 158	1 818

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0746****(Question Serial No. 4378)**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 providing a continuum of care (COC), would the Government please list in the following table the number of places provided by C&A homes with places providing a continuum of care from 2013-14 to 2016-17 –

	Number of places provided by C&A homes with places providing COC	
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Contract homes
Year		
2013-2014		
2014-2015		
2015-2016		
2016-2017		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 312)Reply:

The information sought from 2013-14 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Number of C&A Places with COC

Year	Subvented homes operated by NGOs ^[Note 1]	Contract homes ^[Note 2]
2013-14	14 437	213
2014-15	14 825	179
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	14 917	197
2016-17 (Estimate)	15 100	224

^[Note 1] Including places provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong since its launch in 2014-15.

^[Note 2] The Government has increased the percentage of nursing home places providing a higher level of nursing care in the existing contract residential care homes for the elderly 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)0747****(Question Serial No. 4379)**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 self-care hostel places and home for the aged (H/A) places into care-and-attention (C&A) places providing a continuum of care, would the Government please fill in the following table the number of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care by District Council district each year from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

Year 20	Number of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care	
	Number of hostels and H/As	Number of places
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. 313)

Reply:

In 2005-06, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) embarked on the conversion programme to convert in phases self-care hostel and H/A places into C&A places providing a continuum of care. The figures on the conversion programme for 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out at Annex. SWD will continue to implement the conversion programme in 2016-17 and is working out the details.

	Number of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care			
	2014-15		2015-16	
	Number of hostels and H/As	Number of places	Number of hostels and H/As	Number of places
Eastern	-	-	-	-
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-
Central & Western	-	-	-	-
Islands	-	-	-	-
Southern	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1	285	-	-
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	-	-	-	-
North	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	-
Total	1	285	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0748****(Question Serial No. 4380)**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 coversion of self-care hostel places and home for the aged (H/A) places into care-and-attention (C&A) places to provide a continuum of care, would the Government please fill in the following table the number of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care from 2013-14 to 2016-17.

Year	No. of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care	
	No. of hostels and H/As	No. of places
2013-2014		
2014-2015		
2015-2016		
2016-2017		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 314)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.

The figures on the conversion programme for 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of self-care hostels and H/As with their places converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care	
	Number of hostels and H/As	Number of places
2013-14	4	367
2014-15	1	285
2015-16	-	-
Total	5	652

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0749

(Question Serial No. 4381)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) served in a year with breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the number of IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) served in a year with breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 315)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of IHCS(OC) served in a year with breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 1.
- (b) The number of IHCS(FC) served in a year with breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 2.

**Geographical Distribution of IHCS(OC) Served in a year
(From 2013-14 to 2015-16)**

District	No. of cases served in a year		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	858	812	729
Eastern	2 245	2 194	1 887
Wan Chai	718	704	642
Southern	1 463	1 427	1 306
Islands	365	345	317
Kwun Tong	2 510	2 607	2 396
Wong Tai Sin	1 802	1 824	1 816
Sai Kung	537	518	516
Kowloon City	1 766	1 766	1 576
Yau Tsim Mong	1 170	1 224	1 162
Sham Shui Po	2 273	2 266	2 064
Sha Tin	1 928	1 884	1 728
Tai Po	1 003	963	882
North	1 269	1 457	1 495
Yuen Long	1 848	1 731	1 578
Tuen Mun	1 744	1 747	1 624
Tsuen Wan	629	614	520
Kwai Tsing	1 610	1 604	1 549
Total	25 738	25 687	23 787

**Geographical Distribution of IHCS(FC) Served in a year
(From 2013-14 to 2015-16)**

District	No. of cases served in a year		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	44	49	51
Eastern	116	102	102
Wan Chai	43	37	44
Southern	103	97	100
Islands	22	22	25
Kwun Tong	202	193	194
Wong Tai Sin	130	130	126
Sai Kung	40	44	35
Kowloon City	41	39	32
Yau Tsim Mong	53	61	48
Sham Shui Po	115	121	107
Sha Tin	164	157	147
Tai Po	42	45	41
North	32	37	39
Yuen Long	117	119	101
Tuen Mun	35	33	32
Tsuen Wan	49	52	49
Kwai Tsing	107	103	101
Total	1 455	1 441	1 374

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0750

(Question Serial No. 4382)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of cases receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 316)

Reply:

The number of cases receiving IHCS(OC) with breakdown by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Geographical Distribution of Cases Receiving IHCS(OC)
(From 2012-13 to 2015-16)

District	No. of cases (As at the end of financial year)			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	654	665	567	595
Eastern	1 652	1 681	1 584	1 491
Wan Chai	546	530	505	518
Southern	1 031	1 033	1 028	1 012
Islands	265	258	245	248
Kwun Tong	1 813	1 889	1 946	1 939
Wong Tai Sin	1 452	1 403	1 433	1 477
Sai Kung	410	374	388	398
Kowloon City	1 283	1 330	1 328	1 291
Yau Tsim Mong	871	870	918	916
Sham Shui Po	1 684	1 707	1 657	1 675
Sha Tin	1 427	1 417	1 394	1 419
Tai Po	755	735	698	685
North	972	1 094	1 203	1 127
Yuen Long	1 367	1 327	1 232	1 292
Tuen Mun	1 320	1 248	1 283	1 270
Tsuen Wan	438	434	425	378
Kwai Tsing	1 050	1 051	1 155	1 097
Total	18 990	19 046	18 989	18 828

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0751

(Question Serial No. 4383)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of cases receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 317)

Reply:

The number of cases receiving IHCS(FC) with breakdown by District Council district from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Geographical Distribution of Cases Receiving IHCS(FC)
(From 2012-13 to 2015-16)

District	No. of cases (As at the end of financial year)			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	39	39	37	40
Eastern	74	74	77	79
Wan Chai	30	25	29	29
Southern	76	71	77	79
Islands	19	18	19	20
Kwun Tong	140	135	147	148
Wong Tai Sin	98	90	94	100
Sai Kung	26	30	26	29
Kowloon City	30	30	29	29
Yau Tsim Mong	39	37	38	40
Sham Shui Po	86	83	87	90
Sha Tin	114	112	111	119
Tai Po	28	29	30	30
North	29	25	28	30
Yuen Long	86	91	85	89
Tuen Mun	30	30	30	30
Tsuen Wan	36	40	39	39
Kwai Tsing	87	87	81	90
Total	1 067	1 046	1 064	1 110

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0752

(Question Serial No. 4384)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of places for IHCS (Frail Cases)(FC) by IHCS team from 2014-15 to 2015-16; and
- (b) the number of places for IHCS (Ordinary Cases)(OC) by IHCS team from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 318)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The distribution of service places of IHCS(FC) by IHCS team from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 1.
- (b) The distribution of service places of IHCS(OC) by IHCS team from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex 2.

**Number of Service Places of IHCS(FC) by IHCS Team
(From 2014-15 to 2015-16)**

District	Name of organisations	No. of service places by service team	
		2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	10	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20	20
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	20	20
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	20	20
	Methodist Centre	10	10
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	30	30
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	20	20
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre	10	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10	10
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	50	50
	Caritas-Hong Kong	30	30
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	20	20
	Caritas-Hong Kong	10	10
	Christian Family Service Centre	10	10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	30	30
	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	20	20
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	10	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10	10
	Salvation Army	10	10
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	60	60
	Hong Kong Christian Service	10	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	40	40
	Salvation Army	40	40
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	10	10
	Salvation Army	20	20
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	10	10
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	10	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	10	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10	10
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10	10
	Hong Kong Christian Service	15	15
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	10	10
	Caritas-Hong Kong	15	15
	Sik Sik Yuen	10	10

District	Name of organisations	No. of service places by service team	
		2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20	20
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	20	20
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	20	20
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	40	40
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	40	40
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	10	10
	Salvation Army	10	10
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	10	10
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	10	10
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	10	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	10	10
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	30	30
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	10	10
	Pok Oi Hospital	20	20
	Yan Oi Tong	30	30
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	10	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	30	30
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	50	50
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	20	20
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20	20
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	15	15
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	15	15
Total		1 120	1 120

**Number of Service Places of IHCS(OC) by IHCS Team
(From 2014-15 to 2015-16)**

District	Name of organisations	No. of service places by service team [Note]	
		2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	134	159
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	149	163
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	284	273
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	245	248
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	409	431
	Methodist Centre	96	87
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	500	471
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	403	375
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre	353	345
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	219	194
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	109	106
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	583	570
	Caritas-Hong Kong	445	442
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	97	96
	Caritas-Hong Kong	243	245
	Christian Family Service Centre	186	192
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	184	157
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	428	491
	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	295	296
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	194	204
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	149	148
	Salvation Army	45	46
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	735	747
	Hong Kong Christian Service	167	162
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	749	746
	Salvation Army	295	284
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memoiral Methodist Social Service	202	186
	Salvation Army	454	471
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	262	259
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	133	132
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	952	927
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	243	232
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	126	125
	Hong Kong Christian Service	476	468
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	287	285
	Caritas-Hong Kong	277	283
	Sik Sik Yuen	242	245

District	Name of organisations	No. of service places by service team [Note]	
		2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	152	173
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	97	96
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	352	364
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	347	352
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	294	309
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	401	394
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	248	248
	Salvation Army	315	302
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	135	135
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	177	177
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	871	769
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	155	181
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	376	431
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	191	191
	Pok Oi Hospital	272	275
	Yan Oi Tong	393	395
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	150	132
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	275	246
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	602	566
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	279	266
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	274	265
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	558	520
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	725	750
Total		18 989	18 828

[Note] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0753****(Question Serial No. 4385)**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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the cost per place per month and the annual expenditure under IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC) in each of the past 5 years;
- (b) the cost per place per month and the annual expenditure under IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC) in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 319)Reply:

The cost per place served per month and the annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and (FC) from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Cost per place served per month (\$)	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	1,362	471.0
2012-13 (Actual)	1,532	499.7
2013-14 (Actual)	1,597	522.6
2014-15 (Actual)	1,745	571.1
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	1,817	594.6

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0754

(Question Serial No. 4386)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the cost per case served per month by Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative district in the last 5 years; and
- (b) the cost per case served per month under administrative expenses in the last 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 320)

Reply:

SWD does not have the cost per case served per month with a breakdown by district, nor the cost per case served per month under administrative expenses, for the years 2011-12 to 2015-16.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0755

(Question Serial No. 4387)

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 one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 171)

Reply:

Regarding CSSA cases with 1 eligible household member under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
	Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
247	-	247	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0756

(Question Serial No. 4388)

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 one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 172)

Reply:

Regarding CSSA cases with 1 eligible household member under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
	Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
247	-	247	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0757****(Question Serial No. 4389)**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 two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 173)Reply:

Regarding two-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible household members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of eligible household members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	594	166	810	212
2	33	-	65	1

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0758****(Question Serial No. 4390)**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 two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 174)Reply:

Regarding two-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible household members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of eligible household members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	594	56	920	212
2	33	-	65	1

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0759****(Question Serial No. 4391)**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 three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 175)Reply:

Regarding three-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible household members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of eligible household members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	1 212	791	2 383	462
2	128	73	289	22
3	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0760****(Question Serial No. 4392)**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 three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings category, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household member.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 176)Reply:

Regarding three-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings category, the numbers of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible household members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 are provided as follows –

Number of eligible household members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	1 212	524	2 650	462
2	128	41	321	22
3	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0761****(Question Serial No. 5067)**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 four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 177)Reply:

Regarding four-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	1 393	2 356	2 974	242
2	165	190	440	30
3	7	5	22	1
4	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0762****(Question Serial No. 5068)**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 four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 178)Reply:

Regarding four-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	1 393	1 875	3 455	242
2	165	115	515	30
3	7	1	26	1
4	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0763****(Question Serial No. 5069)**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 five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 179)Reply:

Regarding five-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	784	2 076	1 712	132
2	66	121	193	16
3	8	7	28	5
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0764****(Question Serial No. 5070)**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 five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 180)Reply:

Regarding five-person households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	784	1 691	2 097	132
2	66	73	241	16
3	8	4	31	5
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0765****(Question Serial No. 5071)**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 households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature with 6 persons or above, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 181)Reply:

Regarding households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature with 6 persons or above, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	492	1 951	1 123	114
2	44	140	141	10
3	5	7	25	2
4	2	5	9	1
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0766****(Question Serial No. 5072)**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 households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the low-earnings case nature with 6 persons or above, please provide the number of cases and recipients by age (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working household members.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 182)Reply:

Regarding households on CSSA under the low-earnings case nature with 6 persons or above, the number of cases and recipients broken down by number of eligible family members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 was as follows –

Number of eligible family members with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Number of recipients (by age group)		
		Below 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	492	1 626	1 448	114
2	44	107	174	10
3	5	3	29	2
4	2	2	12	1
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0767

(Question Serial No. 5073)

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 one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 183)

Reply:

The number of singleton CSSA old age cases/recipients (i.e. aged 60 or above) with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Age group	CSSA cases/recipients
60 to 64	493
65 or above	335
Total	828

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0768

(Question Serial No. 5074)

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 one-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 184)

Reply:

The number of singleton CSSA old age cases/recipients (i.e. aged 60 or above) with earnings from employment by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Age group	CSSA cases/recipients
60 to 64	493
65 or above	335
Total	828

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0769****(Question Serial No. 5075)**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 two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 185)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	686	24	694	654
2	13	-	20	6

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0770****(Question Serial No. 5076)**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 two-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 186)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	686	10	708	654
2	13	-	20	6

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0771****(Question Serial No. 5077)**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 three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 187)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	592	243	913	620
2	29	7	58	22
3	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0772****(Question Serial No. 5078)**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 three-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 188)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	592	125	1 031	620
2	29	4	61	22
3	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0773****(Question Serial No. 5079)**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 four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 189)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	234	274	455	207
2	20	7	51	22
3	2	-	7	1
4	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0774****(Question Serial No. 5080)**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 four-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 190)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	234	157	572	207
2	20	4	54	22
3	2	-	7	1
4	-	-	-	-

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0775****(Question Serial No. 5081)**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 five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 191)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	70	126	157	67
2	4	2	13	5
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0776****(Question Serial No. 5082)**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 five-person households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 192)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	70	93	190	67
2	4	1	14	5
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0777****(Question Serial No. 5083)**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 six-person-or-above households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 18, 18 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 193)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65 or above
1	14	42	30	16
2	5	14	13	7
3	1	-	5	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0778****(Question Serial No. 5084)**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 six-person-or-above households on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the “old age” case nature, please provide the numbers of cases and recipients by age groups (65 or above, below 15, 15 to 64) and by the number of working persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 194)Reply:

The number of CSSA old age cases and recipients in those cases by number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment and by age group as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Number of eligible members in the family with earnings from employment	Number of cases	Age group (number of recipients)		
		Under 15	15 to 64	65 or above
1	14	35	37	16
2	5	10	17	7
3	1	-	5	1
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
6 or above	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0779****(Question Serial No. 5085)**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 Need Assessment for Elderly Services (SCNAMES), what are the respective numbers of cases completed by various units in 2013-16?

Type of Organisation	Nature of Service	Year			
		2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Standardised Care Need Assessment Management Offices (Elderly Services) (SCNAMO(ES)s)				
	Medical Social Services Unit (MSSUs)				
	Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)				
	Others				
Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Elderly Services Units				
	IFSCs				
Hospital Authority (HA)	MSSUs and others				
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 201)Reply:

Regarding the SCNAMES, the respective numbers of cases completed by various categories of service units from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Organisation	Service Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
SWD	SCNAMO(ES)s	17 339	18 529	11 798
	MSSUs	2 948	2 695	2 192
	IFSCs	782	812	602
	Others (e.g. Family and Child Protective Services Units)	101	235	15
NGOs	Elderly Services Units (e.g. district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, day care centres for the elderly, integrated home care service teams etc.)	2 651	3 800	6 387
	IFSCs	538	623	523
HA	MSSUs	175	171	128
Total		24 534	26 865	21 645

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0780****(Question Serial No. 5086)**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 2013-16, what are the number of applications for standardised care need assessment for elderly services, the number of such cases with assessment completed, as well as the average number of days required for processing a case?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 202)Reply:

From 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of applications for standardised care need assessment for elderly services, the number of such cases with assessment completed and the average number of days required for processing a case are set out as follows –

Year	No. of applications for standardised care need assessment for elderly services	No. of cases with assessment completed	Average no. of days required for processing a case^[Note]
2013-14	28 675	24 534	34
2014-15	29 027	26 865	18
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	23 132	21 645	14

^[Note] The average number of days between the Standardised Care Need Assessment Management Office (Elderly Services) (SCNAMO(ES)) of the Social Welfare Department assigning an accredited assessor to conduct the assessment and the assessor submitting the assessment results to SCNAMO(ES).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0781

(Question Serial No. 5087)

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 Standardised Assessment for Residential Services for People with Disabilities, what are the respective numbers of cases with assessment completed by individual units in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 203)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases with assessment for residential services for people with disabilities completed by individual units. The number of cases with assessment for residential services for people with disabilities completed from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out in the table as follows –

Year	No. of cases with assessment for residential services for people with disabilities completed
2013-14	1 346
2014-15	1 482
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 085

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0782****(Question Serial No. 5088)**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 2013-16, what are the number of applications for assessment of residential services for persons with disabilities, the number of such cases with assessment completed, as well as the average number of days required for processing a case?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 204)Reply:

All mentally handicapped or physically handicapped applicants for residential service have to be assessed to be having confirmed needs for residential care before they may be waitlisted for or admitted to residential service. An applicant assessed to have residential service needs will be put on the waiting list based on the type of residential service matched only upon referral by the case social worker. Therefore, the Central Referral System of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) only captures the number of cases with the assessment for residential services for people with disabilities completed.

From 2013-14 to 2015-16, the number of applications for residential services for people with disabilities with the assessment completed is set out in the table as follows –

Year	No. of cases with assessment for residential services for people with disabilities completed
2013-14	1 346
2014-15	1 482
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 085

SWD does not capture information on the average number of days required for processing an application for assessment for residential services for people with disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0783****(Question Serial No. 5089)**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 pre-appeal mediations and appeals by service users, service providers (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)) and service providers (community service units) out of the cases of standardised care need assessment for elderly services in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 205)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Pre-appeal mediations requested by	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Service users	31	42	39
Service providers (RCHEs)	15	7	10
Service providers (Community Care Service Units)	0	2	1
Total	46	51	50

Since the launch of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services in November 2000, the Social Welfare Department has received 2 appeals lodged by service users who disagreed with the assessment results. In both cases, the complaints were found unsubstantiated after consideration by members of the Regional Appeal Committees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0784

(Question Serial No. 5090)

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 are the respective numbers of cases where pre-appeal mediations and appeals are requested by service users, service providers (residential care homes for persons with disabilities) and service providers (community service units) in cases involving assessment of residential services for persons with disabilities in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 206)

Reply:

Between 2013 and 2016, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not received any pre-appeal mediation or appeal requests by service users regarding the assessment on residential services for persons with disabilities. As the appeal mechanism for the assessment is applicable to service users only, SWD does not have the numbers of pre-appeal mediations and appeals requested by service providers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0785

(Question Serial No. 5091)

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 serving accredited assessors under the Standardised Care Needs Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 207)

Reply:

The number of serving accredited assessors under SCNAMES (excluding resigned and retired assessors) from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	No. of serving trained and accredited assessors
2013-14	2 163
2014-15	2 207
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	2 373

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0786****(Question Serial No. 5092)**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 respective numbers of incumbent recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities in 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 208)Reply:

The number of recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided in the table as follows –

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Number of recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities	2 996	3 396	3 652

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0787

(Question Serial No. 5093)

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 are the respective numbers of incumbent recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities in 2010-13?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 209)

Reply:

The number of recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities from 2010-11 to 2012-13 is provided in the table as follows –

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of recognised assessors responsible for assessment regarding residential service for persons with disabilities	2 561	2 760	2 950

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0788

(Question Serial No. 5094)

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 numbers of elderly persons on the waiting list for care-and-attention (C&A) places by Social Welfare Department (SWD) district and by age group (i.e. aged 60 to 69, 70 to 79, 80 to 89, 90 or above) in 2014-2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 210)

Reply:

The information on the elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places broken down by SWD district of elderly persons' residence and age group for 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) is set out at Annex.

**Classification List of the Elderly Persons on the Waiting List for
Subsidised C&A Places by SWD District of Elderly Persons' Residence and
Age Group for 2014-15 and 2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)**

SWD district \ Age group	2014-15					2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)				
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 to 89	Aged 90 or above	Total	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 to 89	Aged 90 or above	Total
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	128	300	866	368	1 662	143	330	950	354	1 777
Eastern & Wan Chai	116	412	1 149	563	2 240	146	467	1 268	573	2 454
Kwun Tong	250	908	1 853	625	3 636	279	996	2 051	613	3 939
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	300	911	2 182	761	4 154	322	1 009	2 218	677	4 226
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	242	646	1 455	540	2 883	240	704	1 569	509	3 022
Sham Shui Po	131	388	911	395	1 825	159	426	959	364	1 908
Sha Tin	171	439	1 093	400	2 103	179	500	1 164	406	2 249
Tai Po & North	126	322	768	274	1 490	147	377	878	317	1 719
Yuen Long	115	262	531	183	1 091	125	312	611	172	1 220
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	255	827	1 413	429	2 924	287	887	1 502	435	3 111
Tuen Mun	179	304	637	176	1 296	202	358	680	185	1 425
Total in Hong Kong	2 013	5 719	12 858	4 714	25 304	2 229	6 366	13 850	4 605	27 050

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0789

(Question Serial No. 5095)

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 numbers of elderly persons on the waiting list for nursing homes (NHs) by Social Welfare Department (SWD) district and by age group (i.e. aged 60 to 69, 70 to 79, 80 to 89, 90 or above) in 2014-2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 211)

Reply:

The information on the elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH places broken down by SWD district of elderly persons' residence and age group for 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) is set out at Annex.

**Number of Elderly Persons on the Waiting List for Subsidised NH Places
by SWD District of Elderly Persons' Residence and Age Group
for 2014-15 and 2015-16**

SWD district \ Age group	2014-15					2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)				
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 to 89	Aged 90 or above	Total	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 to 89	Aged 90 or above	Total
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	32	84	175	108	399	33	72	184	93	382
Eastern/ Wan Chai	39	71	230	136	476	39	77	236	132	484
Kwun Tong	59	111	279	138	587	68	122	291	119	600
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	57	147	294	163	661	60	132	302	156	650
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	66	182	351	179	778	81	189	392	177	839
Sham Shui Po	37	80	219	100	436	40	83	226	103	452
Sha Tin	58	100	215	94	467	70	98	224	93	485
Tai Po/North	59	97	260	123	539	57	120	236	107	520
Yuen Long	27	83	148	69	327	30	71	149	77	327
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	105	224	440	186	955	110	241	431	186	968
Tuen Mun	58	103	184	75	420	53	97	177	79	406
Total in Hong Kong	597	1 282	2 795	1 371	6 045	641	1 302	2 848	1 322	6 113

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0790

(Question Serial No. 5096)

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 respective numbers of service places, applicants, persons on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and estimated expenditure for various rehabilitation services in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 212)

Reply:

The numbers of service places, the numbers of applicants on the waiting lists and the Revised Estimate for various types of rehabilitation services in 2015-16 are set out in the Annex. The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Numbers of Service Places, Numbers of Applicants on the Waiting Lists and Revised Estimate for Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Disabilities in 2015-16

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end-December 2015)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end-December 2015)	Revised Estimate in 2015-16 (\$ Million)
Pre-school services			
EETC	3 070	3 823	209.7
SCCC	1 775	1 419	297.5
IP	1 980	1 643	116.5
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	5 148	1 189	577.7
SW	5 276	2 482	325.1
SE	1 633	50	60.4
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	4 412	N.A.	231.7
OJT ^[Note 2]	432	N.A.	13.2
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	311	N.A.	14.7
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	453	N.A.	28.9
Residential services			
HWH	1 509	731	186.6
LSCH	1 587	1 800	244.1
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	170	N.A.	10.3
HMMH	2 384	1 943	257.4
HSMH	3 561	2 220	705.6
HSPH	573	600	118.8
C&A/SD	991	443	226.3
C&A/AB	825	127	141.3
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	79	7.3
SHOS	596	1 644	61.5
RSCCC	110	21	24.1

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list (CWL), and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics in this respect.

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

Legend

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)/ISGH	small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0791

(Question Serial No. 5097)

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 respective numbers of service places, applicants, persons on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and revised estimate for various rehabilitation services in 2013-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 213)

Reply:

The respective numbers of service places, applicants on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and actual expenditure for various rehabilitation services in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are set out at Annex 1 and Annex 2.

**Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List, as well as
the Waiting Time and Actual Expenditure for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2013-14**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end- March 2014)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end- March 2014)	Average Waiting Time in 2013-14 (in Months)	Actual Expenditure in 2013-14 (\$ Million)
Pre-school services				
EETC	2 628	3 945	19	159.0
SCCC	1 757	1 335	18.5	259.0
IP	1 860	1 784	14.1	99.0
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services				
DAC	4 801	1 293	57.6	433.7
SW	5 111	2 724	16.1	254.7
SE	1 633	96	2.2	53.8
IVRSC	4 257	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]	170.1
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	10.9
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	12.2
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	25.4
Residential services				
HWH	1 509	714	7.2	162.9
LSCH	1 587	1 573	32.5	194.4
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	9.0
HMMH	2 364	1 694	119.5	197.9
HSMH	3 382	2 200	105.6	557.0
HSPH	573	516	142.2	101.6
C&A/SD	959	468	48	183.5
C&A/AB	825	120	8.4	124.5
SGH(MMHC)	64	80	18.8	6.4
SHOS	596	1 340	16.5	51.7
RSCCC	110	42	17.5	21.3

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list (CWL), and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture any statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

Legend

EETC	early education and training centre
SCCC	special child care centre
IP	integrated programmes in ordinary 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

Legend

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/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

**Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List, as well as
the Waiting Time and Actual Expenditure for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2014-15**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end- March 2015)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end- March 2015)	Average Waiting Time in 2014-15 (in Months)	Actual Expenditure in 2014-15 (\$ Million)
Pre-school services				
EETC	2 991	3 853	19.6	181.2
SCCC	1 775	1 437	17.3	282.6
IP	1 860	1 764	13	107.7
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services				
DAC	5 146	1 289	61.8	505.9
SW	5 276	2 750	19.7	286.8
SE	1 633	76	3.1	58.2
IVRSC	4 387	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]	202.4
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	12.7
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	14.2
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	27.7
Residential services				
HWH	1 509	652	7.6	179.0
LSCH	1 587	1 614	31.0	226.8
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	9.9
HMMH	2 384	1 784	39.0	236.3
HSMH	3 561	2 205	96.5	643.3
HSPH	573	565	27.6	113.9
C&A/SD	991	421	47.8	211.4
C&A/AB	825	131	9.0	137.1
SGH(MMHC)	64	94	9.7	7.0
SHOS	596	1 500	19.4	58.7
RSCCC	110	38	15.8	23.2

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own CWL, and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture any statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

Legend

EETC	early education and training centre
SCCC	special child care centre
IP	integrated programmes in ordinary 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

Legend

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/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0792

(Question Serial No. 5098)

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 respective numbers of service places, applicants, persons on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and revised estimate for various rehabilitation services in 2010-13?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 214)

Reply:

The respective numbers of service places, applicants on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and actual expenditure for various rehabilitation services in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are set out at Annex 1 and Annex 2.

**Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List, as well as
the Waiting Time and Actual Expenditure for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2011-12**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end- March 2012)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end- March 2012)	Average Waiting Time in 2011-12 (in Months)	Actual Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ Million)
Pre-school services				
EETC	2 613	3 467	15.7	134.7
SCCC	1 757	1 319	16.8	220.0
IP	1 860	1 536	12.2	89.4
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services				
DAC	4 637	1 170	44.4	373.1
SW	4 999	2 450	16.8	225.9
SE	1 645	103	2.2	45.4
IVRSC	4 257	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]	146.9
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	7.8
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	10.0
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	22.8
Residential services				
HWH	1 509	735	8.4	145.9
LSCH	1 507	1 222	33.6	171.0
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	8.2
HMMH	2 287	1 369	84.4	153.0
HSMH	3 218	2 082	81.6	469.4
HSPH	573	398	37.4	88.2
C&A/SD	908	389	31.2	155.6
C&A/AB	825	90	6.0	110.0
SGH(MMHC)	64	74	7.2	5.8
SHOS	554	1 012	31.5	40.2
RSCCC	110	58	15.6	19.2

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list (CWL), and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture any statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

Legend

EETC	early education and training centre
SCCC	special child care centre
IP	integrated programmes in ordinary 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

Legend

LSCH	long stay care home
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HMMH	hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
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SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

**Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List, as well as
the Waiting Time and Actual Expenditure for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2012-13**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end- March 2013)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end- March 2013)	Average Waiting Time in 2012-13 (in Months)	Actual Expenditure in 2012-13 (\$ Million)
Pre-school services				
EETC	2 613	3 878	15.2	152.4
SCCC	1 757	1 404	16.9	238.7
IP	1 860	1 779	12.7	94.8
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services				
DAC	4 801	1 257	57.6	395.6
SW	5 051	2 515	12.6	242.8
SE	1 633	79	2.1	48.4
IVRSC	4 257	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]	160.9
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	8.2
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	10.5
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	24.1
Residential services				
HWH	1 509	688	8.2	154.7
LSCH	1 507	1 325	16.7	183.9
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]	8.6
HMMH	2 292	1 533	83.8	177.8
HSMH	3 382	2 190	86.4	501.5
HSPH	573	459	26.6	94.5
C&A/SD	959	425	48	166.6
C&A/AB	825	120	5.4	118.1
SGH(MMHC)	64	80	12.4	6.1
SHOS	554	1 173	26	44.4
RSCCC	110	51	13.4	20.3

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own CWL, and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture any statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

Legend

EETC	early education and training centre
SCCC	special child care centre
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DAC	day activity centre
SW	sheltered workshop
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OJT	on the job training programme for people with disabilities
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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/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0793

(Question Serial No. 5099)

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 places, applicants, persons on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and estimated expenditure for various services for the elderly in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 215)

Reply:

The numbers of places for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) are set out in Annex 1.

The average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants for places for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) are set out in Annex 2.

For subsidised residential care services for the elderly and community care and support services for the elderly, the revised estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$4.2533 billion and \$2.174 billion respectively.

**Numbers of Places for Subsidised Residential Care Services and
Community Care Services for the Elderly in 2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)**

Service type	No. of places
Home for the aged (H/A) places ^[Note 1]	67
Care-and-attention (C&A) places ^[Note 2]	23 176
Nursing home (NH) places ^[Note 3]	3 610
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	3 011
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)	7 245
Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail Cases (FC))	1 120
IHCS (Ordinary Cases (OC))	17 203 ^[Note 4]

[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. Starting from 2005-06, H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places include places provided by contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and subvented C&A homes as well as those under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). Moreover, the places also include the C&A places with COC provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 3] NH places include places provided by contract RCHEs and subvented NHs as well as those under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures reflect the number of elderly service places as at end-December 2015.

**Average Waiting Time, Number of Persons on the Waiting Lists and Number of New Applicants for Places for Various Subsidised Residential Care Services and Community Care Services for the Elderly in 2015-16
(As at end-December 2015)**

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]	No. of persons on the waiting list	No. of new applicants
C&A places			
- Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHes	36		
- Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the EBPS	8	27 050 ^[Note 3]	12 171
Overall	20		
NH places ^[Note 4]	26	6 113 ^[Note 5]	2 117
DEs/DCUs	6	2 829 ^[Note 6]	2 942
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	6	2 704 ^[Note 7]	3 420

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. For IHCS(OC), the number of elderly persons on the waiting list and the waiting time are not kept under the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 2] Refers to the average waiting time in months between being put on CWL and being admitted into residential care places for general cases in which the applicants have been admitted into subsidised places in RCHes in the previous 3 months. The waiting time for the following cases may be extremely long or short when compared with that of general cases: those being given priority for placement, those having been offered service admission in the past 3 months after being classified as “inactive” previously, and those having been transferred from H/A places to C&A places providing COC through conversion in the same residential care home. As such, these cases are excluded.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 8 171 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL. To encourage elderly persons who have been assessed as suitable for using either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (i.e. “dual option” cases) and those who have been assessed as suitable for using “RCS only”, to continue living in their familiar community, they can still choose to use CCS if they wish to keep living in their homes. When these people use CCS, their RCS applications will be classified as “inactive” cases. In the meantime, SWD will not allocate services for these elderly persons of “inactive” cases. However, when they have the needs in the future, they may ask to have their RCS applications reclassified as “active” cases. SWD will arrange RCS for cases reclassified as “active” based on the original application dates and valid assessment results, subject to the availability of places.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented, self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 500 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 934 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

- [Note 6] The figure does not include 373 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
- [Note 7] The figure does not include 83 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

LWB(WW)0794

(Question Serial No. 5100)

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 were the respective numbers of places, applicants, persons on the waiting list, as well as the waiting time and revised estimate for various services for the elderly in 2013-15?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 216)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

The numbers of places for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are set out in Annex 1.

The average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are set out in Annex 2.

The actual expenditure on the subsidised residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2013-14 was \$3.4095 billion and \$1.6061 billion respectively. The actual expenditure in 2014-15 was \$3.952 billion and \$1.875 billion respectively.

**Numbers of Places for Subsidised Residential Care Services and
Community Care Services for the Elderly (2013-14 and 2014-15)**

Financial year	2013-14	2014-15
Service type	No. of places	
Home for the aged (H/A) places ^[Note 1]	101	67
Care-and-attention (C&A) places ^[Note 2]	22 655	22 901 ^[Note 3]
Nursing home (NH) places ^[Note 4]	3 198	3 394
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	2 752	2 981
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)	5 579	7 245
Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Ordinary Cases (OC))	19 046 ^[Note 5]	18 989 ^[Note 6]
IHCS (Frail Cases (FC))	1 120	1 120

[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. Starting from 2005-06, H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places include places provided by contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and subvented C&A homes as well as under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 3] Including the C&A places with COC provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

[Note 4] NH places include places provided by contract RCHEs and subvented NHs as well as under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 5] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures reflect the number of places as at end-March 2014.

[Note 6] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures reflect the number of places as at end-March 2015.

**Average Waiting Time, Number of Persons on the Waiting Lists and
Number of New Applicants for Various Subsidised Residential Care Services and
Community Care Services for the Elderly
(2013-14 and 2014-15)**

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]		No. of persons on the waiting list		No. of new applicants	
	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15
C&A places						
- Subsidised places provided by subvented/ contract RCHEs	36	37				
- Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the EBPS	7	8	23 216 ^[Note 3]	25 304 ^[Note 4]	13 097	14 589
Overall	20	21				
NH places ^[Note 5]	33	32	6 219 ^[Note 6]	6 045 ^[Note 7]	2 467	2 649
DEs/DCUs	9	7	2 097 ^[Note 8]	2 289 ^[Note 9]	2 909	3 237
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	7	9	2 157 ^[Note 10]	2 692 ^[Note 11]	3 335	3 670

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. For IHCS(OC), the number of elderly persons on the waiting list and the waiting time are not kept under the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing COC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 5 823 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL. To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

- [Note 4] The figure includes some 2 600 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 6 794 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.
- [Note 5] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.
- [Note 6] The figure includes some 750 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 525 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.
- [Note 7] The figure includes some 470 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 838 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.
- [Note 8] 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.
- [Note 9] The figure does not include 289 elderly persons classified as inactive cases due to their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
- [Note 10] 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.
- [Note 11] The figure does not include 80 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

LWB(WW)0795

(Question Serial No. 5101)

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 various elderly services, what were the number of places, number of applicants, number of persons on the waiting list, waiting time and revised estimate for 2010-13?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 217)

Reply:

The numbers of places for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are set out in Annex 1.

The average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants for places for various subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are set out in Annex 2.

The actual expenditure on the subsidised residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2011-12 was \$2.6616 billion and \$1.3842 billion respectively. The actual expenditure in 2012-13 was 3.0628 billion and \$1.529 billion respectively.

**Numbers of Places for Subsidised Residential Care Services and
Community Care Services for the Elderly (2011-12 to 2012-13)**

Financial year	2011-12	2012-13
Service type	No. of places	
Home for the aged (H/A) places ^[Note 1]	317	317
Care-and-attention (C&A) places ^[Note 2]	22 249	22 307
Nursing home (NH) places ^[Note 3]	2 784	3 047
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	2 559	2 669
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)	5 079	5 579
Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Ordinary Cases (OC))	19 462 ^[Note 4]	18 990 ^[Note 5]
IHCS (Frail Cases (FC))	1 120	1 120

[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. H/A places include self-care (S/C) hostel places. Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel places and H/A places are being progressively converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places include places provided by contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and subvented C&A homes as well as those under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 3] NH places include places provided by contract RCHEs and subvented NHs as well as those under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures reflect the number of places as at end-March 2012.

[Note 5] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity. The figures reflect the number of places as at end-March 2013.

**Average Waiting Time, Number of Persons on the Waiting Lists and Number of New Applicants for Places for Various Subsidised Residential Care Services and Community Care Services for the Elderly
(2011-12 to 2012-13)**

Service type ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 2]		No. of persons on the waiting list ^[Note 3]		No. of new applicants	
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13
C&A places						
- Subsidised places provided by subvented/ contract RCHEs	34	35				
- Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the EBPS	8	8	21 432 ^[Note 4]	22 546 ^[Note 5]	12 601	13 663
Overall	22	23				
NH places ^[Note 6]	36	34	6 456 ^[Note 7]	6 272 ^[Note 8]	2 458	2 272
DEs/DCUs	9	9	2 261	2 171	2 721	2 823
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS	3	3	895	1 228	2 837	3 517

^[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. For IHCS(OC), the number of elderly persons on the waiting list and the waiting time are not kept under the Central Waiting List (CWL).

^[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing COC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

^[Note 3] To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

^[Note 4] The figure includes some 2 540 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 3 389 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

^[Note 5] The figure includes some 2 620 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 4 445 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 6]

Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 7]

The figure includes some 620 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 329 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 8]

The figure includes some 580 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 437 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0796

(Question Serial No. 5102)

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 are the numbers of various rehabilitation service units in each year during 2014-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 218)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at the Annex.

Table 1: Number of Day Care and Training Service Units

Type of service	Number of units	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Day activity centres	83	84
Sheltered workshops	34	34
Supported employment	26	26
Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres	26	26
Integrated vocational training centres	2	2
On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities	14	14
Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities	15	15
Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities	1	1

Table 2: Number of Pre-school Rehabilitation Service Units

Type of service	Number of units	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Special child care centres	37	37
Early education and training centres	44	45
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres	208	216

Table 3: Number of Residential Service Units

Type of service	Number of units	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Special child care centres (residential)	6	6
Small group home (SGH)for mildly mentally handicapped children/Integrated SGH	26	26
Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons	21	21
Care and attention homes for the aged blind	11	11
Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons	62	63
Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons	13	13
Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons	42	42
Supported hostels	24	24
Integrated vocational training centres (residential)	1	1
Halfway houses	36	36
Long stay care homes	7	7

Table 4: Community Care and Support Services

Type of service	Number of units	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Home care service for persons with severe disabilities	6	6
Integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities	2	2
District support centres for persons with disabilities	16	16
Transitional care and support centre for tetraplegic patients	1	1
Specialised home-based support and training services	1	-
Community rehabilitation day centres	4	4
Day care service for persons with severe disabilities	25	25
Parents/relatives resource centres	6	6
Professional support team to parents/relatives resource centres	-	1
Community rehabilitation network	6	6
Social and recreational centres for the disabled	16	16
Rehabilitation and training centre for visually impaired persons	2	2
Communication and information service for visually impaired persons	1	1
Multi-service centres for the hearing impaired persons	2	2
Residential respite services	89	90
Day respite services	39	39
Occasional child care services for disabled children	34	34
Integrated community centres for mental wellness	24	24

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0797

(Question Serial No. 5103)

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 numbers of various elderly service units in each year during 2013-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 219)

Reply:

The numbers of various elderly service units from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex.

Numbers of Elderly Service Units

Service type	No. of elderly service units		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
District elderly community centres	41	41	41
Neighbourhood elderly centres	119	168	168
Social centres for the elderly	51	2	1
Integrated Home Care Services	60	60	60
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	24	34	34
Day care centres/units for the elderly	67	72	72
Subvented homes ^[Note 1]	121	121	121
Subvented nursing homes (NHs) and self-financing homes under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	10	11	12
Contract residential care homes for the elderly ^[Note 2]	22	24	26
Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	135	141	143

[Note 1] Including homes providing home for the aged places, care-and-attention (C&A) places and C&A places with a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places with COC and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0798

(Question Serial No. 5104)

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 were the numbers of various elderly service units in each year during 2010-13?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 220)

Reply:

The numbers of various elderly service units from 2011-12 to 2012-13 are set out at Annex.

Numbers of Elderly Service Units

Service type	No. of elderly service units	
	2011-12	2012-13
District elderly community centres	41	41
Neighbourhood elderly centres	118	118
Social centres for the elderly	51	51
Integrated Home Care Services	60	60
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	24	24
Day care centres/units for the elderly	63	65
Subvented homes ^[Note 1]	121	121
Subvented nursing homes (NHs) and self-financing homes under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	10	10
Contract residential care homes for the elderly ^[Note 2]	18	20
Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	137	137

[Note 1] Including homes providing self-care hostel places, home for the aged places, care-and-attention (C&A) places and C&A places with a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places with COC and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0799

(Question Serial No. 5105)

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 were the numbers of various elderly service units in each year during 2005-10?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 221)

Reply:

The numbers of various elderly service units from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex.

Numbers of Elderly Service Units

Service type	No. of elderly service units				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
District elderly community centres	41	41	41	41	41
Neighbourhood elderly centres	118	118	119	168	168
Social centres for the elderly	51	51	51	2	1
Integrated Home Care Services	60	60	60	60	60
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	24	24	24	34	34
Day care centres/units for the elderly	63	65	67	72	72
Subvented homes ^[Note 1]	121	121	121	121	121
Subvented nursing homes (NHs) and self-financing homes under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	10	10	10	11	12
Contract residential care homes for the elderly ^[Note 2]	18	20	22	24	26
Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	137	137	135	141	143

[Note 1] Including homes providing self-care hostel places, home for the aged places, care-and-attention (C&A) places and C&A places with a continuum of care (COC).

[Note 2] C&A places with COC and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0800

(Question Serial No. 5116)

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 were the number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with mental retardation receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 242)

Reply:

The numbers of HDA cases with disability categorised as mental retardation in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	713
2012-13	744
2013-14	765
2014-15	771
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	806

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0801****(Question Serial No. 5117)**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 number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with physical disablement receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 243)Reply:

The numbers of NDA cases with disability categorised as having physical impairments ^[Note] in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	66 920
2012-13	67 865
2013-14	47 437
2014-15	48 796
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	49 951

^[Note] Such cases include loss of functions of two limbs, loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs, loss of functions of both feet, total paralysis (quadriplegia), paraplegia, illness/injury/deformity resulting in being bedridden, and any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement.

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0802****(Question Serial No. 5118)**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 number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with physical disablement receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 244)Reply:

The numbers of HDA cases with disability categorised as having physical impairments ^[Note] in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	14 925
2012-13	15 312
2013-14	15 597
2014-15	15 916
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	16 567

^[Note] Such cases include loss of functions of two limbs, loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs, loss of functions of both feet, total paralysis (quadriplegia), paraplegia, illness/injury/deformity resulting in being bedridden, and any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement.

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0803****(Question Serial No. 5119)**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 number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with hearing impairment receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 245)Reply:

The numbers of NDA cases with disability categorised as being profoundly deaf in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	4 568
2012-13	4 613
2013-14	3 963
2014-15	3 999
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	4 041

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0804

(Question Serial No. 5120)

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 were the number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with hearing impairment receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 246)

Reply:

For HDA cases each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, there was no case in which the recipient's disability was categorised as being profoundly deaf.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0805****(Question Serial No. 5121)**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 number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with chronic illnesses and organ dysfunction receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 247)Reply:

The number of NDA cases with disability categorised as any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided in the table as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	61 119
2012-13	62 090
2013-14	43 531
2014-15	44 748
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	45 794

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age of recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0806****(Question Serial No. 5122)**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 number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with chronic illnesses and organ dysfunction receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 248)Reply:

The number of HDA cases with disability categorised as any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided in the table as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	12 170
2012-13	12 563
2013-14	12 884
2014-15	13 194
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	13 693

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age of recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0807

(Question Serial No. 5123)

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 were the number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with visual impairment receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 249)

Reply:

The number of NDA cases with disability categorised as total loss of sight in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided in the table as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	4 563
2012-13	4 528
2013-14	3 023
2014-15	2 997
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2 992

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age of recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0808

(Question Serial No. 5124)

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 were the number and age distribution (aged 14 or below, 15 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79 and 80 or above) of persons with visual impairment receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 250)

Reply:

The numbers of HDA cases with disability categorised as total loss of sight in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases
2011-12	98
2012-13	103
2013-14	99
2014-15	84
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	91

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of cases by age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0809****(Question Serial No. 5125)**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:

There were a total of 109 379 cases of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) as at March 2015. Please advise us of the numbers of various categories of disabled persons receiving NDA in March 2015, with a breakdown by type of disabilities as categorised by your Department.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 251)Reply:

The number of NDA cases by type of disability as at end-March 2015 is provided as follows –

Type of disability	Number of NDA cases
Loss of functions of two limbs	2 616
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	199
Loss of functions of both feet	268
Total loss of sight	2 997
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	178
Paraplegia	334
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	453
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	98 335
Profoundly deaf	3 999
Total	109 379

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0810****(Question Serial No. 5126)**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:

There were a total of 19 746 of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) cases as at March 2015. Please advise us of the numbers of various categories of disabled persons receiving HDA in March 2015, with a breakdown by type of disabilities as categorised by your Department.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 252)Reply:

The number of HDA cases by type of disability as at end-March 2015 is provided as follows –

Type of disability	Number of HDA cases
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 447
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	35
Loss of functions of both feet	165
Total loss of sight	84
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	252
Paraplegia	321
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	502
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	16 940
Profoundly deaf	-
Total	19 746

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0811****(Question Serial No. 5127)**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 was the number of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) cases as at February 2016? And what was the number of various categories of disabled persons receiving NDA in January 2016, with a breakdown by type of disabilities as categorised by your Department?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 253)Reply:

The number of NDA cases by type of disability as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Type of disability	Number of NDA cases
Loss of functions of two limbs	2 711
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	207
Loss of functions of both feet	263
Total loss of sight	2 992
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	185
Paraplegia	320
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	471
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	102 616
Profoundly deaf	4 041
Total	113 806

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0812****(Question Serial No. 5128)**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 was the number of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) cases as at February 2016? And what was the number of various categories of disabled persons receiving HDA in January 2016, with a breakdown by type of disabilities as categorised by your Department?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 254)Reply:

The number of HDA cases by type of disability as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

Type of disability	Number of HDA cases
Loss of functions of two limbs	1 527
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	38
Loss of functions of both feet	178
Total loss of sight	91
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	246
Paraplegia	330
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	555
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	17 621
Profoundly deaf	-
Total	20 586

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0813

(Question Serial No. 5129)

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 are the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of sheltered workshops in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 255)

Reply:

Information on the number of service users of sheltered workshops in the past 2 years by age group is set out at the Annex.

The number and age distribution of service users of sheltered workshops

Year	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2014 (as at end-December 2014)	26	799	1 245	1 318	1 318	400	16	1
2015 (as at end-December 2015)	32	849	1 259	1 328	1 349	457	19	2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0814

(Question Serial No. 5130)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of sheltered workshops in each year from 2010 to 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 256)

Reply:

The number of service users of sheltered workshops by age group in each year from 2011 to 2014 is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on service users of sheltered workshops for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

Number of Service Users of Sheltered Workshops by Age Group

Year	Number of Service Users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2011 (As at 31 December 2011)	33	898	1 296	1 469	1 129	262	9	1
2012 (As at 31 December 2012)	24	834	1 312	1 411	1 190	316	12	2
2013 (As at 31 December 2013)	21	775	1 296	1 360	1 257	346	12	2
2014 (As at 31 December 2014)	26	799	1 245	1 318	1 318	400	16	1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0815

(Question Serial No. 5131)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of sheltered workshops in each year from 2006 to 2010?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 257)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on the age of service users of sheltered workshops for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0816

(Question Serial No. 5132)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of sheltered workshops in each year from 2002 to 2006?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 258)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on the age of service users of sheltered workshops for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0817

(Question Serial No. 5133)

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/are the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of day activity centres (DACs) in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 259)

Reply:

Information on the number of service users of DACs for the past 2 years by age group is set out at the Annex.

Age distribution of service users of DACs

Age group	Number of service users of DACs	
	2014 (as at end-December 2014)	2015 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	34	49
20 to 29	1 050	1 126
30 to 39	1 382	1 358
40 to 49	1 086	1 108
50 to 59	916	936
60 to 69	317	367
70 to 79	28	41
80 or above	3	3
Total	4 816	4 988

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0818

(Question Serial No. 5134)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of day activity centres (DACs) in each year from 2010 to 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 260)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of DACs by age group from 2011 to 2014 is at the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the number of service users of DACs for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

Age distribution of service users of DACs

Age group	Number of service users of DACs			
	2011 (as at end-December 2011)	2012 (as at end-December 2012)	2013 (as at end-December 2013)	2014 (as at end-December 2014)
15 to 19	55	30	32	34
20 to 29	1 273	1 153	1 102	1 050
30 to 39	1 231	1 294	1 352	1 382
40 to 49	1 083	1 086	1 098	1 086
50 to 59	760	810	861	916
60 to 69	190	230	272	317
70 to 79	13	17	27	28
80 or above	1	1	1	3
Total	4 606	4 621	4 745	4 816

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0819

(Question Serial No. 5135)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of day activity centres in each year from 2006 to 2010?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 261)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have any statistics on service users of day activity centres for 2010 or earlier (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0820

(Question Serial No. 5136)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of day activity centres (DACs) in each year from 2002 to 2006?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 262)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on service users of DACs for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0821

(Question Serial No. 5137)

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/are the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 263)

Reply:

Information on the numbers of service users of IVRSCs by age group for the past 2 years is set out in the Annex.

Numbers and age distribution of service users of IVRSCs

Year	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2014 (as at 31 December 2014)	23	958	1 070	1 098	1 008	303	11	-
2015 (as at 31 December 2015)	37	971	1 093	1 111	1 038	354	20	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0822

(Question Serial No. 5138)

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 age distribution (aged 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 or above) and numbers of service users of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in each year from 2010 to 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 264)

Reply:

Information on the numbers of service users of IVRSCs with a breakdown by age group from 2011 to 2014 is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on service users of IVRSCs for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

The numbers and age distribution of service users of IVRSCs

Year	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
2011 (as at 31 December 2011)	48	930	1 057	1 185	866	147	4	-
2012 (as at 31 December 2012)	45	1 013	1 075	1 180	955	186	3	-
2013 (as at 31 December 2013)	25	976	1 091	1 143	1 005	230	5	-
2014 (as at 31 December 2014)	23	958	1 070	1 098	1 008	303	11	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0823

(Question Serial No. 5139)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in each year from 2006 to 2010?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 265)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on the age of service users of IVRSCs for 2010 or before (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0824

(Question Serial No. 5140)

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/are the age distribution and numbers of service users of early education and training centres, special child care centres, small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children and residential special child care centres in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 266)

Reply:

The age distribution and numbers of service users of early education and training centres, special child care centres, and residential special child care centres from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 at the Annex. The age distribution and numbers of service users of small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated small group homes are set out in Table 3 at the Annex.

Table 1: Age distribution and numbers of users of early education and training centres (EETC), special child care centres (SCCC), and residential special child care centres (RSCCC) in 2014-15

Service type	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
EETC	131	770	1 999	2 900
SCCC ^[Note]	69	745	941	1 755
RSCCC	8	41	51	100

[Note] Including day service provided by SCCC and RSCCC

Table 2: Age distribution and numbers of users of EETC, SCCC and RSCCC in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

Service type	Number of users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
EETC	168	1 042	1 830	3 040
SCCC ^[Note]	78	795	879	1 752
RSCCC	11	51	45	107

[Note] Including day service provided by SCCC and RSCCC

Table 3: Age distribution and numbers of users of small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated small group homes from 2014-15 to 2015-16

Year	Number of users				
	Aged 6-8	Aged 9-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16 or above	Total
2014-15 (As at end-December 2014)	5	16	21	20	62
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	5	15	27	16	63

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0825

(Question Serial No. 5141)

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/are the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Residential Care Home for Persons with Intellectual Disability	Home for the Aged Blind	Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind
		Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
		Supported Hostel for Physically Handicapped
		Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap
		Hostel for Physically Handicapped Persons (Single Hostel)
		Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons (cum Sheltered Workshop)
		Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients
		Long Stay Care Home
		Halfway House
		Supported Hostel for the Ex-mentally ill
Residential Care Home for Ex-mentally Ill Persons		Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons
		Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service)
		Supported Hostel for Visually and Mentally Handicapped
		Supported Hostel for Mentally Handicapped
		Integrated Small Group Home
		Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children
		Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (cum Sheltered Workshop/Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre)
		Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped (Single Hostel)
		Day Activity Centre cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
Residential Care Home for physically handicapped persons		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 267)

Reply:

The age distribution and numbers of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services from 2014 to 2016 are set out at the Annex.

**Table 1: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2014
(as at end-December 2014)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	18	386	968	916	807	275	26	3
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	21	179	584	680	669	223	9	-
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	2	87	142	190	137	28	-	-
Halfway House	8	207	391	481	315	65	2	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	6	43	185	523	553	170	85
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	1	57	192	130	132	51	3	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	12	252	159	157	199	141	32	3
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	52	134	613
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients ^[Note 3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

^[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture statistics on persons with disabilities of various age groups admitted to different types of supported hostels.

^[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on these service users.

^[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on service users.

**Table 2: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2015
(as at end-December 2015)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	19	398	1 004	935	838	319	36	3
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	26	155	556	671	703	249	15	-
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	1	76	141	189	151	34	-	-
Halfway House	13	202	368	458	344	61	3	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	5	42	160	520	558	177	94
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	1	52	180	137	133	59	4	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	15	260	165	151	208	146	31	4
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	55	135	593
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients ^[Note 3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

^[Note 1] SWD does not capture statistics on persons with disabilities of various age groups admitted to different types of supported hostels.

^[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on these service users.

^[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on services users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0826

(Question Serial No. 5142)

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 age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in each year from 2010 to 2014?

Home for the Aged Blind	Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind
	Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
	Supported Hostel for Physically Handicapped
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap
	Hostel for Physically Handicapped Persons (Single Hostel)
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons (cum Sheltered Workshop)
Residential Care Home for physically handicapped persons	Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients
	Long Stay Care Home
	Halfway House
Residential Care Home for Ex-mentally Ill Persons	Supported Hostel for the Ex-mentally ill
Residential Care Home for Persons with Intellectual Disability	Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons
	Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service)
	Supported Hostel for Visually and Mentally Handicapped
	Supported Hostel for Mentally Handicapped
	Integrated Small Group Home
	Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children
	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (cum Sheltered Workshop/Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre)
	Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped (Single Hostel)
	Day Activity Centre cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 268)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the data in or prior to 2010 (i.e. before the implementation of the Client Information System). The data between 2011 and 2014 is set out in table form at the Annex.

**Table 1: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2011
(as at end December 2011)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	26	500	907	922	655	158	13	1
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	19	251	558	760	541	134	3	-
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	13	88	144	188	96	9	-	-
Halfway House	12	201	422	468	326	51	-	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	9	51	218	504	449	191	72
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	1	96	187	148	97	32	1	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	39	204	170	149	193	124	25	-
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	35	152	603
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients ^[Note 3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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[Note 1] SWD does not capture the data on service users of different types of supported hostels.

[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of these service users.

[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of service users.

**Table 2: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2012
(as at end-December 2012)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	12	419	928	922	702	193	16	1
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	12	230	556	713	546	148	5	1
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	7	91	145	183	110	17	-	-
Halfway House	9	206	398	468	306	68	-	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	6	48	203	492	475	182	83
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	-	78	191	142	100	37	2	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	22	229	165	150	182	126	29	2
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	41	163	584
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Care and	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients [Note 3]								
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[Note 1] SWD does not capture the data on service users of different types of supported hostels.

[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of these service users.

[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of service users.

**Table 3: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2013
(as at end-December 2013)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	11	416	968	929	756	233	26	1
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	4	192	575	706	615	189	6	1
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	5	98	142	198	129	20	-	-
Halfway House	2	206	409	450	315	64	2	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	3	48	185	487	506	180	84
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	-	68	199	136	119	42	2	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	19	232	150	164	186	135	31	3
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	46	137	608
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Care and	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients [Note 3]								
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[Note 1] SWD does not capture the data on service users of different types of supported hostels.

[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of these service users.

[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of service users.

**Table 4: Age distribution of service users of the residential care services under rehabilitation services in 2014
(as at end-December 2014)**

Residential care services	Number of service users							
	aged 15 to 19	aged 20 to 29	aged 30 to 39	aged 40 to 49	aged 50 to 59	aged 60 to 69	aged 70 to 79	aged 80 or above
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	18	386	968	916	807	275	26	3
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	21	179	584	680	669	223	9	-
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supported Hostel ^[Note 1]	2	87	142	190	137	28	-	-
Halfway House	8	207	391	481	315	65	2	-
Long Stay Care Home	-	6	43	185	523	553	170	85
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	1	57	192	130	132	51	3	-
Care-and-Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	12	252	159	157	199	141	32	3
Care-and-Attention Home for the Aged Blind	-	-	-	-	-	52	134	613
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) ^[Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-financing Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional Care and	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients [Note 3]								
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[Note 1] SWD does not capture the data on service users of different types of supported hostels.

[Note 2] Service users of integrated vocational training centres (residential service) and self-financing hostels for mentally handicapped persons may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of these service users.

[Note 3] Service users of transitional care and support centres for tetraplegic patients are admitted through referral, and hence SWD does not capture statistics on or a breakdown of service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0827****(Question Serial No. 5143)**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 were/are the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) in each year from 2014 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 269)Reply:

The number and age distribution of service users of BPS for private RCHDs from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Year	Number of service users								Total
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above	
2014-15 (as at end-December 2014)	3	11	48	76	134	69	8	-	349
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1	14	53	105	161	101	9	-	444

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0828****(Question Serial No. 5144)**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 were the age distribution (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) and numbers of service users of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) in each year from 2010 to 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 270)Reply:

In 2010, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched, through the Lotteries Fund, a 4-year pilot BPS for private RCHDs (pilot scheme) which was concluded in September 2014. SWD does not capture information on the age distribution or number of service users under the pilot scheme.

SWD regularised BPS in October 2014. As at end-December 2014, the number and age distribution of service users of BPS for private RCHDs are set out in the table as follows –

Year	Number of service users								Total
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above	
2014 (as at end-December 2014)	3	11	48	76	134	69	8	-	349

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5145)

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 Government's reply (serial number LWB(WW)0480) in 2015-16, the 70 additional supported hostel (SHOS) places planned for 2015-16 would be provided through in-situ expansion and increasing the number of places in Yuen Long, Sham Shui Po and Sheung Shui. Please advise us of the following –

- (1) the reasons for the addition of only 20 places in the revised estimate for 2015-16, and the respective numbers and geographical distribution of these 20 places provided through in-situ expansion and increasing the number of SHOS places;
- (2) the details about the distribution of the additional places to be provided through in-situ expansion and new SHOSs respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 271)

Reply:

Some planned SHOS places could not be commissioned in 2015-16 as scheduled mainly because building works, tender invitation and renovation, etc. involved in some new projects have taken longer time than expected. The Government will maintain cooperation and close liaison with the parties concerned and make every effort to speed up work progress as far as practicable.

The 20 additional SHOS places for 2015-16 were provided by a new service unit in Sham Shui Po.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0830

(Question Serial No. 5146)

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 Government's reply (serial number LWB(WW)0480) in 2015-16, about 160 additional supported hostel (SHOS) places were planned to be provided during the term of this Government. However, there was a total of 1 474 people waiting for the service as at end-December 2014, which means that the additional places are about 10% of those awaiting the service only. According to the Government's reply, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision, in addition to reviewing the service planning of SHOS. SWD has failed to monitor the service demand properly and made serious miscalculations of the service needs over the years. Please inform us about whether any policies are in place for SWD to monitor the service demand. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 272)

Reply:

In view of the high demand from persons with disabilities for various rehabilitation services, the Government will continue to proactively identify sites and premises for the provision of additional places through a multi-pronged approach, including reserving sites for setting up residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) at the Government's site planning stage as far as possible; paying close attention to some government properties and school premises which will be made available due to service re-engineering for setting up RCHDs; and proactively identifying some vacant flats in public housing estates for conversion into RCHDs to relieve the pressure on service demand and shorten the waiting time. The Government also plans to provide about 270 additional SHOS places in the coming 5 years (i.e. 2016-17 to 2020-21). SWD will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision for reviewing service plans.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0831

(Question Serial No. 5147)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of persons of different age groups with disabilities who are able to lead a semi-independent life and admitted to supported hostels (SHOSs) in 2015-16 (including the numbers of persons with disabilities 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 273)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of SHOSs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group is set out at Annex.

**Number and age distribution of service users of SHOSs by district
in 2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)**

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	6	14	18	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8	12	18	14	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	11	19	26	16	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	11	10	26	20	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	6	5	15	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	12	10	13	5	-	-
Sha Tin	-	10	15	13	11	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	11	15	24	10	9	-	-
Yuen Long	1	1	11	15	9	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	-	6	20	23	18	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	2	7	11	10	1	-	-
Total	1	76	141	189	151	34	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0832

(Question Serial No. 5148)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of persons of different age groups with disabilities who are able to lead a semi-independent life and are waiting for supported hostels (SHOSs) in 2015-16, as well as respective waiting time (including the numbers of persons with disabilities aged between 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). Please also provide the respective numbers of SHOS places and average waiting time in each year from 2010 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 274)

Reply:

A breakdown, by administrative district of SWD, of the number of persons of different age groups waiting for SHOSs in 2015-16 is set out in Annex 1, while the number of places and average waiting time for SHOSs in 2011-16 is set out in Annex 2.

**Number of persons on the waiting list for SHOSs by district in 2015-16
(as at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of persons on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern and Islands	5	35	26	23	26	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	23	24	33	25	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	15	34	42	43	27	8	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	11	63	43	61	59	9	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	21	18	28	26	4	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	19	30	40	27	4	-	-
Sha Tin	4	36	46	24	16	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	23	52	54	22	20	6	-	-
Yuen Long	9	47	34	30	23	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	44	40	44	33	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	7	47	45	22	18	4	-	-
Total	95	421	402	370	300	55	1	-

Number of places and average waiting time for SHOSs

Year	Number of places	Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 1]
2011-12	554	31.5
2012-13	554	26.0
2013-14	596	16.5
2014-15	596	19.4
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	596	Not readily available ^[Note 2]

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors, including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

^[Note 2] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0833

(Question Serial No. 5149)

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 supported hostels (SHOSs) is apparently falling short of demand. Has the Government looked at the mental health of the people waiting for the service and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 275)

Reply:

The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and their carers. The Social Welfare Department takes into account individual circumstances of PwDs to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for SHOSs, including community care services for PwDs and their carers. These services include district support centres for PwDs, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for the disabled, parents/relatives resource centres, community-based support projects for PwDs, integrated community centres for mental wellness, community rehabilitation network and gateway clubs, etc. These services cover training in social and independent living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Community care services also provides their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PwDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0834

(Question Serial No. 5150)

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 people who are waiting for supported hostel (SHOS) places, will the Government consider providing them with allowances in an amount equivalent to the average monthly cost of each SHOS place (i.e. \$14,161) so as to provide support to them? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 276)

Reply:

At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing non-means-tested cash subsidy for eligible persons with disabilities (PwDs). PwDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Through non-governmental organisations, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) also provides PwDs living in the community with various subsidised community care services, including suitable day care and community support services which help them develop their potential, improve their skills for living in the community and enhance their ability to live independently so that they can continue to live at home and fully integrate into the community. Moreover, these services are aimed at improving the quality of life for PwDs and their carers by sharpening the carers' caring skills and reducing their burden.

The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of those waiting for SHOSs. SWD takes into account individual circumstances of PwDs to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for SHOSs, including community care services for PwDs and their carers. These services include district support centre for PwDs, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centre for the disabled, parents/relatives resource centre, community-based

support projects for PwDs, integrated community centre for mental wellness, community rehabilitation network, gateway club, etc. These services cover training in social skills and independent living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving PwDs, community care services will also provide their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PwDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0835

(Question Serial No. 5151)

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 Government's reply to LWB(WW)0482 in 2015-16, the number of places provided by small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)s) was estimated to increase from 64 to 80 in 2015-16, and the 16 additional places were to be provided by 2 new SGH(MMHC)s in Wong Tai Sin. Please advise –

- a. As at end-December 2014, a total of 80 children aged 6-16 were waiting for SGH(MMHC) and integrated small group home (ISGH), and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) did not add one single place. With such miscalculation of service demand, how can SWD have any policy to meet the demand? If it has, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. What are the reasons for the number of places for SGH(MMHC)s and ISGHs remaining at 64 in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate? What is the timetable for the 16 additional places to be provided by the 2 new SGH(MMHC)s in Wong Tai Sin?
- c. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 79 children were waiting for small group homes. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the waiting children and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- d. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 277)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. & b. SWD planned to provide 16 additional places of SGH(MMHC)s in Wong Tai Sin. These planned places have not come into operation as scheduled in 2015-16 because of the longer than expected time required for applying for change of land

use. 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 target of commencing the service in 2016-17.

Apart from continuing to proactively identify suitable sites for the provision of additional places, the Government will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses whereby non-governmental organisations are encouraged to better utilise their land through in-situ expansion, redevelopment or new development for the provision of diversified subvented and self-financing services. If all the projects are completed according to the preliminary plans of the applicant organisations, it is expected that there will be an additional 17 000 places for elderly and rehabilitation services, of which 32 will be provided for SGH(MMHC)s.

- c. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and their carers. SWD takes into account individual circumstances of children to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for SGH(MMHC)s, including district support centres for PwDs, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for PwDs, parents/relatives resource centres, Community-based Support Projects for PwDs, integrated community centres for mental wellness, community rehabilitation network and Gateway Club etc. These services cover training in social and independent living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving PwDs, community care services are also providing their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PwDs.
- d. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing non-means-tested cash subsidy for eligible PwDs (including elderly blind persons). PwDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0836****(Question Serial No. 5152)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of mildly mentally handicapped children of different age groups admitted to small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)s) and integrated small group homes (ISGHs) in 2015-16 (including the number of children with disabilities aged between 6 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 15 and 16 to 18).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 278)Reply:

The number of SGH(MMHC) and ISGH service users with a breakdown by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) is set out below –

District	Age Group			
	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 15	16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	0	0	2	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	0	3	7	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	0	2	2	3
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	0	1	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3	1	1
Sha Tin	0	1	3	2
Tai Po/North	0	4	3	2
Yuen Long	0	0	1	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	0	0	4	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	2	1
Total	5	15	27	16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0837****(Question Serial No. 5153)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of mildly mentally handicapped children of different age groups waiting for small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) and integrated small group home (ISGH) places and the respective waiting time in 2015-16 (including the number of children with disabilities aged between 6 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 15 and 16 to 18); as well as the number of places and average waiting time for SGH(MMHC)s and ISGHs in each year from 2010 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 279)Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for SGH(MMHC)s and ISGHs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) is provided as follows. SWD does not have information on the waiting time of applicants by district.

District	Age group			
	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 15	16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	3	1	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	2	1	6	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	3	5	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	-	1
Sham Shui Po	1	2	5	2
Sha Tin	-	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	5	4	-
Yuen Long	1	-	4	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	3	4	-
Tuen Mun	2	1	4	1
Total	11	24	35	9

The number of places and the average waiting time for SGH(MMHC)s and ISGHs in each year from 2011 to 2016 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of places	Average waiting time (in months)
2011-12	64	7.2
2012-13	64	12.4
2013-14	64	18.8
2014-15	64	9.7
2015-16	64	Information not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0838****(Question Serial No. 5154)**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:

As at 31 December 2015, there were 1 189 persons with disabilities waiting for day activity centres (DACs) but the Government will only provide 42 additional places. Please provide the details about the districts and the expected service rollout months. What were/are the number of places, the number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for DACs in each year from 2012 to 2016?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 280)Reply:

- (1) In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will add 42 DAC places through in-situ expansion of existing DACs in Tai Po and North District.
- (2) The number of DAC places, the number of people on the waiting list for DACs and the average waiting time for DACs in each year from 2012 to 2016 are set out below –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of places	4 801	4 801	5 146	5 148
Number of people on the waiting list	1 257	1 293	1 289	1 189
Average waiting time (in months)	57.6	57.6	61.8	Not readily available

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0839

(Question Serial No. 5155)

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 age distribution (i.e. 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), number and types of disabilities of day activity centre (DAC) service users in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 281)

Reply:

Information on the number of DAC service users by age group in the past 2 years is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the types of disabilities of DAC service users by age group.

Age distribution of DAC service users

Age group	Number of DAC service users	
	2014 (as at end-December 2014)	2015 (as at end-December 2015)
15 to 19	34	49
20 to 29	1 050	1 126
30 to 39	1 382	1 358
40 to 49	1 086	1 108
50 to 59	916	936
60 to 69	317	367
70 to 79	28	41
80 or above	3	3
Total	4 816	4 988

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0840

(Question Serial No. 5156)

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 problem of ageing day activity centre (DAC) service users is serious, with manpower, facilities, venues, etc. becoming inadequate. Faced with the problem of ageing service users, will the rise in the cost per place per month for DACs by \$39 from \$9,543 to \$9,582 be sufficient and is there any policy in place to address the problem?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 282)

Reply:

To further enhance the improvement measures for meeting the needs of ageing service users, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has continued to provide additional resources to address the needs of service users (including the DAC trainees). The relevant measures and arrangements are as follows –

In 2013-14, SWD provided additional resources to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to increase the manpower for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (including various types of hostels for mentally/physically handicapped persons), the Extended Care Programme (ECP) of DACs and the Work Extension Programme of sheltered workshops (SWs)/the integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). Funding allocation for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme was also increased with a view to enhancing the care for ageing service users. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$70 million and the relevant measures have been implemented since 1 November 2013.

Since 2014-15, an annual additional funding of some \$93 million has been provided to NGOs 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. We have increased 895 ECP places served in DAC for the provision of

simple rehabilitation training as well as social, leisure and developmental activities for ageing service users. ECP provided a total of 1 025 places as at December 2015.

In 2016-17, SWD will apply for a funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for the provision of 73 centre buses for 58 DAC-cum-hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. A full-year expenditure of about \$18 million will also be allocated for relevant service operators to hire centre bus drivers and meet other relevant expenses, so as to strengthen the escort service for the ageing service users at these service units.

Owing to the above improvement measures, the cost per place per month for DAC has increased from the actual expenditure of \$7,751 in 2013-14 to the estimated expenditure of \$9,582 in 2016-17.

The Working Group on Ageing of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Working Group) under the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has completed a study on persons with intellectual disabilities using day training centres, vocational rehabilitation services and residential services. The Government will consider the implementation of the improvement measures recommended in the report of the Working Group.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0841

(Question Serial No. 5157)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the cost per place per month, the number of places, and the age distribution (i.e. 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79, and 80 or above) and types of disabilities of service users for the Extended Care Programme (ECP) in day activity centres (DACs) in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 283)

Reply:

SWD launched ECP in DACs in March 2008 with 130 service places provided. In 2014-15, SWD provided additional resources to increase 895 ECP places. As at December 2015, a total of 1 025 service places were provided under ECP. Since the current funding allocation for ECP has been absorbed within 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 for ECP. Neither does SWD have information on the age distribution or types of disabilities of ECP service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0842****(Question Serial No. 5158)**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, the number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for sheltered workshop (SW) places in each year from 2012 to 2016, with a breakdown of cases other than ex-mental illness cases (ex-MI cases) (ready for admission to single day service, and requiring day service only when residential placement is available) and ex-MI cases as categorised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Year	Ready for admission to single day service	Requiring day service only when residential placement is available	Ex-MI cases
No. of places			
No. of people on the waiting list			
Average waiting time			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 284)Reply:

The number of places, the number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SWs from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are set out at the Annex.

**Number of places, number of people on the waiting list
and the average waiting time for SWs**

Year	Number of places	Number of people on the waiting list			Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 4]
		Cases other than Ex-MI cases		Ex-MI cases ^[Note 3]	
		Ready for admission to day service ^[Note 1]	Requiring day service only when residential placement is available ^[Note 2]		
2012-13	5 051	917	1 034	564	12.6
2013-14	5 111	1 058	1 113	553	16.1
2014-15	5 276	1 003	1 238	509	19.7
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	5 276	757	1 364	361	Not yet available ^[Note 4]

^[Note 1] The number of people on the waiting list includes (1) the applicants only applying for SW service but not residential service; and (2) the applicants applying for both SW service and residential service at the same time, but having indicated upon application that they would accept SW service first while awaiting residential care service.

^[Note 2] The number of people on the waiting list only includes the applicants applying for both SW service and residential service at the same time, and having indicated upon application that both services must be offered at the same time.

^[Note 3] SW is targeted to serve various types of disabled persons, including ex-mentally ill persons, persons with intellectual disability and physically handicapped persons, etc. Since many disabled persons suffer from more than one type of disability, the above information is based only on the figures in the SWD CRSRehab-ExMI Subsystem where being ex-mentally ill is reported by the applicants as the major disability.

^[Note 4] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0843

(Question Serial No. 5159)

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 31 December 2015, there were 2 121 cases other than ex-mental illness cases (ex-MI cases) (ready for admission to single day service, and requiring day service only when residential placement is available) and 361 ex-MI cases waiting for sheltered workshop (SW) places. What are the reasons for there being 0 additional places in the 2016-17 Estimate?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 285)

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 regularised the services provided by integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in 2005 after reviewing the effectiveness of such services. As at end-December 2015, in addition to the 5 276 SW places, there were 26 IVRSCs across the territory providing a total of 4 412 places. The Government plans to provide about 1 370 additional IVRSC places, as well as about 25 additional SW places through in-situ expansion, in the coming 5 years (i.e. from 2016-17 to 2020-21). In addition, through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, the Government will encourage non-governmental organisations to better utilise their land for providing diversified subvented and self-financing services through expansion, redevelopment or new development. If all the projects are completed according to the preliminary plans of the applicant organisations, it is expected that there will be an addition of about 17 000 places for elderly and rehabilitation services, of which 1 200 will be IVRSC places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0844

(Question Serial No. 5160)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the age distribution (i.e. 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), number and types of disabilities (such as intellectual disability, autism, physical disability) of sheltered workshop (SW) service users in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 286)

Reply:

Information on the number of SW service users, broken down by SWD administrative district and age group, for the past 2 years is set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the types of disabilities of SW service users by district and age group.

**Table 1: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2014
(as at 31 December 2014)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
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	-
Total	26	799	1 245	1 318	1 318	400	16	1

**Table 2: Number of SW service users by district and age group in 2015
(as at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	28	81	100	99	32	2	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	136	132	132	116	46	2	-
Kwun Tong	2	101	164	201	209	77	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	74	113	115	154	49	4	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	53	97	113	125	53	6	-
Sham Shui Po	4	75	77	97	116	28	3	-
Sha Tin	2	26	75	83	70	35	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	94	112	95	66	22	-	-
Yuen Long	2	60	67	57	66	18	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	3	123	195	226	202	60	1	2
Tuen Mun	4	79	146	109	126	37	-	-
Total	32	849	1 259	1 328	1 349	457	19	2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0845

(Question Serial No. 5161)

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 problem of the ageing sheltered workshop (SW) service users is serious with inadequacies in such areas as manpower, facilities and venues. As the cost per place per month for SWs will fall by \$24 from \$5,596 to \$5,572 in the 2016-17 Estimate, what are the reasons for cutting the resources for SWs, and how can the Government address the needs of ageing service users with such decrease in resources?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 287)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for SWs for 2016-17 is more or less the same as the revised estimated expenditure for SWs for 2015-16. The Government has not reduced its annual funding for SWs. The cost per place per month for SWs is calculated on the basis of the annual enrolment rate of service places. The enrolment rate of SW places for 2015-16 is 96% (Revised Estimate), whereas for 2016-17, the enrolment rate of SW places will rise to 97% (Estimate). Since the number of SW places has remained unchanged in these 2 years but the anticipated number of SW users in 2016-17 will slightly increase, the cost per place per month for SWs in that year has slightly decreased accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0846

(Question Serial No. 5162)

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 2013-14, there were a total of 5 058 service users in sheltered workshops (SWs), with 2 994 of them aged 40 or above. Given that almost 60% of the service users are ageing, SWs are facing substantial challenges in terms of space, manpower and care needs. Will the Government roll out another type of day service for ageing persons with disabilities, such as centres for elderly persons with disabilities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 288)

Reply:

To further enhance the improvement measures for meeting the needs of ageing service users, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has continued to provide additional resources to address the needs of service users (including the SW service users). The relevant measures and arrangements are as follows –

In 2013-14, SWD provided additional resources to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to increase the manpower for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (including various types of hostels for mentally/physically handicapped persons), the Extended Care Programme of day activity centres (DACs) and the Work Extension Programme of SWs/ the integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs). Funding allocation for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme was also increased with a view to enhancing the care for ageing service users. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$70 million and the relevant measures have been implemented since 1 November 2013.

Since 2014-15, an annual additional funding of some \$93 million has been provided to NGOs 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.

In 2016-17, SWD will apply for a funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for the provision of 73 centre buses for 58 DAC-cum-hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. A full-year expenditure of about \$18 million will also be allocated for relevant service operators to hire centre bus drivers and meet other relevant expenses, so as to strengthen the escort service for the ageing service users at these service units.

In addition, the Working Group on Ageing of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Working Group) under the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has completed a study on persons with intellectual disabilities using day training centres, vocational rehabilitation services and residential services. The Government will consider the implementation of the improvement measures recommended in the report of the Working Group.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0847

(Question Serial No. 5163)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the cost per place per month, the number of places, and the age distribution (i.e. 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79, and 80 or above) and types of disabilities (such as intellectual disability, autism, physical disability) of service users for the Work Extension Programme (WEP) in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 289)

Reply:

Launched in 2005, WEP provided a total of 195 service places. SWD provided 645 additional WEP places in sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres in February 2015, bringing the total number of places to 840.

The funding allocation for WEP has been absorbed within 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. Neither does SWD have information on the age distribution and types of disabilities of WEP service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0848

(Question Serial No. 5164)

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 age distribution (i.e. 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), cost per place per month, number of places and types of disabilities (such as mental retardation, autism, physical disability) of service users of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 290)

Reply:

Information on the number of service users of IVRSCs with a breakdown by age group for the past 3 years is set out in Table 1 in the Annex, whereas information on the number of places for IVRSCs is set out in Table 2 in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the cost per place per month for IVRSCs, nor the types of disabilities of service users of IVRSCs.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of IVRSCs

Year	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2013 (as at 31 December 2013)	25	976	1 091	1 143	1 005	230	5	-
2014 (as at 31 December 2014)	23	958	1 070	1 098	1 008	303	11	-
2015 (as at 31 December 2015)	37	971	1 093	1 111	1 038	354	20	-

Table 2: Number of places for IVRSCs

Year	Number of places
2013-14 (as at 31 March 2014)	4 257
2014-15 (as at 31 March 2015)	4 387
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	4 412

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0849

(Question Serial No. 5165)

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 on the districts and the expected service commencement months for the 70 additional places for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 291)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will provide an additional 70 IVRSC places. The new service unit, located in Tai Po district, is expected to commence service in the third quarter of 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0850****(Question Serial No. 5166)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for halfway houses (HWHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 292)Reply:

From 2014-15 to 2015-16, the number of persons on the waiting list for HWHs and the average waiting time are set out in the table below –

Year	Number of persons on the waiting list for HWH	Average waiting time (in months)
2014-15	652 (as at end-March 2015)	7.6
2015-16	731 (as at end-December 2015)	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the longest waiting time.

The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services operated by non-governmental organisations for 2014-15 (Actual) and 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) are \$13,174 and \$13,857 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0851

(Question Serial No. 5549)

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 information from the Government, halfway houses (HWHs) provide a transitional period of residential care to facilitate ex-mentally ill persons to achieve an optimal level of functioning for the purpose of community reintegration. And as at 31 December 2015, a total of 731 ex-mentally ill persons were on the waiting list for HWH places. Please advise –

- a. According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0490 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, “the 25 additional HWH places are to be provided through in-situ expansion in Wan Chai. And it is again stated that 25 additional places would be provided in 2016-17. Please reply in detail the expected service commencement months;
- b. the additional service places accounts for 3.4% only, the provision of service places obviously cannot meet the demand. Has the Government studied the mental health of the ex-mentally ill persons waiting for HWH placements and that of their carers. If yes, what are the details. If no, what are the reasons?
- c. Has the Government considered providing a subsidy of \$14,161, which is equivalent to the cost per place per month, to the persons on the waiting list with a view to supporting them? If yes, what are the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 293)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 25 additional HWH places to be provided through in-situ expansion in Wan Chai are expected to commence service in the first quarter of 2017, subject to the progress of the fitting-out works.

- b. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of ex-mentally ill persons and their carers. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services from prevention to risk management for ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers as well as residents living in the serving districts. The scope of service covers day training, counselling services, outreaching services, social and recreational activities, and public education etc. In 2015-16, SWD allocated an additional full-year expenditure of about \$12.7 million to increase the manpower of social workers in ICCMWs so as to offer the families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons more intensive counselling and support with a view to relieving the pressure arising from their carers' role and consolidating their mutual aid network.

SWD also launched the "Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units" (pilot project) in March 2016 with a funding of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund for a period of 2 years. The objectives of the pilot project are to equip suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters with a view to speeding up their own recovery, supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery as well as their families and carers and assisting in organising groups and mental health education activities.

In addition, 6 SWD-subsidised parents/relatives resource centres provide a focal point for people in need, including families and relatives/carers of ex-mentally ill persons to share experience, obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home.

- c. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing a non-means-tested cash allowance for eligible persons with disabilities (including ex-mentally ill persons). Persons with disabilities with financial needs may choose to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0852

(Question Serial No. 5550)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups admitted to halfway houses (HWHs) each year between 2014 and 2016 (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 294)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of HWHs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age in 2014 and 2015 (as at end-December 2015 each year) is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of HWHs by district in 2014 (as at end-December 2014)

District of HWH	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	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	-
Total	8	207	391	481	315	65	2	-

Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users of HWHs by district in 2015 (as at end-December 2015)

District of HWH	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	22	26	60	39	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	11	37	45	55	9	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	19	26	28	31	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	21	23	44	48	9	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	8	25	17	17	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	17	38	39	27	1	2	-
Sha Tin	-	19	46	37	23	10	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	15	30	30	12	1	-	-
Yuen Long	-	20	24	35	12	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	24	41	57	38	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	26	52	66	42	6	-	-
Total	13	202	368	458	344	61	3	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0853

(Question Serial No. 5551)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups waiting for halfway house (HWH) places each year between 2014 and 2016 and the respective waiting time (including the numbers of discharged mental patients aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 295)

Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for HWH service broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Residential districts and age distribution of people waiting for HWHs in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	13	16	13	11	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	13	30	28	26	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	19	19	14	10	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	11	12	21	12	2	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	9	7	11	8	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	5	16	10	7	1	-	-
Sha Tin	1	13	19	13	7	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	12	18	16	7	1	-	-
Yuen Long	-	12	7	15	3	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	21	22	15	16	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	11	18	10	12	-	-	-
Total	25	139	184	166	119	18	1	-

Table 2: Residential districts and age distribution of people waiting for HWHs in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	18	18	20	23	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	12	28	35	17	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	13	12	12	12	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	23	22	18	14	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	10	17	20	5	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	9	16	12	4	1	-	-
Sha Tin	1	19	18	15	13	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	3	16	23	19	8	2	-	-
Yuen Long	-	10	13	11	7	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	24	27	19	18	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	11	17	18	5	-	-	-
Total	20	165	211	199	126	10	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0854

(Question Serial No. 5552)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into small homes for 5 or 10 ex-mentally ill persons, with a view to speeding up their community reintegration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 296)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0855

(Question Serial No. 5553)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects small homes for 5 or 10 ex-mentally ill persons, with a view to speeding up their community reintegration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau requested the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to reserve a certain percentage of space for the provision of small homes for ex-mentally ill persons in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 297)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including urban renewal projects of URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0856

(Question Serial No. 5554)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates (PHEs) to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of small homes for 5 or 10 ex-mentally ill persons, with a view to speeding up their community reintegration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for reserving flats on the lower floors for the provision of small homes for ex-mentally ill persons to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 298)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0857

(Question Serial No. 5555)

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:

Halfway houses (HWHs) provide a transitional period of residential care to facilitate ex-mentally ill persons to achieve an optimal level of functioning for the purpose of community reintegration. And as at 31 December 2015, a total of 731 ex-mentally ill persons were on the waiting list for HWH places. Please provide the number of ex-mentally ill persons on the waiting list for HWH places as at January 2016 with a breakdown by the length of waiting time, namely 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years and 10 years or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 299)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on ex-mentally ill persons having waited for HWHs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0858

(Question Serial No. 5556)

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:

Halfway houses (HWHs) provide a transitional period of residential care to facilitate ex-mentally ill persons to achieve an optimal level of functioning for the purpose of community reintegration. Please provide the number of ex-mentally ill persons staying in HWHs as at January 2016 with a breakdown by the length of stay, namely 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years and 10 years or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 300)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the information on the length of stay of ex-mentally ill persons in HWHs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0859****(Question Serial No. 5557)**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 numbers of small group home (SGH) units, which used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 401)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of SGH units –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
108	108	112

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. 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 previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0860****(Question Serial No. 5558)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2016-17; 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. 402)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of workers in the Family and Child Protective Services Units from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is as follows –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
168	168	168

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0861****(Question Serial No. 5559)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above CPs in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above CPs in 2016-17; 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. 403)Reply:

The number of CPs in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is as follows –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
59	59	59

Regarding the number of CPs in subvented sector, 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, subject to ensuring service quality and meeting service needs.

SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0862****(Question Serial No. 5560)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2016-17; 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. 404)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 –

Year	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
Number of workers	22	22	22

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5561)

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 figures for family aide workers, which used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above workers in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above workers in 2016-17; 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. 405)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of family aide workers from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is as follows –

Year	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
Number of workers	48	48	48

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0864****(Question Serial No. 5562)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 FSNTs in 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above FSNTs in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above FSNTs in 2016-17; 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. 406)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of FSNTs are as follows –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
7	7	7

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0865****(Question Serial No. 5563)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above cases in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above cases in 2016-17; 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. 407)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of supervision cases per worker in the Family and Child Protective Services Units is tabulated below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
29	27	28

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0866****(Question Serial No. 5564)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 408)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The number of vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreaching attempts per family support networking team worker is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
209	209	209

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0867****(Question Serial No. 5565)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 409)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 –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
168	168	168

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0868****(Question Serial No. 5566)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 410)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. At present, Combined Homes are providing home for the aged (H/A) places and C&A places pending conversion into C&A places providing a continuum of care. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information on the enrolment rate and the cost per month for these C&A places. The overall enrolment rate and expenditure of H/A operating in a mixed mode from 2014-15 to 2016-17 are set out as follows –

Year	Enrolment Rate (%)	Expenditure (\$ million)
2014-15 (Actual)	86	14.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	95	15.3
2016-17 (Estimate)	95	15.4

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show

the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0869****(Question Serial No. 5567)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above SWs in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above SWs in 2016-17; 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. 411)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3.

Year	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
No. of medical social workers of the Social Welfare Department	438	438	445

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0870****(Question Serial No. 5568)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2016-17; 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. 412)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per medical social worker from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below–

Year	2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
Average caseload per medical social worker	63	63	62

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work and the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0871

(Question Serial No. 5569)

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 providing probation and Community Service Orders (CSO) service, which used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2016-17; 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. 413)

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 below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
168	168	165

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0872****(Question Serial No. 5570)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above in 2016-17; 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. 414)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The numbers of social workers for YOAP are set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
3	3	3

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0873****(Question Serial No. 5571)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 415)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed having achieved case goal plan per outreaching social work team from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
69	69	69

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0874****(Question Serial No. 5572)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 416)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The projected number of attendees in core programme sessions per worker of ICYSCs is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
4 497	4 497	4 497

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0875****(Question Serial No. 5573)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 417)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 set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
77	77	77

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0876****(Question Serial No. 5574)**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 used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 418)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The average caseload per school social worker from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
74	74	74

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0877

(Question Serial No. 5575)

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:

The figures for cases closed having achieved the agreed goal per social worker of school social work, which used to be disclosed in the Estimates before 2014-15, are not 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 2014-15;
2. The revised estimated figures for the above service in 2015-16;
3. The estimated figures for the above service in 2016-17; 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. 419)

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 2014-15 to 2016-17 is set out below –

2014-15 (Actual)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2016-17 (Estimate)
25	25	25

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect the SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0878****(Question Serial No. 5591)**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, would the Government please provide the following information by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

the respective number of places and average utilisation rate for extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care Service (OCCS) and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) in each of the past 3 financial years –

SWD Administrative District	EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
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. 328)Reply:

The number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS, OCCS and MHCCCs by district in the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

Table 1 – Number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS, OCCS and MHCCCs
(2013-14)

Administrative district of SWD		EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs	
		Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands	Central/ Western	52	42	14	35	14	18.9
	Southern	58	83	16	108	42	5.0
	Islands	14	16	12	79	11	5.6
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern	96	70	19	56	-	Not applicable
	Wan Chai	56	80	12	59	-	Not applicable
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	122	82	49	76	56	9.9
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin	84	125	34	81	14	14.8
	Sai Kung	56	51	21	64	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	66	58	25	63	-	Not applicable
	Yau Tsim Mong	58	98	22	68	14	-
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	76	116	25	84	37	17.1
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	82	57	29	59	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	Tai Po	66	83	15	69	-	Not applicable
	North	58	74	20	43	14	3.3
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	70	66	35	67	42	3.5
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	50	98	18	77	14	3.2
	Kwai Tsing	88	60	37	71	42	3.8
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	78	77	31	83	14	-
Total		1 230	78	434	71	314	7.9

Table 2—Number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS, OCCS and MHCCCs
(2014-15)

Administrative district of SWD		EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs	
		Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands	Central/ Western	52	46	13	37	14	22.5
	Southern	58	63	18	95	42	0.9
	Islands	14	3	13	72	11	1.6
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern	96	68	22	52	-	Not applicable
	Wan Chai	56	70	10	73	-	Not applicable
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	122	71	50	74	56	12.0
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin	84	91	34	83	14	13.8
	Sai Kung	56	55	20	54	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	66	59	22	64	-	Not applicable
	Yau Tsim Mong	58	65	22	63	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	76	87	26	84	37	17.2
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	82	53	30	54	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	Tai Po	66	84	17	73	14	10.9
	North	58	66	16	54	14	1.7
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	70	59	34	75	42	2.4
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	50	91	20	63	14	6.5
	Kwai Tsing	88	57	34	81	42	6.0
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	78	63	33	78	-	Not applicable
Total		1 230	67	434	71	314	8.0

Table 3—Number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS, OCCS and MHCCCs
(April to December 2015)

Administrative district of SWD		EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs	
		Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central/ Western/ Southern and Islands	Central/ Western	74	40	13	37	14	27.6
	Southern	70	66	18	74	42	0.2
	Islands	14	12	13	63	-	Not applicable
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern	190	66	22	48	-	Not applicable
	Wan Chai	94	58	10	75	-	Not applicable
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	232	63	50	75	56	12.7
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin	196	83	34	70	14	15.1
	Sai Kung	80	64	20	74	-	Not applicable
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	148	53	22	65	-	Not applicable
	Yau Tsim Mong	146	55	22	61	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	158	84	26	89	37	26.6
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	110	45	30	53	-	Not applicable
Tai Po/North	Tai Po	96	68	17	72	14	10.3
	North	74	60	16	63	14	5.0
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	130	59	34	61	42	2.8
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	94	72	20	47	14	1.5
	Kwai Tsing	132	68	34	72	42	8.2
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	166	53	33	63	-	Not applicable
Total		2 204	63	434	66	303	10.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0879****(Question Serial No. 5592)**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, would the Government please advise this Committee of 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 4 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) of the children under KCFRS, the numbers of those belonging to Social Need Category (a) and 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 as a percentage of enrolment)			
Number of children under KCFRS who belong to Social Need Category (a) (and as a percentage of the total number of children under KCFRS)			

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 329)Reply:

Information on the number of places approved and the enrolment of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), 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 4 years is set out at the Annex.

The number of places approved and the enrolment of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs, 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			2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)		
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs
	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]	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	722	2 128	27 012	736	2 138	26 463
Enrolment	689	No available information	18 220	690	1 357	19 715	708	1 846	21 398	736	1 592	20 389
Number of children subsidised by KCFRS (and their percentage against enrolment) [Note 2]	314 (45.60 %)	-	2 503 (13.70%)	276 (40.00 %)	1 (0.07%)	2 256 (11.40%)	267 (37.70%)	2 (0.10%)	2 024 (9.50%)	221 (30.00%) [Note 3]	1 (0.06%) [Note 3]	1 577 (7.70%) [Note 3]
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 4]	220 (70.10 %)	-	1 210 (48.30%)	189 (68.50 %)	1 (100.00 %)	1 105 (49.00%)	160 (59.90%)	2 (100.00%)	1 006 (49.70%)	132 (59.70%) [Note 3]	1 (100.00 %) [Note 3]	766 (48.60%) [Note 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] Figures provided by the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency as at 31 January 2016.

[Note 4] 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)0880****(Question Serial No. 5593)**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, would the Government please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number of 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	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
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												
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. 330)Reply:

The number of places and the number of places utilised for full-day care service provided by aided CCCs by district over the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

**Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised for Full-Day Care Service
Provided by Aided CCCs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015)**

Full-day care service provided by aided CCCs													
Age		Below 2						2-3					
Year		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
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	Central & Western	40	40	40	40	48	48						
	Southern			-	-	-	-						
	Islands			-	-	-	-						
Eastern/Wan Chai	Eastern	96	96	64	64	64	64						
	Wan Chai			48	48	48	48						
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	144	144	64	57	64	64						
	Yau Tsim Mong			96	89	96	96						
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	48	48	48	48	48	48	14	14	14	14	14	14
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin			-	-	-	-						
	Sai Kung			-	-	-	-						
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	70	69	70	70	70	70						
Tai Po/North	Tai Po	48	48	-	-	-	-						
	North			48	48	48	48						
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	64						
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	102	102	70	70	76	76						
	Kwai Tsing			32	32	32	32						
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	64	64	64	64	64	64						
Total:		676	675	708	694	722	722	14	14	14	14	14	14

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0881****(Question Serial No. 5594)**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, would the Government please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

the number of places, the number of places utilised and the total number of 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	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	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
SWD Administrative District												
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. 331)

Reply:

The number of places and the number of places utilised for half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs by district over the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

**Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised for Half-Day Care Service
Provided by Non-Profit-Making/Private CCCs
From 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015)**

Half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs													
Age		Below 2						2 to 3					
Year		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
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	Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	72	162	145	162	102
	Southern									-	-	-	-
	Islands									-	-	-	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern							350	184	350	309	370	214
	Wan Chai									-	-	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	36	28	36	29	36	30	1 076	666	1 044	894	1 044	809
	Yau Tsim Mong			-	-	-	-			32	24	32	19
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong							216	147	216	212	216	206
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin							42	15	42	37	42	21
	Sai Kung									-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	Sha Tin							-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po							-	-	-	-	-	-
	North									-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	Yuen Long							-	-	-	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan							196	158	168	168	168	163
	Kwai Tsing									28	28	28	28
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun							74	57	-	-	-	-
Total:		36	28	36	29	36	30	2 116	1 299	2 042	1 817	2 062	1 562

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0882****(Question Serial No. 5595)**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, would the Government please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

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

Full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs											
Age	Below 2						2 to 3				
Year	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16
	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
SWD Administrative District											
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. 332)

Reply:

The number of places and the number of places utilised for full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs by district over the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

**Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised for Full-Day Care Service
Provided by KG-cum-CCCs
From 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015)**

Full-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs ^[Note]													
Age		Below 2						2 to 3					
Year		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
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	Central & Western	30	24	-	-	-	-	941	464	354	206	424	228
	Southern			30	25	30	27			291	180	305	167
	Islands			-	-	-	-			323	122	263	111
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern	68	36	60	28	60	28	625	498	485	389	441	337
	Wan Chai			8	8	32	12			235	186	222	173
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	32	31	32	26	32	28	1 038	920	842	696	761	597
	Yau Tsim Mong			-	-	-	-			314	274	315	270
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	16	16	16	16	16	16	362	323	291	267	342	280
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	72	47	72	43	72	52	555	491	563	519	505	455
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin	67	64	31	30	31	30	1 014	774	392	358	372	315
	Sai Kung			36	32	36	35			463	314	450	297
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	572	488	535	481	438	390
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po	12	12	12	12	14	14	555	411	352	267	256	197
	North			-	-	-	-			204	192	218	198
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	20	20	20	20	20	20	440	429	405	395	365	365
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	24	21	24	22	24	17	677	585	268	224	253	208
	Kwai Tsing			-	-	-	-			416	371	375	337
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	522	375	455	386	465	380
Total:		341	271	341	262	367	279	7 301	5 758	7 188	5 827	6 770	5 305

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0883****(Question Serial No. 5596)**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, would the Government please provide the following information for each of the past 3 financial years by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) –

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

Half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	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
SWD Administrative District												
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. 333)

Reply:

The number of places and the number of places utilised for half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs by district over the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

**Number of Places and Number of Places Utilised
for Half-Day Care Service Provided by KG-cum-CCCs
2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at December 2015)**

Half-day care service provided by KG-cum-CCCs ^[Note 1]													
Age		Below 2 ^[Note 2]						2 to 3					
Year		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
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	Central & Western	142	105	64	25	64	22	2 791	1 418	900	523	871	469
	Southern Islands			90	45	96	53			1 081	671	1 063	583
				-	-	-	-			771	292	693	293
Eastern/Wan Chai	Eastern	254	119	254	124	254	169	2 514	2 038	2 241	1 799	2 062	1 574
	Wan Chai			-	-	16	16			506	402	503	391
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City	214	133	118	83	120	83	3 067	2 706	2 716	2 246	2 998	2 353
	Yau Tsim Mong			48	48	48	48			900	783	814	695
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	354	315	413	378	557	457
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	829	732	920	847	859	773
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin	8	10	-	-	-	-	1 961	1 372	384	351	404	342
	Sai Kung			8	12	8	8			1 814	1 231	1 802	1 187
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	16	-	16	-	16	-	1 503	1 282	1 686	1 516	1 558	1 389
Tai Po/North	Tai Po	8	-	-	-	-	-	1 105	818	647	491	588	452
	North			8	-	8	-			516	485	455	412
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	24	16	24	16	24	24	603	590	638	624	710	710
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	16	-	16	-	-	-	1 565	1 343	877	734	992	818
	Kwai Tsing			-	-	-	-			776	690	748	673
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	959	689	1 051	893	995	811
Total:		682	383	646	353	654	423	17 251	13 303	18 837	14 956	18 672	14 382

[Note 1]

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

[Note 2]

In some CCCs, 1 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**LWB(WW)0884****(Question Serial No. 5597)**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 of LORCHE in each of the past 5 years;

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social workers					
Nurses					
Building surveying professionals					
Fire services professionals					
Officers of other grades					
Total					

(b) the annual salary expenditure of LORCHE in each of the past 5 years;

	2011-12 Expenditure	2012-13 Expenditure	2013-14 Expenditure	2014-15 Expenditure	2015-16 Expenditure
Social workers					
Nurses					
Building surveying professionals					
Fire services professionals					
Officers of other grades					
Total					

(c) the staff turnover rate of LORCHE in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 334)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a) The staff establishment of LORCHE over the past 5 years is provided below –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social workers	27	27	27	27	27
Nurses	10	10	10	10	12
Building surveying professionals	3	3	3	3	3
Fire services professionals	2	2	2	2	2
Officers of other grades	9	9	9	9	9
Total	51	51	51	51	53

(b) & (c) All the civil servants in LORCHE are remunerated according to their own grades and ranks, with transfers and postings arranged according to the established mechanism of the Department. The full-year salary expenditure of LORCHE over the past 5 years is provided below –

	Expenditure for 2011-12 [Note] (\$ '0,000)	Expenditure for 2012-13 [Note] (\$ '0,000)	Expenditure for 2013-14 [Note] (\$ '0,000)	Expenditure for 2014-15 [Note] (\$ '0,000)	Expenditure for 2015-16 [Note] (\$ '0,000)
Social workers	1,376	1,465	1,548	1,665	1,782
Nurses	287	305	323	335	407
Building surveying professionals	126	135	142	147	155
Fire services professionals	116	126	133	134	145
Officers of other grades	162	172	182	189	198
Total	2,067	2,203	2,328	2,470	2,687

[Note] Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved in the year concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0885

(Question Serial No. 5598)

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 work of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the respective numbers of inspections conducted, residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) inspected and complaints received by LORCHD with a breakdown by district of Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 3 years;
- (b) the respective number of advisory letters and warning letters issued and prosecution actions taken against various types of non-compliant RCHDs with a breakdown by type of RCHDs in the past 5 years;
- (c) Has the Government cancelled any licences of non-compliant RCHDs in the past year? If yes, what are the reasons for cancellation and how many licences of RCHDs have been cancelled? Please provide the names of the RCHDs as stated on the licences?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 335)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The numbers of inspections conducted, the numbers of RCHDs inspected and the numbers of complaints received by LORCHD in the past 3 years are set out below. SWD does not keep information on the numbers of inspections conducted and complaints received with a breakdown by district.

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Number of inspections conducted ^[Note]	1 657	1 907	2 180
Number of RCHDs inspected	306	311	311
Number of complaints received	72	45	38

[Note] 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.

The numbers of RCHDs inspected by LORCHD in the past 3 years with a breakdown by district are provided as follows –

District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	42	42	42
Eastern & Wan Chai	16	16	16
Kwun Tong	22	22	21
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	26	26	26
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	23	24	24
Sham Shui Po	18	20	22
Sha Tin	25	25	25
Tai Po & North	30	30	29
Yuen Long	31	32	32
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	33	34	34
Tuen Mun	40	40	40
Total	306	311	311

- (b) The respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued by LORCHD to RCHDs since the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance took effect on 18 November 2011 are provided as follows –

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Number of advisory letters	212	318	466	428
Number of warning letters	-	-	1	4

The RCHDs concerned were receptive to advice given by LORCHD regarding their irregularities and made corresponding improvements within the specified time frame. In the past 4 years, no RCHDs were prosecuted.

- (c) No RCHD licence has been cancelled by LORCHD in the past year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0886****(Question Serial No. 5599)**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), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

(a) the staff establishment of the Licensing Office in each of the past 5 years;

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social workers					
Nurses					
Building surveying professionals					
Fire services professionals					
Officers of other grades					
Total					

(b) the annual salary expenditure of the Licensing Office in each of the past 5 years;

	2011-12 Expenditure	2012-13 Expenditure	2013-14 Expenditure	2014-15 Expenditure	2015-16 Expenditure
Social workers					
Nurses					
Building surveying professionals					
Fire services professionals					
Officers of other grades					
Total					

(c) the staff turnover rate of the Licensing Office in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 336)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The staff establishment of the Licensing Office in the past 5 years is set out as follows –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Social workers	7	7	7	7	8
Nurses	3	3	3	3	4
Building surveying professionals	2	2	2	2	2
Fire services professionals	2	2	2	2	2
Officers of other grades	1	1	2	2	2
Total	15	15	16	16	18

- (b) & (c) All the civil servants in the Licensing Office are remunerated according to their own grades and ranks, and manpower is deployed according to the established mechanism of the Department. The full-year salary expenditure of the Licensing Office in the past 5 years is set out as follows –

Year	2011-12 expenditure [Note] (\$10,000)	2012-13 expenditure [Note] (\$10,000)	2013-14 expenditure [Note] (\$10,000)	2014-15 expenditure [Note] (\$10,000)	2015-16 expenditure [Note] (\$10,000)
Social workers	361	385	407	420	494
Nurses	97	103	109	113	147
Building surveying professionals	73	78	82	85	89
Fire services professionals	116	126	133	135	145
Officers of other grades	19	20	38	40	41
Total	666	712	769	793	916

[Note] 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

LWB(WW)0887

(Question Serial No. 5620)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0782 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the Community Support Service Schemes operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 811)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0888

(Question Serial No. 5621)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0806 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the residential special child care centres operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 812)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0889

(Question Serial No. 5622)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0807 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 813)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0890

(Question Serial No. 5623)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0808 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

- (1) regarding the sheltered workshops (100 places) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
- (2) whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 814)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0891

(Question Serial No. 5624)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0809 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the day activity centres (DACs) (50 places) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 815)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5625)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0810 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the district elderly community centres operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 816)

Reply:

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 requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5626)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0811 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the neighbourhood elderly centres operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 817)

Reply:

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 requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5627)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0812 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the social centres for the elderly operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 818)

Reply:

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 requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0895

(Question Serial No. 5628)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, “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.” And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0813 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, “the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).” As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the day care centres for the elderly operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 819)

Reply:

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 requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required,

as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5631)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0814 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 822)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and

equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5632)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0815 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. regarding the halfway houses (HWHs) operated by NGOs this year, what is SWD's notional staffing which is for budgetary purpose only; and
2. whether the notional staffing is confidential information?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 823)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance

with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0898

(Question Serial No. 5633)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0773 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the integrated family service centres (IFSCs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the IFSCs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 824)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5634)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0774 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the children and youth centres (CYCs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the CYCs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 825)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0900

(Question Serial No. 5635)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0775 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 826)

Reply:

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

requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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. 5636)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0776 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the youth outreaching teams operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the youth outreaching teams operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 827)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0902

(Question Serial No. 5637)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0777 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the ICYSCs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 828)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The

notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0903

(Question Serial No. 5638)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0778 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the agencies providing overnight outreaching services for young night drifters operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the agencies providing overnight outreaching services for young night drifters operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 829)

Reply:

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

requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0904

(Question Serial No. 5639)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0779 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the family support networking teams operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the family support networking teams operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 830)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The

notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0905

(Question Serial No. 5640)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0780 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (single hostels) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (single hostels) operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 831)

Reply:

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

requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0906

(Question Serial No. 5641)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0781 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the supported hostels operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the supported hostels operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 832)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0907

(Question Serial No. 5643)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, “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.” And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0782 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, “the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).” As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having “a notional staffing for the services”. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the Community Support Service Schemes (CSSSs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the CSSSs operated by NGOs, what was SWD’s notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 834)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0908

(Question Serial No. 5644)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0783 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the residential special child care centres (RSCCCs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the RSCCCs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 835)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The

notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0909

(Question Serial No. 5645)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0784 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the SGH(MMHC) operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 836)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The

notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0910

(Question Serial No. 5646)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0785 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the sheltered workshops (SWs) (100 places) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the SWs (100 places) operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 837)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0911

(Question Serial No. 5647)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0786 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the day activity centres (DACs) (50 places) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the DACs (50 places) operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 838)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0912

(Question Serial No. 5648)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0787 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD has been carrying out what is said in the reply about having "a notional staffing for the services". If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the district elderly community centres (DECCs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the DECCs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 839)

Reply:

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 requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The

notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0913

(Question Serial No. 6063)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0788 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD had prepared "a notional staffing for the services" in the past as mentioned in the above replies. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the NECs operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 840)

Reply:

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

requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is but one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0914

(Question Serial No. 6064)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0789 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD had prepared "a notional staffing for the services" in the past as mentioned in the above replies. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the social centres for the elderly operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the social centres for the elderly operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 841)

Reply:

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 requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The

notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0915

(Question Serial No. 6065)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, “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.” And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0790 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, “the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the compliance of the service requirements in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).” As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD had prepared “a notional staffing for the services” in the past as mentioned in the above replies. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the day care centres for the elderly (DEs) operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the DEs operated by NGOs, what was SWD’s notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 842)

Reply:

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

requirements and the performance standards as stipulated in the FSAs being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0916

(Question Serial No. 6068)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0791 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD had prepared "a notional staffing for the services" in the past as mentioned in the above replies. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 845)

Reply:

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

requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0917

(Question Serial No. 6069)

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 the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, "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." And according to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0792 provided in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, "the notional staffing is only one of the factors based on which the resources required for new services are calculated. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required for the provision of services, subject to the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs)." As mentioned in the replies by SWD for the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure in each of the past 2 years, SWD did have a notional staffing for the services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. whether SWD had prepared "a notional staffing for the services" in the past as mentioned in the above replies. If yes, what were the details of the staff establishment of the halfway houses operated by NGOs in the past year?
2. for each of the 5 years before the above view was made in the Review Report on the LSG Subvention System in 2008, regarding the halfway houses operated by NGOs, what was SWD's notional staffing which was for budgetary purpose only?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 846)

Reply:

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 requirements as stipulated in the FSAs and the Service Quality Standards being met. The notional staffing for new services is one of the considerations of SWD in calculating the

resources required. NGOs operating the services may exercise flexibility to utilise resources based on their actual circumstances and needs in arranging the manpower and equipment required, as long as they can ensure that the services are provided in compliance with the requirements of the FSAs. This principle has been clearly set out 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

LWB(WW)0918

(Question Serial No. 6070)

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 2 posts for family and child services in 2016-17. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the ranks, departmental units and duty scope of the 2 posts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 847)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked a full-year funding of about \$1.1 million for 2016-17 for adding a total of 2 frontline social worker posts at the integrated family service centres operated by the Social Welfare Department for handling the first stop assessment arising from the substantial increase in the number of cases regarding humanitarian assistance for non-refoulement claimants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0919

(Question Serial No. 6071)

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 increase of 31 posts for social security in 2016-17. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the posts/ranks, departmental units and duties of these 31 posts? Will such a reduction in manpower affect frontline services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 848)

Reply:

Regarding social security, the Social Welfare Department will have a net increase of 31 posts in the Social Security Officer Grade, Social Security Assistant Grade and clerical grade in 2016-17. The new posts will mainly be for the handling of expected additional cases under the Social Security Allowance Scheme and the prevention of fraud relating to social security assistance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0920

(Question Serial No. 6072)

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 Estimates that there will be a net increase of 60 posts in 2016-17 regarding services for the elderly. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the ranks, departmental units and duties of the above 60 posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 849)

Reply:

The net increase of 60 posts in 2016-17 for services for the elderly, including 1 directorate post, will be in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Station Officer, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Registered Nurse, Clerical and supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively strengthen the licensing services as well as the inspection and regulation of residential care homes for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0921

(Question Serial No. 6073)

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 15 posts for rehabilitation and medical social services in 2016-17. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the ranks, departmental units and duties of the 15 posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 850)

Reply:

Under the Programme of Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services, there will be an increase of 15 posts in Social Work Officer, Quantity Surveyor, Building Services Inspector, clerical grades, as well as supporting general grades. Officers filling the new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively enhance the monitoring and inspection of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, strengthen the medical social services provided by the Child Assessment Centres, support the medical social services unit set up in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital, 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. 6089)

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 the number of places of small group homes (SGHs) will increase from 864 in 2015-16 Revised Estimate to 894 in 2016-17 Estimate. In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. the geographical distribution of the above additional places;
2. the additional resources involved in implementing the above initiative.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 868)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department plans to provide 30 additional SGH places in the New Territories East in 2016-17.
2. The full-year expenditure involved in the above arrangement is about \$7 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0923

(Question Serial No. 6090)

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 the number of places of residential homes for children will increase from 1 708 in 2015-16 Revised Estimate to 1 717 in 2016-17 Estimate. In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. the geographical distribution of the above additional places;
2. the additional resources involved in implementing the above initiative.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 869)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Social Welfare Department plans to provide 9 additional places through in-situ expansion of a girls' home on Hong Kong Island in 2016-17.
2. The above arrangement will involve a full-year expenditure of about \$1 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0924

(Question Serial No. 6091)

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 the number of places of standalone child care centres (CCCs) increased from 722 in 2014-15 Actual to 736 in 2015-16 Estimate. In this connection, please inform this Committee of –

1. the geographical distribution of the above additional places;
2. the additional resources involved in implementing the above initiative.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 870)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. In 2015-16, the Social Welfare Department provides a total of 14 additional places through in-situ expansion of 2 existing aided standalone CCCs in Central & Western District and Tsuen Wan, where 8 and 6 places are provided respectively.
2. The above arrangements involve a full-year expenditure of some \$120,000. In addition, an one-off grant has been provided by the Lotteries Fund for renovation and procurement of furniture and equipment for the 2 centres.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0925

(Question Serial No. 6092)

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 the number of cases served under family and child protective services decreased from 8 037 in 2013-14 Actual to 7 645 in 2014-15 Actual, and to 7 495 in 2015-16 Revised Estimate. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the reasons for the above decrease?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 871)

Reply:

The actual number of cases served by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in 2014-15 was 7 645, a decrease of 392 cases (4.9%) when compared with the 8 037 cases served in 2013-14. The revised estimated number of cases served by FCPSUs in 2015-16 is 7 495, a decrease of 150 cases (2.0%) when compared with the 7 645 cases in 2014-15. The decrease in the number of cases served is due to the average growth rate of closed cases each year being higher than that of new cases. The number of cases served for 2015-16 is estimated to be lower than those for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

The Social Welfare Department has introduced various service improvement measures in recent years for FCPSUs to have enhanced effectiveness 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, offsetting to some extent the number of new cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0926

(Question Serial No. 6093)

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 Estimates, the numbers of cases served by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) of the government sector were 51 390, 50 167 and 52 386 in 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Actual) and 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) respectively. What are the reason for the Government to estimate that the number of cases served will be increased to 53 713 in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 872)

Reply:

The estimated number of cases served by government-operated IFSCs for 2016-17 is projected with reference to the figures for 2014-15 (Actual) and 2015-16 (Revised Estimate). A total of 10 additional frontline social worker posts have been provided in government-operated IFSCs from 2015-16 onwards to handle more cases, and it is estimated that the number of cases that can be served in 2016-17 will go up slightly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0927

(Question Serial No. 6094)

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 Estimates, the numbers of groups and programmes run by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) of the Government sector in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were/are estimated to be 5 968, 5 957 and 6 560 respectively, lower than the actual figures in 2013-14 (6 389) and 2014-15 (6 656) and the revised estimate in 2015-16 (6 790) by 421, 699 and 230 respectively. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. why does the Government continuously underestimate the above figures?
2. how will the Government minimise miscalculation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 873)

Reply:

The numbers of groups and programmes to be run by IFSCs of the Government sector in 2016-17 are estimated with reference to the actual figures for 2014-15 and revised estimate for 2015-16. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is projected with reference to the actual volume of service provided by IFSCs in the first 2 quarters of the year. IFSCs have the flexibility to arrange groups and programmes with reference to the service needs of the districts concerned to meet the service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0928

(Question Serial No. 6095)

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:

As stated in the Estimates, the number of supervision cases under probation service is estimated to be 5 506, 4 838 and 4 057 for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, being 1 192, 1 014 and 545 more than the actual number of 4 314 and 3 824 for 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the revised estimate of 3 512 for 2015-16 respectively. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

1. the reason why it keeps over-estimating the above figures; and
2. how wrong estimation will be minimised?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 874)

Reply:

In probation service, counselling and supervision is provided for juveniles placed under probation as ordered by the courts. The number of supervision cases under probation service is affected by a number of factors, such as the crime rate, the number of offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court, and the courts' disposals, etc. The Social Welfare Department will, based on the latest actual figures of supervision cases, draw up the Revised Estimate for the year concerned and project the number of cases in the Estimate for the following year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0929

(Question Serial No. 6096)

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:

According to the Estimates, the numbers of admissions into residential training probation homes in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were estimated to be 104, 69 and 55 respectively. They are above the actual figures in 2013-14 (65), the actual figures in 2014-15 (52) and the revised estimate in 2015-16 (38) by 39, 17 and 17 respectively. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. why is the Government continuously over-estimating the above figures?
2. how will the Government minimise miscalculation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 875)

Reply:

In approved institutions (probation homes), residential training is provided for juveniles placed under probation as ordered by the courts. The number of admissions into approved institutions is affected by a number of factors, such as the crime rate, the number of offenders arrested by the police and convicted by the court, and the courts' disposals, etc. The Social Welfare Department will, based on the latest actual admission figures, draw up the Revised Estimate for the year concerned and project the admission figures in the Estimate for the following year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0930

(Question Serial No. 6097)

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:

As stated in the Estimates, the numbers of discharges from reformatory school were 25, 13 and 19 in the 2013-14 Actual, 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 Revised Estimate respectively. The Government has estimated that the above figure will reduce substantially to 7 in 2016-17. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 876)

Reply:

In reformatory school, residential training is provided for juvenile offenders as ordered by the courts. The juvenile offenders are generally discharged after completing a scheme of training of not more than 3 years or when they reach 18 years of age. The Social Welfare Department will draw up the Revised Estimate of the year and project the estimated number of discharges for the next year with reference to the latest actual admission and discharge figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0931

(Question Serial No. 6098)

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:

According to the Estimates, the numbers of admissions into remand homes/places of refuge in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were estimated to be 2 346, 1 960 and 1 749 respectively. They are above the actual figures in 2013-14 (1 903), the actual figures in 2014-15 (1 476) and the revised estimate in 2015-16 (1 335) by 443, 484 and 414 respectively. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. why is the Government continuously over-estimating the above figures?
2. how will the Government minimise miscalculation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 877)

Reply:

Children and juveniles are detained in or admitted to remand homes/places of refuge as required by law or ordered by the courts. The number of admissions into remand homes/places of refuge is affected by a number of factors, such as the number of children and juveniles in need of care or protection, the number of juveniles arrested by the Police and remanded as ordered by the courts, and the courts' disposals, etc. The Social Welfare Department will draw up the Revised Estimate of the year and project the estimated number of admissions for the next year with reference to the latest actual admission figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0932

(Question Serial No. 6099)

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:

According to the Estimates, the numbers of discharges from remand homes/places of refuge in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were estimated to be 2 456, 1 805 and 1 732 respectively. They are above the actual figures in 2013-14 (1 764), the actual figures in 2014-15 (1 477) and the revised estimate in 2015-16 (1 302) by 692, 328 and 430 respectively. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. why is the Government continuously over-estimating the above figures?
2. how will the Government minimise miscalculation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 878)

Reply:

Children and juveniles are detained in or admitted to remand homes/places of refuge as required by law or ordered by the courts. The number of discharges from remand homes/places of refuge is affected by a number of factors, such as the number of admissions, the case type, the duration of detention/admission as required by law or ordered by the courts, etc. The Social Welfare Department will, based on the latest actual admission and discharge figures, draw up the Revised Estimate for the year concerned and project the discharge figures in the Estimate for the following year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0933****(Question Serial No. 6100)**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:

In each of the past 5 years, how many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) received Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, how many of them submitted Annual Financial Report (AFR) on LSG to the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and how many of them failed to submit AFR on LSG to SWD? If NGOs receiving LSG subvention fail to submit AFR on LSG to SWD, what action will the Government take?

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention					
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD					
Number of NGOs having failed to submit AFR on LSG to SWD					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 879)Reply:

Information about the submission of AFR on LSG in the past 5 years is set out below –

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention	164	164	165	165	164
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD	164	164	165	165	160
Number of NGOs having failed to submit AFR on LSG to SWD	-	-	-	-	4 ^[Note]

^[Note] SWD is now following up the matter with the NGOs concerned on their outstanding AFRs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0934

(Question Serial No. 6101)

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:

Given that the first Best Practice Manual (BPM) self-assessment checklists were to be submitted by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) by 30 October 2015, would the Government please advise this Committee of the following –

1. the total number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention, and the numbers of NGOs which had submitted BPM self-assessment checklists to SWD and those which had not done so as at 30 October 2015;
2. the reasons for those NGOs not having submitted BPM self-assessment checklists to SWD; and
3. the measures already taken or to be taken by SWD for those NGOs which had/have not submitted BPM self-assessment checklists?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 880)

Reply:

As at 30 October 2015, there were a total of 164 NGOs receiving LSG subvention. All the NGOs have submitted their first self-assessment checklists for the Level One guidelines to SWD as required by BPM. And 146 of them have also submitted their self-assessment checklists for the Level Two guidelines, which they are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0935

(Question Serial No. 6102)

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 Snapshot Staff were working in subvented organisations on 1 September in each of the past 5 years?

	Number of Snapshot Staff
1 September 2011	
1 September 2012	
1 September 2013	
1 September 2014	
1 September 2015	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 881)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Date	Number of Snapshot Staff
1 September 2011	9 374
1 September 2012	8 773
1 September 2013	8 158
1 September 2014	7 578
1 September 2015	6 960

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0936

(Question Serial No. 6103)

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:

What was the total remuneration of the top three-tier staff of the 10 subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) which were allocated the highest amounts of subventions and were required to provide relevant information by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 882)

Reply:

Since May 2010, SWD has been requiring subvented NGOs to report annually on the remunerations for staff in the top 3 tiers of the management unless one or more of the following exemption criteria are fulfilled –

- (i) receiving subventions of less than \$10 million a year from SWD;
- (ii) receiving 50% or less of the NGO's total operating income from SWD; or
- (iii) with the top three-tier positions of the NGO funded entirely by the NGOs' income from sources other than the Government.

According to the information given by NGOs, the total remunerations for staff in the top 3 tiers of the 10 subvented NGOs receiving the highest amount of annual subventions from SWD from 2011-12 to 2014-15 are listed in the Annex. As SWD requires NGOs to submit their annual review for 2015-16 by October 2016, the information for 2015-16 is not yet available.

**Total remunerations for staff in the top 3 tiers of the 10 subvented NGOs receiving
the highest amount of annual subventions from SWD
from 2011-12 to 2014-15**

Name of NGOs	Remuneration for staff in the top 3 tiers (\$ million)			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Caritas - Hong Kong	Reference [Note 1]	Reference [Note 1]	6.55	6.93
Po Leung Kuk	13.42	15.09	16.80	16.70
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	11.91	12.86	13.41	22.50
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	7.96	9.13	10.42	12.68
SAHK	4.31	4.55	5.36	5.88
The Salvation Army	12.12	11.95	12.46	6.59
Fu Hong Society	10.37	11.97	13.37	9.72
Hong Kong Christian Service	7.67	7.04	7.15	7.97
Yan Chai Hospital	6.09	7.30	7.67	6.81
International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	12.99	12.91	12.77	Reference [Note 2]
The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	17.53	18.41	Reference [Note 2]	Reference [Note 2]
The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	Reference [Note 2]	Reference [Note 2]	Reference [Note 2]	13.03

[Note 1] The NGO was not required to submit the information as one or more of the exemption criteria were fulfilled in that year.

[Note 2] The NGO was not one of the top 10 subvented NGOs receiving the highest amount of subventions from SWD in that year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0937****(Question Serial No. 6104)**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:

What were the total subventions of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) and the funding allocated by the Social Welfare Department under “civil service pay adjustment” for subvented organisations to adjust the pay of their staff in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 883)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Total LSG subvention (\$ million)	Subvention allocated to organisations receiving LSG due to civil service pay adjustment (\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	8,051	444
2012-13 (Actual)	8,680	444
2013-14 (Actual)	9,340	315
2014-15 (Actual)	10,903	466
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	11,844	480

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0938

(Question Serial No. 6110)

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 2016-17 budget estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “enhanced the supervisory and administrative support for aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and aided kindergarten-cum-child care centres operating occasional child care service (OCCS) and/or extended hours service (EHS)”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the details of the above measures and the additional expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 889)

Reply:

SWD has provided resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing OCCS and EHS from 2015-16 onwards in order to enhance supervisory and administrative support. The measure involves a full-year expenditure of about \$5.6 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0939

(Question Serial No. 6111)

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 2016-17 budget estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to expand the provision of Extended Hours Service (EHS) and launch the pilot project on child care training for grandparents”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the details of the above measures and the additional expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 890)

Reply:

Starting from 2015-16, SWD will increase in phases about 5 000 places of EHS for children aged below 6 at aided child care centres and kindergartens-cum-child care centres in districts with high demand, so that more pre-primary children (aged below 6) in need can continue to receive extended hours of service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressure on their working parents. The full-year expenditure for the measure is about \$127 million. SWD has initially provided about 1 200 additional places in 2015-16 and will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts. The Government will keep in view the service utilisation, and continue to consult the service operators on the implementation details of the remaining 3 800 places to be added.

The Government will launch a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project to be rolled out in March 2016 at the earliest. The required expenditure of the pilot project of some \$3.3 million will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. Apart from equipping the trainees with up-to-date child care knowledge and skills, part of the training programmes will also cover topics focusing on family with a view to strengthening intergenerational support and integration.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0940

(Question Serial No. 6112)

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 2016-17 budget estimates that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “provide additional manpower for refuge centres for women (refuge centres) and Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC)”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number and rank of the additional staff to be provided under the above measures, and of the additional expenditure to be incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 891)

Reply:

In 2016-17, SWD will provide additional manpower for refuge centres and MCISC to enhance support for the children temporarily staying in the centres. The full-year additional funding involved is about \$2 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0941****(Question Serial No. 6116)**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 were the number of cases by case nature (child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering, child custody, case of multiple nature) and the total number of cases served by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 895)Reply:

The number of cases served by FCPSUs in the past 3 years with a breakdown by case nature is tabulated below –

Case nature	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Child abuse	2 466	2 265	2 101
Spouse/cohabitant battering	5 070	4 877	4 182
Child custody	254	241	222
Case of multiple nature	247	262	250
Total	8 037	7 645	6 755

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6117)

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 surprise inspections on private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) were conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 896)

Reply:

The number of surprise inspections on private homes participating in the EBPS conducted by LORCHE of SWD over the past 3 years is set out as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
No. of surprise inspections	979	948	703

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0943****(Question Serial No. 6118)**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 were the number of people on the waiting list, the waiting time and the number of places for special child care centres, integrated programmes in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centres, and early education and training centres in the past 5 years (as at March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 897)Reply:

The numbers of places for pre-school rehabilitation services, including special child care centre (SCCC), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP) and early education and training centre (EETC), by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 to Table 3 of the Annex while the numbers of applicants waiting for the respective services are set out in Table 4 to Table 6 of the Annex.

SWD operates the central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the above services. The average waiting time for SCCC, IP and EETC in the past 5 years was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2014-16
SCCC	16.8	16.9	18.5	17.3	Not yet available
IP	12.2	12.7	14.1	13	Not yet available
EETC	15.7	15.2	19	19.6	Not yet available

Table 1: Number of places for SCCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	199	199	199	199	199
Eastern/Wan Chai	204	204	204	216	216
Kwun Tong	66	66	66	66	66
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	333	333	333	333	333
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	24	24	24	30	30
Sham Shui Po	205	205	205	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138	138	138	138
Tai Po/North	192	192	192	192	192
Yuen Long	108	108	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	168	168	168	168	168
Tuen Mun	120	120	120	120	120
Total	1 757	1 757	1 757	1 775	1 775

Table 2: Number of places for IP

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	132	132	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	174	174	174	174	186
Kwun Tong	204	204	204	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	234	234	234	234	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	192	192	192	192	210
Sham Shui Po	84	84	84	84	108
Sha Tin	156	156	156	156	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	192	192	192	192	198
Tuen Mun	138	138	138	138	156
Total	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 860	1 980

Table 3: Number of places for EETC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	341	401	401
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	262	262
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	201	201	216	216	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	274	274
Sha Tin	191	191	191	291	291
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	384	384
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	229
Total	2 613	2 613	2 628	2 991	3 070

Table 4: Number of applicants waiting for SCCC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	83	103	105	99	98
Eastern/Wan Chai	120	126	122	110	96
Kwun Tong	115	136	121	118	143
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	181	191	185	172	150
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	153	131	135	167	135
Sham Shui Po	78	91	89	85	101
Sha Tin	164	157	140	156	161
Tai Po/North	135	134	104	138	147
Yuen Long	102	124	106	131	130
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	125	134	160	172	167
Tuen Mun	63	77	68	89	91
Total	1 319	1 404	1 335	1 437	1 419

Table 5: Number of applicants waiting for IP

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	70	82	118	109	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	101	113	111	83	97
Kwun Tong	140	192	180	161	168
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	207	222	194	204	183
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	86	117	156	148	145
Sham Shui Po	97	88	89	87	71
Sha Tin	181	218	258	240	214
Tai Po/North	218	284	263	240	243
Yuen Long	148	156	125	190	199
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	184	196	183	135	128
Tuen Mun	104	111	107	167	114
Total	1 536	1 779	1 784	1 764	1 643

Table 6: Number of applicants waiting for EETC

District	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	362	377	358	355	307
Eastern/Wan Chai	383	427	441	400	402
Kwun Tong	394	419	391	310	327
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	519	590	558	506	484
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	336	369	453	478	453
Sham Shui Po	164	188	216	250	226
Sha Tin	416	464	472	409	414
Tai Po/North	318	337	350	321	337
Yuen Long	156	183	143	193	219
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	338	390	427	459	460
Tuen Mun	81	134	136	172	194
Total	3 467	3 878	3 945	3 853	3 823

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0944

(Question Serial No. 6119)

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 number of people on the waiting list, the waiting time and the number of places for day activity centres (DACs), sheltered workshops (SWs) and integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs) in the past 5 years (as at March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 898)

Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time and the number of places for DACs, SWs and IVTCs in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for DACs, SWs and IVTCs

Service type	Number of people on the waiting list					Average waiting time (in months)				
	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
DACs	1 170	1 257	1 293	1 289	1 189	28.8	44.4	57.6	57.6	61.8
SWs	2 450	2 515	2 724	2 750	2 482	16.9	16.8	12.6	16.1	19.7

Note: IVTC services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department does not have the statistics on the number of people on the waiting list and the waiting time.

Table 2: Number of places for DACs, SWs and IVTCs

Service type	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
DACs	4 637	4 801	4 801	5 146	5 148
SWs	4 999	5 051	5 111	5 276	5 276
IVTCs	453	453	453	453	453

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0945

(Question Serial No. 6120)

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 number of people on the waiting list, the waiting time and the number of places for hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH), supported hostel (SHOS), care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD), small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)), halfway house (HWH), long stay care home (LSCH), and care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB) in the past 5 years (as at March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 899)

Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time and the number of places for various residential services for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of people on the waiting list and average waiting time for various residential services for persons with disabilities

Service type	Number of people on the waiting list					Average waiting time (in months)				
	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
HSMH	2 082	2 190	2 200	2 205	2 220	73.2	81.6	86.4	105.6	96.5
HMMH	1 369	1 533	1 694	1 784	1 943	80.4	84.4	83.8	119.5	39.0
HSPH	398	459	516	565	600	38.6	37.4	26.6	142.2	27.6
SHOS	1 012	1 173	1 340	1 500	1 644	25.0	31.5	26.0	16.5	19.4
C&A/SD	389	425	468	421	443	39.6	31.2	48.0	48.0	47.8
SGH(MMHC) ^[Note]	74	80	80	94	79	22.4	7.2	12.4	18.8	9.7
HWH	735	688	714	652	731	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.2	7.6
LSCH	1 222	1 325	1 573	1 614	1 800	38.2	33.6	16.7	32.5	31.0
C&A/AB	90	120	120	131	127	4.0	6.0	5.4	8.4	9.0

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group homes.

Table 2: Number of places for various residential services for persons with disabilities

Service type	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
HSMH	3 218	3 382	3 382	3 561	3 561
HMMH	2 287	2 292	2 364	2 384	2 384
HSPH	573	573	573	573	573
SHOS	554	554	596	596	596
C&A/SD	908	959	959	991	991
SGH(MMHC) ^[Note]	64	64	64	64	64
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509	1 509	1 509
LSCH	1 507	1 507	1 587	1 587	1 587
C&A/AB	825	825	825	825	825

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0946

(Question Serial No. 6122)

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 Government, there are halfway houses (HWHs) with special provision to cater for sub-target group, including ex-mentally ill persons with a history of criminal violence or assessed disposition to violence. Please provide the number of HWHs with special provision, as well as the number of people on the waiting list, average waiting time, age distribution (i.e. 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) and the cost per place per month in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 901)

Reply:

In Hong Kong, there are a total of 12 HWHs with special provision, providing transitional residential service for ex-mentally ill persons with record of criminal violence or assessed to be disposed towards violence, in an integrated way together with the ordinary ex-mentally ill persons. The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of persons on the waiting list for the above HWHs nor the information on the average waiting time and age distribution. The cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services operated by non-governmental organisations was \$13,857 in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0947****(Question Serial No. 6123)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for long stay care homes (LSCHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 902)Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for LSCHs from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out as follows –

Year	Number of people on the waiting list for LSCHs	Average waiting time (in months)
2014-15	1 614 (as at end-March 2015)	31
2015-16	1 800 (as at end-December 2015)	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the longest waiting time.

The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services operated by non-governmental organisations was \$13,174 and \$13,857 in 2014-15 (Actual) and 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0948

(Question Serial No. 6124)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups admitted to long stay care homes (LSCHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of discharged mental patients 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 903)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of LSCHs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of LSCHs by district in 2014-15

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	4	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
Total	-	6	43	185	523	553	170	85

Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users of LSCHs by district in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	4	11	35	52	8	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	3	18	39	46	21	11
Kwun Tong	-	-	4	12	45	43	8	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	2	7	45	37	12	3
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	2	13	47	42	13	8
Sham Shui Po	-	1	3	10	35	57	36	18
Sha Tin	-	2	5	20	47	60	13	7
Tai Po/North	-	-	6	14	43	22	6	1
Yuen Long	-	-	2	12	30	18	-	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	5	28	74	95	39	13
Tuen Mun	-	1	6	15	80	86	21	20
Total	-	5	42	160	520	558	177	94

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0949

(Question Serial No. 6125)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of discharged mental patients of different age groups waiting for long stay care homes (LSCHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of discharged mental patients aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 904)

Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for LSCH service broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Residential districts and age distribution of people waiting for LSCHs in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	15	37	73	47	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	6	36	63	37	9	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	13	15	43	17	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	5	11	28	46	29	4	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	18	24	47	33	2	-
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6	22	49	23	3	2
Sha Tin	-	5	15	43	65	43	1	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	12	31	58	34	3	1
Yuen Long	-	6	12	17	50	10	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	6	14	52	94	28	6	2
Tuen Mun	-	2	24	54	86	45	3	-
Total	1	40	146	359	674	346	36	12

Table 2: Residential districts and age distribution of people waiting for LSCHs in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	1	15	45	80	51	6	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	8	35	77	37	13	-
Kwun Tong	-	1	14	25	49	25	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	3	10	30	63	31	4	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	5	12	30	56	36	2	-
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6	24	50	28	4	2
Sha Tin	-	2	16	53	64	50	1	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	15	32	64	37	3	1
Yuen Long	-	5	16	17	52	14	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	3	12	54	94	37	9	2
Tuen Mun	-	3	23	64	104	48	6	-
Total	2	33	147	409	753	394	50	12

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0950

(Question Serial No. 6126)

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:

Long stay care homes (LSCHs) provide residential care for chronic mental patients who are in stable mental conditions but still require nursing care. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 1 800 ex-mentally ill persons were waiting for LSCHs but the additional number of places is zero. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of these ex-mentally ill persons and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 905)

Reply:

The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of ex-mentally ill persons and their carers. 400 additional LSCH places are planned to be provided during the term of this Government. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services from prevention to risk management for ex-mentally-ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers as well as residents living in the districts concerned. The scope of services covers day training, counselling services, outreaching services, social and recreational activities, public education, etc. In 2015-16, SWD allocated an additional full-year expenditure of about \$12.7 million to increase the manpower of social workers in ICCMWs so as to offer the families or carers of ex-mentally ill persons more intensive counselling and support with a view to relieving the pressure arising from their carer's role and consolidating their mutual aid network.

SWD also launched the "Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units" (pilot project) in March 2016 with a funding of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund for a period of 2 years. The objectives of the pilot project are to equip suitable ex-mentally persons as peer supporters with a view to speeding up their own

recovery, supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery as well as their families and carers, and assisting in organising groups and mental health promotion activities.

In addition, SWD-subsidised parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) provide a focal point for persons in need (including parents and relatives/carers of ex-mentally ill persons) to share experience, obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0951

(Question Serial No. 6127)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 1 800 ex-mentally ill persons were waiting for long stay care homes (LSCHs). Please provide the respective numbers of ex-mentally ill persons who had been on the waiting list for LSCHs for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 906)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on ex-mentally ill persons having waited for LSCHs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0952

(Question Serial No. 6128)

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 number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 907)

Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for HMMHs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for HMMHs.

Number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for HMMHs

Year	Number of people on the waiting list	Average waiting time (in months)
2013-14	1 694	119.5
2014-15	1 784	39.0
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 943	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0953

(Question Serial No. 6129)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons of different age groups admitted to hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 908)

Reply:

A breakdown of the number of service users of HMMHs by SWD administrative district and age group in the past 2 years is set out at the Annex.

**Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of HMMHs
in various districts in 2014 (as at 31 December 2014)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
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	-
Total	21	179	584	680	669	223	9	-

**Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users of HMMHs
in various districts in 2015 (as at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	10	52	62	64	23	2	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	12	44	55	77	25	3	-
Kwun Tong	3	15	52	107	126	43	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	14	52	52	86	25	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	11	33	60	64	27	1	-
Sham Shui Po	1	5	31	42	47	14	2	-
Sha Tin	-	6	49	51	42	17	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	20	47	36	34	11	-	-
Yuen Long	7	13	49	50	44	12	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	-	24	66	90	75	21	1	-
Tuen Mun	5	25	81	66	44	31	3	-
Total	26	155	556	671	703	249	15	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0954

(Question Serial No. 6130)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 909)

Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for HMMHs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of applicants waiting for HMMHs by district in 2014-15 (as at 31 March 2015)

District	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	49	27	30	20	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	74	41	32	17	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	28	62	37	39	26	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	70	36	37	24	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	16	43	37	30	14	6	-	-
Sham Shui Po	14	41	28	13	15	2	-	-
Sha Tin	15	45	50	28	8	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	23	83	28	18	14	2	-	-
Yuen Long	14	48	24	18	17	5	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	19	80	48	38	19	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	21	49	36	15	9	1	-	-
Total	218	644	392	298	183	49	-	-

Table 2: Number and age distribution of applicants waiting for HMMHs by district in 2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)

District	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	28	49	30	27	22	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	74	47	36	17	11	-	-
Kwun Tong	27	63	46	43	29	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	40	79	43	34	25	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	20	38	36	34	12	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	55	30	14	17	4	-	-
Sha Tin	18	49	50	30	9	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	28	82	31	18	17	4	-	-
Yuen Long	15	52	31	18	17	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	27	93	48	40	25	7	-	-
Tuen Mun	19	61	36	16	8	1	-	-
Total	251	695	428	310	198	61	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0955

(Question Serial No. 6131)

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:

Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) provide home living for moderately mentally handicapped persons who are capable of basic self-care but lack adequate daily living skills to live independently in the community. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 1 943 moderately mentally handicapped persons were waiting for HMMHs. Please advise –

- a. Please provide the details about the districts and the expected service commencement months for the 100 additional places.
- b. The additional places only account for 5.1% of the total. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the moderately mentally handicapped persons who are on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- d. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 910)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide 100 additional HMMH places. The new service unit will be in Tai Po. Based on the progress made so far, it is expected that the places will commence service in the third quarter of 2016-17.
- b. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of mentally handicapped persons and their carers. Based on the individual circumstances of mentally handicapped persons, SWD makes referrals as appropriate

for them to receive community support services while waiting for HMMHs, including community care services for mentally handicapped persons and their carers. These include district support centres for persons with disabilities (PwDs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities, parents/relatives resource centres, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for the disabled, community rehabilitation network and community-based support projects for PwDs, etc. These services cover personal and nursing care services, rehabilitation physical training, day care, home respite service, escort service, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving mentally handicapped persons, community care services will also be provided for their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PwDs.

- c. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing a non-means-tested cash allowance for eligible PwDs (including mentally handicapped persons). PwDs with financial needs may choose to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, the Chief Executive has announced in the 2016 Policy Address that the Community Care Fund would be invited to introduce a pilot scheme to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of PwDs, with a view to providing enhanced support to PwDs and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0956****(Question Serial No. 6132)**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:

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of persons waiting for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) has been increasing by about 160 persons each year. Please provide the number of additional HMMHs and the respective percentage to the number of people waiting for the service in each year from 2010 to 2016, and advise whether there is any long-term planning for HMMHs for the coming 5 years. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Number and change of persons waiting for HMMHs		
Year	Number of persons waiting for HMMHs	Change
2010-11	1 386	
2011-12	1 369	-17
2012-13	1 533	+164
2013-14	1 694	+161
2014-15	1 781	+87
2015-16	1 943	+162

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 911)Reply:

The number of additional HMMH places, the number of people on the waiting list and the number of additional places as a percentage of the number of people waiting for the service in each year from 2011 to 2016 are set out in the following table –

Year	Number of additional places	Number of people on the waiting list	Number of additional places as a percentage of the number of people waiting for the service
2011-12	18	1 369	1.3%
2012-13	5	1 533	0.3%
2013-14	72	1 694	4.3%
2014-15	20	1 784	1.1%
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	-	1 943	0.0%

The Government provided 1 additional HMMH each in 2013-14 and 2014-15, and plans to provide about 515 additional places for HMMHs in the coming 5 years. The Social Welfare Department will keep in view the service demand and the overall service provision with a view to reviewing the service planning.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0957

(Question Serial No. 6133)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into small homes for 5 or 10 moderately mentally handicapped persons, with a view to enabling them to live in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years for the provision of small homes for moderately mentally handicapped persons? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 912)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0958

(Question Serial No. 6134)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects small homes for 5 or 10 moderately mentally handicapped persons, with a view to speeding up their community reintegration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau requested the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to reserve space for the provision of small homes for moderately mentally handicapped persons in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 913)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including urban renewal projects of URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0959

(Question Serial No. 6135)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Is there a policy for reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates (PHEs) to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of small homes for 5 or 10 moderately mentally handicapped persons, with a view to speeding up their community reintegration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for reserving space for the provision of small homes for moderately mentally handicapped persons to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 914)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0960

(Question Serial No. 6136)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 1 943 moderately mentally handicapped persons were waiting for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs). Please provide the respective numbers of moderately mentally handicapped persons who had been on the waiting list for HMMHs for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 915)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on moderately mentally handicapped persons having waited for HMMHs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0961****(Question Serial No. 6137)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 916)Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for HSMHs from 2013-14 to 2015-2016 are set out as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of people on the waiting list	2 200	2 205	2 220
Average waiting time (in months)	105.6	96.5	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information on the cost per place per month for HSMHs. The cost per place per month for residential service for persons with disabilities from 2013-14 to 2015-2016 is set out as follows –

Year	(\$)
2013-14 (Actual)	11,906
2014-15 (Actual)	13,174
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	13,857

SWD does not have the statistical information on the longest waiting time for HSMHs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0962

(Question Serial No. 6138)

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:

Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) provide home living for severely mentally handicapped persons who lack basic self-care skills and require assistance in personal and nursing care. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 2 220 severely mentally handicapped persons were waiting for HSMHs. Please advise –

- a. Please provide the details about the districts and the expected service commencement months for the 12 additional places.
- b. The additional places only account for 0.54% of the total. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the severely mentally handicapped persons who are on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 917)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The 12 additional HSMH places to be provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2016-17 are all in North District, with expected service commencement date in the fourth quarter of 2016-17.
- b. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of mentally handicapped persons and their carers. SWD takes into account individual circumstances of severely mentally handicapped persons to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for HSMHs, including community care services for severely mentally handicapped persons and

their carers. These include district support centres for persons with disabilities (PwDs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities, parents/relatives resource centres, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for PwDs, community rehabilitation network and community-based support projects for PwDs, etc. These services cover personal and nursing care services, rehabilitation physical training, day care, home respite service, escort service, emotional and network support, etc.

- c. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing a non-means-tested cash allowance for eligible PwDs (including severely mentally handicapped persons). PwDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Meanwhile, the assistance programme of Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled under the Community Care Fund (CCF) aims at providing severely disabled persons who are living in the community and not receiving CSSA with a special care subsidy for assisting them to purchase care goods, services or for other purposes related to nursing care. Moreover, the Chief Executive has announced in the 2016 Policy Address that CCF would be invited to introduce a pilot scheme to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of PwDs, with a view to providing enhanced support to PwDs and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0963

(Question Serial No. 6139)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of severely mentally handicapped persons of different age groups admitted to hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 918)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of HSMHs broken down by district and age group in 2014 and 2015 is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at Annex.

Table 1: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group as at end-December 2014

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	29	107	80	75	32	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	38	79	80	103	32	2	1
Kwun Tong	1	36	104	130	103	33	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	48	80	80	92	25	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	21	77	97	68	27	4	-
Sham Shui Po	1	30	58	70	76	31	1	-
Sha Tin	2	49	111	68	55	8	1	-
Tai Po/North	3	48	89	51	39	14	2	1
Yuen Long	-	20	56	53	41	19	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	47	137	152	96	33	4	-
Tuen Mun	-	20	70	55	59	21	4	1
Total	18	386	968	916	807	275	26	3

Table 2: Number of service users of HSMHs by district and age group as at end-December 2015

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	38	105	91	76	35	5	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	34	91	78	99	42	3	1
Kwun Tong	1	35	105	132	107	36	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	44	94	77	95	29	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	31	67	95	73	34	6	-
Sham Shui Po	2	33	55	68	77	38	2	-
Sha Tin	4	44	113	76	49	15	1	-
Tai Po/North	1	50	97	54	42	14	3	1
Yuen Long	1	25	62	62	44	19	3	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	41	146	144	106	34	5	-
Tuen Mun	-	23	69	58	70	23	4	1
Total	19	398	1 004	935	838	319	36	3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0964

(Question Serial No. 6140)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of severely mentally handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 919)

Reply:

The information on the number of applicants waiting for HSMH service broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at Annex.

Table 1: District and age distribution of people waiting for HSMHs in 2014-15

District	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	15	64	27	15	13	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	33	70	36	22	23	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	26	91	43	21	23	6	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	54	109	39	23	30	10	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	33	69	27	25	27	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	63	23	20	20	6	1	-
Sha Tin	37	70	28	20	14	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	49	101	32	18	11	7	-	-
Yuen Long	43	80	23	22	20	7	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	29	99	38	48	17	9	-	-
Tuen Mun	21	72	43	37	36	17	1	-
Total	366	888	359	271	234	83	4	-

Table 2: District and age distribution of people waiting for HSMHs in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	20	58	19	13	13	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	72	29	22	24	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	25	97	41	25	21	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	60	104	41	18	34	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	29	71	33	26	29	9	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	59	23	22	16	9	1	-
Sha Tin	33	76	28	23	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	50	101	26	15	11	7	-	-
Yuen Long	37	89	25	23	21	8	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	95	44	47	21	10	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	74	44	39	36	20	1	-
Total	359	896	353	273	239	96	4	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0965

(Question Serial No. 6141)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 2 220 severely mentally handicapped persons were waiting for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs). Please provide the respective numbers of severely mentally handicapped persons who had been on the waiting list for HSMHs for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 920)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on severely mentally handicapped persons having waited for HSMHs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0966****(Question Serial No. 6142)**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:

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of persons waiting for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) has been increasing by several dozens each year. Please provide the number of additional HSMHs and the respective percentage to the number of people waiting for the service in each year from 2010 to 2016, and advise whether there is any long-term planning for HSMHs for the coming 5 years. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Number and change of persons waiting for HSMHs		
Year (as at end-December)	Number of persons waiting for HSMHs	Change
2010-11	1 995	
2011-12	2 082	+87
2012-13	2 190	+108
2013-14	2 200	+10
2014-15	2 271	+71
2015-16	2 220	-51

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 921)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the statistics on HSMHs for 2010 or earlier (i.e. prior to the implementation of the Client Information System). The number of HSMHs and the number of additional HSMH places as a percentage of the number of persons waiting for HSMHs between 2011 and 2016 are tabulated as follows –

Year	Number of additional HSMH places	Number of persons waiting for HSMHs	Number of additional places as a percentage of the number of persons waiting for HSMHs
2011-12	25	2 082	1.2%
2012-13	164	2 190	7.5%
2013-14	-	2 200	-
2014-15	179	2 205	8.1%
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	-	2 200	-

After providing 1 additional HSMH in 2012-13 and 3 more in 2014-15, the Government plans to increase 993 HSMH places in the coming 5 years. SWD will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision for reviewing the service plans.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0967

(Question Serial No. 6143)

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 number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time, the age distribution (i.e. 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) and the cost per place per month for hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 922)

Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for HSPH by age group and their average waiting time in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the longest waiting time or the cost per place per month for HSPHs.

Table 1 - Number of people on the waiting list for HSPH by age group

Year	Number of people on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2014-15	46	112	57	115	194	41	-	-
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	45	114	56	118	218	48	-	1

Table 2 - Average waiting time for HSPH

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1]
2014-15	27.6
2015-16	Information not yet available ^[Note 2]

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

^[Note 2] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0968

(Question Serial No. 6144)

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:

Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) provide home living for severely physically handicapped persons, with or without mental handicap, who lack self-care skills and require assistance in personal and nursing care. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 600 severely physically handicapped persons were waiting for HSPHs. As there will be no additional place under the 2016-17 Estimate, physically handicapped persons can do nothing but just wait until the Government is kind enough. Please advise –

- a. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the severely physically handicapped persons who are on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 923)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of severely physically handicapped persons and their carers. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) takes into account individual circumstances of severely physically handicapped persons to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for HSPHs, including community care services for severely physically handicapped persons and their carers. These services include district support centres for persons with disabilities (PwDs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities, integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities, transitional care and support centre for tetraplegic patients, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for the disabled,

parents/relatives resource centres and community rehabilitation network. These services cover emotional support, personal and nursing care services, rehabilitation physical training, home respite service, escort service, cash subsidy for renting respiratory support medical equipment and purchasing medical consumables, etc.

- b. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing non-means-tested cash subsidy for eligible PwDs (including severely physically handicapped persons). PwDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. In addition, SWD launched the “Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities” on 1 November 2014 to regularise 2 Community Care Fund (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”). It renders support to severely physically handicapped persons who need constant attention and care to relieve their burden of medical equipment and medical consumables, and enable them to continue living in their familiar community. And the assistance programme of Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled under CCF aims at providing severely disabled persons who are living in the community and not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance with a special care subsidy for assisting them to purchase care goods, services or for other purposes related to nursing care. Moreover, the Chief Executive has announced in the 2016 Policy Address that CCF would be invited to introduce a pilot scheme to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of PwDs, with a view to providing enhanced support to PwDs and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0969

(Question Serial No. 6145)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of severely physically handicapped persons of different age groups admitted to hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 924)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of HSPHs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group in the past 2 years is set out at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of HSPHs by district in 2014 (as at end-December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
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	-	-
Total	1	57	192	130	132	51	3	-

Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users of HSPHs by district in 2015 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	3	13	12	13	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	3	19	13	11	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	8	22	19	20	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	11	27	9	15	12	3	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	7	11	14	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	5	5	6	9	3	-	-
Sha Tin	-	4	14	18	9	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	7	11	9	9	5	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	16	11	8	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	5	20	17	18	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	4	26	12	7	4	-	-
Total	1	52	180	137	133	59	4	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0970

(Question Serial No. 6146)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of severely physically handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 925)

Reply:

The breakdown of the number of applicants waiting for HSPH by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out in Annex.

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH by district and age group in 2014-15
(as at 31 March 2015)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	12	5	11	13	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	19	7	10	19	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	6	8	6	12	20	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	7	13	8	17	31	6	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	3	4	15	19	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	10	-	7	11	2	-	-
Sha Tin	4	8	-	11	32	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	6	9	4	4	13	6	-	-
Yuen Long	1	11	5	7	12	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	8	7	7	15	14	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	12	11	6	10	2	-	-
Total	46	112	57	115	194	41	-	-

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for HSPH by district and age group in 2015-16
(as at 31 December 2015)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	11	5	9	19	6	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	18	5	12	18	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	6	7	7	15	20	8	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	8	14	6	17	33	8	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	4	15	20	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	11	2	6	12	3	-	-
Sha Tin	5	9	-	11	36	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	5	9	4	6	14	5	-	-
Yuen Long	1	11	5	4	15	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	7	8	9	14	19	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	11	9	9	12	2	-	-
Total	45	114	56	118	218	48	-	1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0971

(Question Serial No. 6147)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 600 severely physically handicapped persons were waiting for hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs). Please provide the respective numbers of severely physically handicapped persons who had been on the waiting list for HSPHs for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 926)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical information on the number of severely physically handicapped persons who have been on the waiting list for HSPHs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0972

(Question Serial No. 6148)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 600 severely physically handicapped persons were waiting for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD). Please provide the respective numbers of severely physically handicapped persons who had been on the waiting list for C&A/SD for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 927)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on severely physically handicapped persons having waited for C&A/SD for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0973

(Question Serial No. 6149)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of severely disabled persons of different age groups waiting for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of severely mentally handicapped persons aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 928)

Reply:

The information on the number of persons of different age groups waiting for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) by Administrative District of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out in Tables 1 and 2 at the Annex. There are various types of disabilities among the applicants waiting for C&A/SD. SWD does not keep any statistics on the severely mentally handicapped persons of different age groups waiting for C&A/SD in various districts. The average waiting time for C&A/SD was 47.8 months in 2014-15. As the above waiting time was compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2015-16 is not yet available.

Table 1 : Age distribution and number of persons waiting for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) by district in 2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)

District	Number of persons 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	5	4	5	11	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	5	3	8	12	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	6	6	4	4	10	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	4	7	4	24	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	1	1	6	13	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	4	-	5	8	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	7	3	7	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	12	5	5	4	12	2	2	-
Yuen Long	22	3	2	3	8	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	14	4	5	4	21	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	7	5	3	10	2	-	-
Total	111	51	39	53	141	23	3	-

Table 2 : Age distribution and number of persons waiting for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) by district in 2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)

District	Number of persons 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	6	4	8	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	4	4	5	13	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	7	5	4	9	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	5	6	7	18	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	3	2	6	14	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	4	1	4	13	1	1	-
Sha Tin	4	6	5	5	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	10	3	2	6	11	4	1	-
Yuen Long	20	5	2	3	10	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	13	4	5	3	22	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	6	5	3	9	4	-	-
Total	115	53	41	54	146	29	5	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0974

(Question Serial No. 6150)

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:

Care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) provide home living for persons with severe mental/physical disability who are unlikely to benefit from a regular day training placement. They are in need of nursing and intensive personal care, but do not require infirmary care.

As at 31 December 2015, a total of 443 severely disabled persons were waiting for C&A/SD. Please advise –

- a. The Government planned to provide 40 additional places in 2014-15. According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0486 for the Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16, “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”. Please provide the details about the expected service commencement months for the 40 additional places.
- b. The additional places only account for 9% of the total. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the severely disabled persons who are on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 929)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The planned C&A/SD places had not come into operation as scheduled in 2015-16 mainly because of the longer than expected time required for construction of the new project. The project is expected to come into operation in the fourth quarter of 2016-17.

- b. & c. SWD will, having regard to individual circumstances, refer persons with severe disabilities waiting for C&A/SDs to day training, community support services, etc., including various subsidised community care and support services, such as district support centres for persons with disabilities, home care service for persons with severe disabilities and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS). The aim is to offer targeted training and support services to persons with disabilities and their families/carers 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.

At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is a non-means-tested cash allowance available to eligible persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities with financial needs may choose to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). Both DA recipients and CSSA recipients with severe disabilities or in need of constant attendance can benefit from the “Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, ISS provides special subsidies on renting respiratory support medical equipment and purchasing medical consumables, rendering support to persons with severe physical disabilities who need constant attention and care to relieve their burden of medical equipment and medical consumables, and enable them to continue living in their familiar community. The Community Care Fund (CCF) also launched the assistance programme of Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled, which aims at providing severely disabled persons who are living in the community and not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance with a special care subsidy for assisting them to purchase personal care items, services or for other purposes related to nursing care. In addition, the Chief Executive has announced in his 2016 Policy Address that CCF is to be invited to introduce pilot schemes to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities, so as to further support persons with disabilities and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0975

(Question Serial No. 6151)

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 numbers of severely disabled persons of different age groups admitted to care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) in each year from 2014 to 2016, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (including the numbers of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged 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. 930)

Reply:

SWD does not capture statistics on moderately mentally handicapped persons among the service users of C&A/SDs. Information on the numbers of service users of C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2014 and 2015 is set out in Tables 1 and 2 at the Annex.

Table 1 : 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	-
Total	12	252	159	157	199	141	32	3

Table 2 : Number of service users of C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2015
(as at end-December 2015)

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	-	13	18	18	21	21	3	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	15	14	10	24	16	4	-
Kwun Tong	-	18	18	17	26	13	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	2	30	18	15	17	17	1	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	7	11	11	16	22	4	-
Sham Shui Po	3	44	18	15	12	6	1	-
Sha Tin	-	29	15	9	17	8	3	1
Tai Po/North	1	31	12	8	12	8	4	-
Yuen Long	2	21	15	12	12	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	27	18	27	37	15	3	-
Tuen Mun	2	24	8	9	14	14	5	1
Total	15	259	165	151	208	146	31	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0976

(Question Serial No. 6152)

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 numbers of severely disabled persons of different age groups waiting for care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) in each year from 2014 to 2016, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (including the numbers of moderately mentally handicapped persons aged 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. 931)

Reply:

SWD does not capture statistics on moderately mentally handicapped persons among applicants waiting for C&A/SDs. Information on the numbers of persons waiting for C&A/SDs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2014-16 is set out at the Annex.

Table 1: Number of persons waiting for C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2014-15
(as at end-March 2015)

District	Number of persons 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	5	4	5	11	2	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	5	3	8	12	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	6	6	4	4	10	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	13	4	7	4	24	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	1	1	6	13	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	4	-	5	8	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	7	3	7	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	12	5	5	4	12	2	2	-
Yuen Long	22	3	2	3	8	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	14	4	5	4	21	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	7	5	3	10	2	-	-
Total	111	51	39	53	141	23	3	-

Table 2: Number of persons waiting for C&A/SDs by district and age group in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)

District	Number of persons 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	6	4	8	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	4	4	5	13	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	7	5	4	9	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	16	5	6	7	18	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	8	3	2	6	14	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	16	4	1	4	13	1	1	-
Sha Tin	4	6	5	5	12	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	10	3	2	6	11	4	1	-
Yuen Long	20	5	2	3	10	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	13	4	5	3	22	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	6	5	3	9	4	-	-
Total	115	53	41	54	146	29	5	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0977

(Question Serial No. 6153)

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 443 severely disabled persons waiting for places of care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) as at 31 December 2015. Please provide the numbers of those who had been waiting for the places for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above respectively as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 932)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on severely disabled persons having waited for C&A/SDs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0978****(Question Serial No. 6154)**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 numbers of persons with visual impairment of different age groups (aged 60-69, 70-79, and over 80) waiting for places of care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs), their average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the average monthly cost on each place in each year from 2013 to 2016, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 933)Reply:

The information on the numbers of persons of different age groups waiting for places of C&A/ABs by Administrative District of SWD from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at the Annex. The average waiting time is set out in the table below –

Year	Average waiting time (in months)
2013-14	8.4
2014-15	9
2015-16	Information not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis, covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2015-16 is not yet available now.

SWD does not capture the longest waiting time for C&A/ABs. The cost per place per month for rehabilitation residential services operated by non-governmental organisations is \$11,906, \$13,174 and \$13,857 respectively for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Table 1 : Persons waiting for C&A/ABs by age group and district of residence in 2013-14
(as at end-March 2014)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
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
Total	20	37	63

Table 2 : Persons waiting for C&A/ABs by age group and district of residence in 2014-15
(as at end-March 2015)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	1	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	2	5	7
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	7	16
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	6
Sham Shui Po	1	4	9
Sha Tin	2	3	10
Tai Po/North	3	-	3
Yuen Long	-	2	6
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	5	8
Tuen Mun	1	5	4
Total	17	37	77

Table 3 : Persons waiting C&A/ABs by age group and district of residence in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	3	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	4	8
Kwun Tong	2	5	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	3	11
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	4
Sham Shui Po	-	1	8
Sha Tin	3	6	8
Tai Po/North	3	-	2
Yuen Long	1	-	8
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	3	7
Tuen Mun	-	2	4
Total	21	30	76

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0979

(Question Serial No. 6155)

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 numbers of disabled persons of different age groups admitted to care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) in each year from 2014 to 2016, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (including the numbers 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 934)

Reply:

Information on the number of service users of C&A/ABs in the past 2 years by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out at the Annex.

Table 1: Number of service users of C&A/ABs by district and age group in 2014
(as at end-December 2014)

District	Age group		
	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
Total	52	134	613

Table 2: Number of service users of C&A/ABs by district and age group in 2015
(as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	10	12	107
Eastern/Wan Chai	10	17	77
Kwun Tong	3	16	56
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	12	42
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	5	13	43
Sham Shui Po	4	6	32
Sha Tin	2	7	35
Tai Po/North	5	5	39
Yuen Long	2	14	43
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	4	19	56
Tuen Mun	6	14	63
Total	55	135	593

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0980

(Question Serial No. 6156)

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 numbers of disabled persons of different age groups waiting for care-and-attention (C&A) homes for the aged blind in each year from 2014 to 2016, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (including the numbers 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 935)

Reply:

Information on the number of persons waiting for care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) from 2014-15 to 2015-16 by Administrative District of SWD and age group is set out at the Annex.

Table 1: Number of persons waiting for C&A/AB
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15
(as at end-March 2015)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	1	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	2	5	7
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	2	7	16
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	6
Sham Shui Po	1	4	9
Sha Tin	2	3	10
Tai Po/North	3	-	3
Yuen Long	-	2	6
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	-	5	8
Tuen Mun	1	5	4
Total	17	37	77

Table 2: Number of persons waiting for C&A/AB
by district of residence and age group in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group		
	Aged 60-69	Aged 70-79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	3	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	4	8
Kwun Tong	2	5	8
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	3	11
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	4
Sham Shui Po	-	1	8
Sha Tin	3	6	8
Tai Po/North	3	-	2
Yuen Long	1	-	8
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	3	7
Tuen Mun	-	2	4
Total	21	30	76

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0981

(Question Serial No. 6157)

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 care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) provides residential care, meals, personal care and limited nursing care for elderly blind persons who suffer from poor health or physical/mental disabilities. As at 31 December 2015, there were a total of 127 elderly blind persons waiting for C&A/ABs. However, as shown the Estimates, the Government will not increase the number of places of these C&A homes in 2016-17. The elderly blind persons can do nothing but wait until the Government is kind enough. Please advise –

- a. whether the Government has looked at the mental health of the elderly blind persons waiting for C&A/ABs and that of their carers. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. whether the Government will consider providing allowances in an amount equivalent to the cost per place per month (i.e. \$14,161) to those who are waiting so as to provide support to them. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 936)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of elderly blind persons and their carers. The Social Welfare Department takes into account individual circumstances of blind elderly persons to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for C&A/ABs, including community care services for blind elderly persons and their carers. These services include district support centres for persons with disabilities (PWDs), day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for PWDs, parents/relatives resource centres, Community-based Support Projects for PWDs, integrated community centres for mental wellness, community rehabilitation network and Gateway Club etc.

These services cover training in social and independent living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving blind elderly persons, community care services also provide their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks, workshops, etc. to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PWDs.

- b. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing non-means-tested cash subsidy for eligible PWDs (including elderly blind persons). PWDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible PWDs. Moreover, the Chief Executive has announced in the 2016 Policy Address that the Community Care Fund would be invited to introduce pilot schemes to provide a living allowance for low-income carers of PWDs, with a view to providing enhanced support to PWDs and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0982

(Question Serial No. 6158)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into small homes for 5 or 10 elderly blind persons, with a view to allowing these persons to age in a familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years for setting up such small homes? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 937)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0983

(Question Serial No. 6159)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered setting up small homes for 5 or 10 elderly blind persons in urban renewal projects, with a view to allowing them to age in a familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau got in touch with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to reserve land for setting up small homes for elderly blind persons in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 938)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including urban renewal projects of URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0984

(Question Serial No. 6160)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Does the Government have any policy in place to reserve the flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates (PHEs) to be completed in the coming 5 years for setting up small homes for 5 or 10 elderly blind persons, with a view to facilitating their community integration? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society for reservation of land to set up small homes for elderly blind persons in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 939)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0985

(Question Serial No. 6161)

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 127 elderly blind persons waiting for places of care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) as at 31 December 2015. Please provide the numbers of those who had been waiting for the places for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above respectively as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 940)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on elderly blind persons having waited for C&A/ABs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)0986****(Question Serial No. 6162)**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 aged blind (C&A/ABs) has been maintained by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) at 825 since 2006-07. According to the reply (serial number LWB(WW)0483) regarding 2015-16 Estimates, "although there is no plan to provide additional C&A/AB places in the coming 5 years, SWD will continue to monitor the overall service provision and review the relevant service planning to meet the service demand". In the absence of service plans, please advise –

whether the Government has any policy in place to ensure the right of accommodation for elderly blind persons aged over 60. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

the reasons for 3 elderly blind persons aged 60 or above in 2010-11 having gone missing in 2011-12;

the reasons for 14 elderly blind persons aged 80 or above in 2012-13 having gone missing in 2013-14;

whether the Government is meeting the demand for residential care services by the 127 elderly persons by means of natural wastage?

Age distribution and total number of those waiting for C&A/AB places				
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
2010-11	12	31	60	103
2011-12	9	27	54	90
2012-13	18	25	77	120
2013-14	20	37	63	120

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 941)Reply:

Elderly blind persons suffering from poor health or physical/mental disabilities who require residential care may wait for C&A/AB places through referral by social workers. SWD has been monitoring the overall service provision of C&A/AB and reviewing the service

planning by maintaining close contact with the service units to keep track of the utilisation of C&A/AB places, encouraging the applicants to widen their scope of choices to other districts through the referring social workers in order to increase their chances of allocation of placement, coordinating the communication between the referring social workers and the service units to speed up the admission process for service users, and adjusting the ratio between male and female residential places of the service units to address service needs, etc. For elderly blind persons waiting for C&A/ABs, caseworkers also provide them with necessary support services based on their individual needs, including the needs for alternative residential care services or arrangement of priority placements.

As for the number of applicants on the waiting list for C&A/ABs, the figure will vary depending on the number of new applications and the number of applicants leaving the waiting list. Generally speaking, applicants' reasons for leaving the waiting list include having been allocated a place, choosing to live with their family members, and service no longer required, etc. SWD does not have statistical information on applicants' reasons for withdrawal with a breakdown by age group.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6463)

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:

Supported Hostels (SHOS) provide group home living for people with disabilities who can only live semi-independently with a fair amount of assistance from hostel staff in daily activities. As at 31 December 2015, a total of 1 644 persons with disabilities (PwDs) were waiting for SHOS. Please advise –

- a. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of PwDs who are on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$14,161 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 942)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of PwDs (including those on the waiting list for SHOS) and their carers. The Social Welfare Department takes into account individual circumstances of PwDs to make referrals as appropriate for them to receive community support services while waiting for SHOSs, including district support centres for PwDs, day and residential respite services, social and recreational centres for the disabled, parents/relatives resource centres, community-based support projects for PwDs, integrated community centres for mental wellness, community rehabilitation network and gateway clubs etc. These services cover training in social and independent living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving PwDs, community care services will also provide their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to enhance their capabilities in taking care of PwDs.

- b. At present, the Disability Allowance (DA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme is providing non-means-tested cash subsidy for eligible PwDs (including persons with intellectual disabilities). PwDs with financial needs may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). DA recipients, as well as CSSA recipients who are severely disabled or in need of constant attendance, can benefit from the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible PwDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0988

(Question Serial No. 6464)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 1 644 persons with disabilities were waiting for supported hostels (SHOS) (including SHOS for mentally handicapped persons, SHOS for physically handicapped persons, SHOS for mentally handicapped and visually impaired persons, SHOS for ex-mentally ill persons). Please provide the respective numbers of persons with disabilities who had been on the waiting list for various types of SHOS for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, and 10 years or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 943)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on persons with disabilities having waited for SHOS for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0989

(Question Serial No. 6465)

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 number of people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for Supported Hostels (SHOS) for Mentally Handicapped Persons, SHOS for Physically Handicapped Persons, SHOS for Mentally Handicapped and Visually Impaired Persons, and SHOS for ex-Mentally Ill Persons in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 944)

Reply:

The number of people on the waiting list and the average waiting time for SHOSs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of people waiting for different types of SHOSs, the longest waiting time or the cost per place per month.

Number of people on the waiting list and average waiting time for SHOSs

Year	Number of people on waiting list	Average waiting time (in months)
2013-14	1 340	16.5
2014-15	1 500	19.4
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1 644	Information not yet available [Note]

[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0990

(Question Serial No. 6466)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of persons with disabilities of different age groups admitted to supported hostels (SHOS) for mentally handicapped persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for physically handicapped persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for mentally handicapped and visually impaired persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-mentally ill persons (SHOS(ExMI)) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of those aged between 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 945)

Reply:

The information on the number of service users of SHOS broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group for the past 2 years is set out at Annex. SWD does not have statistical information on the persons with disabilities admitted to different types of SHOSs (i.e. SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS(ExMI)) broken down by district and age group.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users of SHOS by district in 2014 (as at 31 December 2014)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
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	-	-	-
Total	2	87	142	190	137	28	-	-

Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users of SHOS by district in 2015 (as at 31 December 2015)

District	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	6	14	18	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	8	12	18	14	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	11	19	26	16	2	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	11	10	26	20	1	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	3	6	5	15	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	12	10	13	5	-	-
Sha Tin	-	10	15	13	11	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	11	15	24	10	9	-	-
Yuen Long	1	1	11	15	9	2	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	6	20	23	18	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	2	7	11	10	1	-	-
Total	1	76	141	189	151	34	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0991

(Question Serial No. 6467)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of persons with disabilities of different age groups waiting for supported hostels (SHOS) for Mentally Handicapped Persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for Physically Handicapped Persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for Mentally Handicapped and Visually Impaired Persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-Mentally Ill Persons (SHOS(ExMI)) in each year from 2014 to 2016 (including the number of those 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).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 946)

Reply:

The information on the number of people waiting for SHOSs broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out at Annex. SWD does not have statistical information on the persons with disabilities waiting for different types of SHOSs by district and age group.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of applicants waiting for SHOSs by district in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	32	18	25	23	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	23	26	34	22	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	13	32	37	39	20	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	14	57	40	51	54	9	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	17	15	27	25	3	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	15	23	32	24	3	-	-
Sha Tin	2	33	40	17	20	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	20	57	42	24	17	5	-	-
Yuen Long	7	46	34	32	15	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	37	36	43	30	2	-	-
Tuen Mun	9	42	47	18	17	4	-	-
Total	91	391	358	342	267	50	1	-

Table 2: Number and age distribution of applicants waiting for SHOSs by district in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Age group							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	35	26	23	26	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	23	24	33	25	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	15	34	42	43	27	8	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	11	63	43	61	59	9	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	21	18	28	26	4	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	19	30	40	27	4	-	-
Sha Tin	4	36	46	24	16	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	23	52	54	22	20	6	-	-
Yuen Long	9	47	34	30	23	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	44	40	44	33	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	7	47	45	22	18	4	-	-
Total	95	421	402	370	300	55	1	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0992

(Question Serial No. 6468)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into supported hostels (SHOS) for mentally handicapped persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for physically handicapped persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for mentally handicapped and visually impaired persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-mentally ill persons (SHOS(ExMI)) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), so that residents can continue living in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society in the past 5 years for the provision of SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS (ExMI)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 947)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including PHEs), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities, including SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS (ExMI), in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0993

(Question Serial No. 6469)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects supported hostels (SHOS) for mentally handicapped persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for physically handicapped persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for mentally handicapped and visually impaired persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-mentally ill persons (SHOS(ExMI)) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), so that residents can continue living in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) requested the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to reserve space for the provision of SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS(ExMI) in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 948)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD will review the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders. In collaboration with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.), SWD also reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including the urban renewal projects under the URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects, including SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS(ExMI), be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0994

(Question Serial No. 6470)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Is there a policy for reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of Supported Hostels (SHOS) for Mentally Handicapped Persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for Physically Handicapped Persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for Mentally Handicapped and Visually Impaired Persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-Mentally Ill Persons (SHOS(ExMI)) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), so that residents can continue living in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications for reserving space for the provision of SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS(ExMI) to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 949)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD will review service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders. In collaboration with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), SWD also reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including public housing estates), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects, including SHOS(MH), SHOS(PH), SHOS(MH+VI) and SHOS(ExMI), be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0995

(Question Serial No. 6471)

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:

The services of Supported Hostels (SHOS) for Mentally Handicapped Persons (SHOS(MH)), SHOS for Physically Handicapped Persons (SHOS(PH)), SHOS for Mentally Handicapped and Visually Impaired Persons (SHOS(MH+VI)), and SHOS for ex-Mentally Ill Persons (SHOS(ExMI)) target persons with mild disabilities who have a certain degree of self-maintenance abilities. Please advise whether there is any policy for the Government to increase the provision of various types of SHOS.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 950)

Reply:

In view of the high demand from persons with disabilities for various rehabilitation services (including SHOS), the Government will continue to proactively identify sites and premises for the provision of additional places through a multi-pronged approach, including reserving sites for setting up residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) at the Government's site planning stage as far as possible; paying close attention to some government properties and school premises which will be made available for setting up RCHDs due to service re-engineering; and proactively identifying some vacant flats in public housing estates for conversion into RCHDs, so as to relieve the pressure on service demand and shorten the waiting time. The Government is also planning to add about 270 places for SHOS in the coming 5 years (i.e. from 2016-17 to 2020-21). SWD will continue to monitor the service demand and the overall service provision for reviewing the service plans.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0996

(Question Serial No. 6472)

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:

Why is the provision of Supported Hostels (SHOS) excluded from the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme)? Will the Government actively consider providing SHOS places under the Special Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 951)

Reply:

Under the Special Scheme, an applicant organisation has to provide on a site under its ownership a net increase in the provision of 1 or more than 1 of the welfare service on the list of facilities set out by the Government through expansion, re-development or new development. The list includes facilities for 3 types of elderly services and 8 types of services for persons with disabilities that are in great demand now or in the foreseeable future.

In 2014-15, the waiting time for SHOS was shorter than that for other residential care services, including Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons, Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons, Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons, etc. Having considered factors such as the improvement in community care services for persons with disabilities in recent years, the Government currently has no plans to include SHOS in the above list of facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0997

(Question Serial No. 6473)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), with a view to enabling them to live in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made applications to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for reserving space for the provision of SGH(MMHC) in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 952)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. SWD will review service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders. In collaboration with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.), SWD also reserves/identifies suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including the urban renewal projects under the URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects, including SGH(MMHC), be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)0998

(Question Serial No. 6474)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Is there a policy for reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)s) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), so that the children can continue living in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications for reserving space for the provision of SGH(MMHC) to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 953)

Reply:

SGH(MMHC)s are operated in the mode of a small home. There are 8 places at each SGH(MMHC), providing care in a home-like environment for mildly mentally handicapped children. Premises have been reserved by SWD at newly developed public housing estate(s) in Sha Tin for the provision of SGH(MMHC). The Government will continue to consult service operators and stakeholders in reviewing the service needs regularly and, in collaboration with relevant government departments, reserve/identify suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts.

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LWB(WW)0999

(Question Serial No. 6475)

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 indicated that the long waiting time for residential care places is due to land issues. Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates into small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) (such as homes for 5 or 10 persons), so that the children can continue living in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years for the provision of SGH(MMHC)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 954)

Reply:

SGH(MMHC)s are operated in the mode of a small home. There are 8 places at each SGH(MMHC), providing care in a home-like environment for mildly mentally handicapped children. New SGH(MMHC)s have been planned by SWD at existing public housing estate in Wong Tai Sin, pending approval for change of land use. The Government will continue to consult service operators and stakeholders in reviewing the service needs regularly and, in collaboration with relevant government departments, reserve/identify suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1000

(Question Serial No. 6476)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 9 587 persons with disabilities were waitlisted for rehabilitation services at residential care homes for persons with disabilities, while as at 31 January 2016, 33 285 elderly persons were waitlisted for residential care homes for the elderly, indicating a substantial demand for residential care services. Additional places provided by the Government each year are just a drop in the bucket. Please advise whether the Government will consider adding one condition in its land sale by auction requiring private developers to allocate 5% of the space in development projects for the construction of subsidised residential care homes, so as to safeguard the interests of the elderly and persons with disabilities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 955)

Reply:

In planning private development projects, apart from taking into account housing supply, the relevant departments will also consult various Government departments and organisations concerned, including the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and District Councils, with a view to providing suitable community and welfare facilities for local residents and the community having regard to the demographic development and community needs of the respective districts. In deciding whether it is appropriate to provide the proposed welfare facilities in the relevant development projects, SWD takes into account, among other factors, the service needs, site conditions, the feasibility and suitability of providing the proposed facilities. If individual sites to be put up for sale by the Government are suitable for the provision of welfare facilities, such as subsidised residential care homes for the elderly or persons with disabilities, SWD will propose to the Lands Department that relevant terms be added to the land sale conditions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1001

(Question Serial No. 6477)

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 31 December 2015, a total of 127 blind elderly persons were waiting for care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs). According to Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)0483 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, "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". Given that there is no plan to provide additional C&A/AB places in the coming 5 years, please advise how SWD can continue to monitor the overall service provision and review the relevant service planning to meet the service demand of these 127 blind elderly persons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 956)

Reply:

SWD has been monitoring the overall service provision of C&A/ABs and examining the service planning. Measures taken have included maintaining close liaison with the service units to keep track of the utilisation of the places, calling on referring social workers to encourage applicants to broaden their choices of locations so as to increase the chance of securing a place, coordinating the communication between referring social workers and the service units to speed up the admission process for service users, and adjusting the male-to-female ratio for the places in the service units so as to meet service needs. To meet the welfare needs of the blind elderly persons on the waiting list, the respective case workers will continue to provide them with necessary support services and review their welfare plans from time to time, including their needs for arrangement of other residential care services or priority places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1002

(Question Serial No. 6478)

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)0491 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, "the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to apply for funding from the Lotteries Fund to implement a three-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". Please provide the annual and total funding allocation, implementation details, district distribution, list of organisations, application methods, service mode and estimated number of beneficiaries of the pilot project.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 957)

Reply:

SWD secured a funding of about \$27 million from the Lotteries Fund to commission 2 non-governmental organisations to launch the "Pilot Project on Strengthening Support for Persons with Autism and their Parents/Carers (the project) in April 2016 for a period of 30 months. The objective of the project is to enhance and develop the abilities of young persons with high-functioning autism through multi-disciplinary teams, including clinical psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists etc., with a view to helping them cope with various challenges during their transition into adulthood, offering support services for the parents/carers of persons with autism; and providing professional support and training for subvented rehabilitation service units serving persons with autism. The project, run on a territory-wide basis, is expected to provide casework service for no less than 400 young persons with high functioning autism and their parents/carers, and it will

also benefit other subvented rehabilitation service units serving persons with autism. SWD plans to commission an academic institution in the second quarter of 2016 to review the effectiveness of the project to facilitate the Government's consideration of whether the project should be regularised and the service mode to be adopted when regularised.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1003

(Question Serial No. 6479)

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)0492 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, "the Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), with a total of 1 000 training places to be provided in the next few years". Please advise the following –

- a. the number of applicants and the number of persons enrolled in the Navigation Scheme;
- b. the age distribution and educational attainment of trainees enrolled in the Navigation Scheme;
- c. the amount of funding already spent on the implementation of the Navigation Scheme; and
- d. the content, number of hours and duration of training and the number of placement hours required, and the lists of operators and participating organisations under the Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 958)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. & b. The Government launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years. Young persons aged between 18 and 25 who have completed Form 5 education or possessed an equivalent qualification are encouraged to join the elderly or rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2015, there were a total of 234 applicants under the Navigation Scheme, with about 160 of them having been formally recruited as trainees.

- c. The revised estimate for the Navigation Scheme for 2015-16 is around \$24.9 million.
- d. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the Navigation Scheme are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time diploma course. After successfully completing the first year of the course, they may apply to the Social Welfare Department 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.

Under the Navigation Scheme, every trainee will work for 44 hours per week in the unit hiring him. Trainees recruited as care workers in 2015-16 would receive a starting monthly salary of \$9,900. The monthly salary for trainees successfully registered as health workers will be increased to \$11,890.

The 5 operating agencies and their partner training institutes under the Navigation Scheme are as follows –

Operating agency	Partner training institute
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	Hong Kong Open University
Haven of Hope Christian Service	Lingnan University Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies and Lingnan Institute of Further Education
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	Institute of Vocational Education (Shatin) Vocational Training Council
Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Institute of Community Education
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Tung Wah College

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1004****(Question Serial No. 6480)**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 details on the services handled by psychiatric medical social workers (MSWs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the numbers of Social Work Officers (SWOs) and Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs), the ratio of SWOs to ASWOs (i.e. the ratio of supervisory to frontline social workers), and the amount of funding involved in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 959)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of psychiatric MSW		Case served	Expenditure [Note]
	SWO	ASWO		(\$ million)
2011-12 (Actual)	51	192	69 482	302.6
2012-13 (Actual)	51	192	71 140	334.4
2013-14 (Actual)	51	192	69 545	356.4
2014-15 (Actual)	51	192	69 436	378.2
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	51	192	69 640	402.4

[Note] The figures refer to the total expenditure for medical social services (MSS). SWD does not capture the breakdown of funding by psychiatric MSS and non-psychiatric MSS.

The SWOs in psychiatric medical social service units may also undertake supervisory and administrative duties, in addition to the delivery of casework services. The ratio of SWOs to ASWOs is around 1:3.8.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1005****(Question Serial No. 6481)**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 details on the services handled by medical social workers (MSWs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), as well as the numbers of Social Work Officers (SWOs) and Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs), the ratio of SWOs to ASWOs, and the amount of funding involved for providing medical social services in 2010-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 960)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of MSWs		Number of cases served	Expenditure (\$ million)
	SWOs	ASWOs		
2011-12 (Actual)	74	357	171 958	302.6
2012-13 (Actual)	74	357	172 804	334.4
2013-14 (Actual)	75	360	174 781	356.4
2014-15 (Actual)	75	363	179 912	378.2
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	75	363	186 072	402.4

The manpower ratio of SWOs to ASWOs in the medical social services units (both psychiatric and non-psychiatric services) of SWD is around 1:4.8.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1006

(Question Serial No. 6483)

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 by just 142, or less than 10%, from 1 829 to 1 971. However, there were 1 489 children with disabilities on the waiting list as at January 2016. Please provide –

- a. the respective numbers of existing and new SCCC places that the additional places will be distributed; and the details of the distribution;
- b. a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of children with disabilities of different age groups using day service in SCCC places (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) in each year from 2014 to 2016;
- c. a breakdown, by administrative district of SWD, of the number of children with disabilities of different age groups waiting for occasional child care service places in SCCC places and the waiting time (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6) in each year from 2014 to 2016; and
- d. a breakdown, by administrative district of SWD, of the numbers of SCCC places and service places, and the cost per place per month from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 962)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Among the additional SCCC places, 90 places are to be provided by 2 new SCCC places in Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po where service is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2016-17. The other 52 places are to be provided through in-situ expansion of existing SCCC places. 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., SWD is unable to provide details at this point.

- b. The numbers of children with disabilities using SCCCs by Administrative District of SWD and age group in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 in the Annex.
- c. Occasional child care service for children with disabilities aims to provide at SCCCs and/or early education and training centres temporary care in a safe place for children with disabilities so that their parents/carers may occasionally go out to take care of important or urgent matters. The risk of accidents arising from leaving these children unattended at home is thus reduced. Instead of applying through SWD's central referral system (CRS), applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, CRS of SWD does not capture the relevant information.
- d. The number of SCCC units and the number of places by Administrative District of SWD in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out in Tables 3 and 4 in the Annex.

The cost per place per month for pre-school services for children with disabilities run by non-governmental organisations in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows –

Service	Cost per place per month	
	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,613	7,767

**Table 1: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2014-15
(as at end-March 2015)**

District	Number of Service Users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	76	72	155
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	82	100	188
Kwun Tong	5	87	79	171
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	87	120	214
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	62	100	169
Sham Shui Po	9	43	64	116
Sha Tin	9	74	82	165
Tai Po/North	3	56	80	139
Yuen Long	5	70	76	151
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	62	120	189
Tuen Mun	4	46	48	98
Total	69	745	941	1 755

**Table 2: Number of SCCC service users by district and age group in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of Service Users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	8	74	68	150
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	92	81	182
Kwun Tong	9	69	89	167
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	95	104	207
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	65	101	173
Sham Shui Po	4	53	57	114
Sha Tin	9	76	83	168
Tai Po/North	5	68	68	141
Yuen Long	4	80	79	163
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	83	93	186
Tuen Mun	5	40	56	101
Total	78	795	879	1 752

**Table 3: Number of SCCC units and their district distribution
from 2014-15 to 2015-16**

District	Number of units	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	5
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	3
Kwun Tong	1	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	7
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	1
Sham Shui Po	4	4
Sha Tin	3	3
Tai Po/North	4	4
Yuen Long	3	3
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	4
Tuen Mun	2	2
Total	37	37

**Table 4: Number of SCCC places and their district distribution
from 2014-15 to 2015-16**

District	Number of places	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	199	199
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216
Kwun Tong	66	66
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	333	333
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30
Sham Shui Po	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138
Tai Po/North	192	192
Yuen Long	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	168	168
Tuen Mun	120	120
Total	1 775	1 775

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1007

(Question Serial No. 6484)

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)0496 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, among those waiting for special child care centres (SCCCs) in 2014-15, 95 and 153 of them lived in Kwun Tong and Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong respectively. There was 1 SCCC in each of the 2 districts, providing 66 and 30 places respectively. Please advise whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional SCCC in the 2 districts. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 963)

Reply:

SWD plans to provide 1 additional SCCC in Kwun Tong each year between 2016-17 and 2017-18, with each providing 60 places. As appropriate premises have not yet been identified in Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong, SWD is unable to provide additional SCCC in those districts in the coming 2 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1008

(Question Serial No. 6485)

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)0496 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, among those waiting for special child care centres (SCCCs) in 2014-15, 510 were aged 0 to 2, 642 aged 3 to 4 and 30 aged 5 or above, with a total of 1 182 children. That is a pathetic situation. As at January 2016, a total of 1 489 children with disabilities were waiting for the service. Please advise –

- a. Please provide the details about the districts and the expected service commencement months for the 142 additional places.
- b. The additional places only account for 9.5% of the total. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the children with disabilities on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$7,769 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 964)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Of the additional SCCC places, 90 places to be provided at 2 new centres in Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po are expected to commence service in the fourth quarter of 2016-17. The other 52 places to be provided through in-situ expansion of the existing SCCC are still at the preparatory stage. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is unable to provide detailed information at this stage.
- b. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of the parents/carers of children with special needs. SWD is currently providing through

6 subvented parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in Hong Kong a focal point for persons in need (including parents and relatives/carers of children with special needs) to share experience, obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home.

- c. The Government provides training subsidy to eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, with a view to enabling them to acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers as soon as possible. The Programme offers 1 422 places. At present, training subsidy of up to \$3,867 per month is granted for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCCs or residential SCCCs. Starting from 2016-17, training subsidy will be increased up to \$5,995 per month for each eligible child who is on the waiting list for SCCCs or residential SCCCs. The additional full-year expenditure is about \$11 million. Moreover, starting from the 2017/18 school year, the Government will waive the fees and charges for SCCCs and allow children on the waiting list for SCCCs to receive the training subsidy without going through the means test.

In addition, the Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund for children attending kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs). The projects under the Pilot Scheme were launched in phases from November 2015 to January 2016. The 16 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) participating in the Pilot Project are coordinating the inter-disciplinary service teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical psychologists/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) to provide 2 925 service places for children who are attending more than 450 KGs or KG-cum-CCCs and on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (including SCCCs). Apart from providing services to children with special needs and teachers/child care workers, the inter-disciplinary teams also provide parents with professional support, including consultation service, talks, workshops, seminars, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1009****(Question Serial No. 6486)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for special child care centres (SCCCs) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 965)Reply:

The number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants on the waiting list for SCCC	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
SCCC	1 437	1 419

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) operates the central referral system for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services (including early education and training centre, SCCC and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre). SWD does not have statistical information on the longest waiting time for SCCC. The average waiting time for SCCC in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	
	2014-15	2015-16
SCCC	17.3	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The cost per place per month of pre-school services for children with disabilities operated by non-governmental organisations in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	Cost per place per month	
	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,613	7,767

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1010****(Question Serial No. 6487)**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:

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of persons waiting for special child care centres (SCCCs) has been increasing by about 100 each year. Please provide the number of additional hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) and the respective percentage to the number of people waiting for the service in each year from 2010 to 2016, and advise whether there is any long-term planning for SCCC for the coming 5 years. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 966)Reply:

The number of additional HMMHs, the number of additional residential places, the number of people waiting for the service and the percentage of additional places to the number of people waiting for the service in each year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	No. of additional HMMHs	No. of additional residential places	No. of people waiting for the service	Percentage of additional places to the number of people waiting for the service
2011-12	-	18	1 369	1.3%
2012-13	-	5	1 533	0.3%
2013-14	1	72	1 694	4.3%
2014-15	1	20	1 784	1.1%
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	-	-	1 943	-

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to identify suitable premises for the provision of additional SCCC places. 465 additional SCCC places are planned to be provided between now and 2018-19 in the SWD administrative districts of Tai Po/North, Tuen Mun, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Eastern/Wan Chai, and Central/Western/Southern & Islands.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1011

(Question Serial No. 6488)

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:

Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into special child care centres (SCCCs), with a view to enabling the children to grow up in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years for the provision of SCCC's? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 967)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and jointly identifies/reserves suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts (including SCCC's). According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including those of HD or HS), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities, including SCCC's, in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

SWD has proposed that flats on the lower floors in PHEs newly constructed by HD in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Tung Chung and Sha Tin be reserved for the provision of 7 SCCC's, which are expected to commence service in phases in the coming 5 years. SWD will continue to liaise with HD and relevant government departments to explore the feasibility of providing SCCC's in other suitable PHEs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1012

(Question Serial No. 6489)

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:

Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects special child care centres (SCCCs), with a view to enabling the children to grow up in their familiar community? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for reserving space for the provision of SCCC in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 968)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD also reviews the service needs on a regular basis through consultation with service operators and stakeholders and collaborates with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.) to identify/reserve suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including urban renewal projects of URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities, including SCCC, in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

SWD has proposed to provide welfare facilities at Hai Tan Street/Kweilin Street & Pei Ho Street Development Scheme, Sham Shui Po of URA, including 1 SCCC. The relevant works are expected to be completed in 2020. SWD will continue to liaise with relevant government departments and URA to explore the feasibility of providing SCCC in other suitable URA projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1013

(Question Serial No. 6490)

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:

Is there a policy for reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates (PHEs) to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of special child care centres (SCCCs)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications for reserving space for the provision of SCCC to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 969)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD reviews service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders. In collaboration with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), SWD also identifies/reserves suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including those of HD or HS), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects, including SCCC, be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

As proposed by SWD, flats on the lower floors in PHEs newly constructed by HD in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tung Chung, Sha Tin and Wong Tai Sin have been reserved for the provision of 7 SCCC. These SCCC are expected to commence service in phases in the coming 5 years. SWD will continue to liaise with HD and relevant government departments to explore the feasibility of providing SCCC in other suitable projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1014

(Question Serial No. 6491)

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 31 January 2016, a total of 1 489 children with disabilities were waiting for special child care centres (SCCCs). Please provide the respective numbers of persons who had been on the waiting list for hostels for 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, and 30 months or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 970)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on children with disabilities having waited for SCCC for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1015

(Question Serial No. 6492)

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 94 to 98. Please provide –

- a. the details about the districts and the expected service commencement months for the 4 additional places; and
- b. a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of units providing day service of OCCS, the number of places and the cost per place per month from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 971)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. As 8 day service places of OCCS were expected to come into operation in the first quarter of 2016, the number of places in the Revised Estimate for 2015-16 was 94. In 2016-17, SWD will provide 4 additional places of OCCS for children with disabilities in Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po districts, which are expected to commence service in the fourth quarter of 2016-17.
- b. The number of units providing OCCS for children with disabilities and the number of places by Administrative District of SWD in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have the cost per place per month of OCCS.

**Number of units providing OCCS and
number of service places for children with disabilities**

District	Number of service units		Number of service places	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	2	2	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	3	8	8
Kwun Tong	3	3	6	6
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	4	4	13	13
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	2	2
Sham Shui Po	4	4	10	10
Sha Tin	4	4	12	12
Tai Po/North	4	4	8	8
Yuen Long	3	3	10	10
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	3	3	6	6
Tuen Mun	3	3	7	7
Total	34	34	86	86

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1016

(Question Serial No. 6493)

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)0497 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, in response to the request for a breakdown of the numbers of children with disabilities of different age groups using and waiting for day service places of occasional child care service (OCCS) by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), it was mentioned that "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". Please advise whether SWD will update the statistics on the number of service users, the number of applicants and the waiting time that have not been collected by the current Central Referral System. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 972)

Reply:

OCCS for children with disabilities aims to provide at special child care centres and/or early education and training centres temporary care in a safe place for children with disabilities so that their parents/carers may occasionally go out to take care of important or urgent matters. The risk of accidents arising from these children being left unattended at home is thus reduced. Instead of applying through SWD's central referral system (CRS), applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, CRS of SWD does not capture the information on the number of service users, the number of people on the waiting list and the waiting time, etc. This application arrangement allows parents/carers flexibility to apply for OCCS through different channels as necessary. SWD has no plans to use CRS to centralise the processing of applications and collect the relevant data.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1017

(Question Serial No. 6494)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group, of the numbers of persons using and waiting for day service places of occasional child care service (OCCS) and the waiting time in each year from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 973)

Reply:

OCCS for children with disabilities aims to provide at special child care centres and/or early education and training centres temporary care in a safe place for children with disabilities so that their parents/carers may occasionally go out to take care of important or urgent matters. The risk of accidents arising from these children being left unattended at home is thus reduced. Instead of applying through SWD's central referral system (CRS), applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, CRS of SWD does not capture the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1018

(Question Serial No. 6495)

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:

Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$7,769 in support of children with disabilities waiting for day service places of occasional child care service (OCCS)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 974)

Reply:

OCCS for children with disabilities aims to provide at special child care centres (SCCCs) and/or early education and training centres (EETCs) temporary care in a safe place for children with disabilities so that their parents/carers may occasionally go out to take care of important or urgent matters. The risk of accidents arising from these children being left unattended at home is thus reduced. Instead of applying through SWD's central referral system (CRS), applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, CRS of SWD does not capture the information on the waiting situation of the service. For children with disabilities in need of long-term pre-school rehabilitation services (including EETCs, SCCC or integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres), they may be referred to CRS of SWD and put on the waiting list for the required services after being assessed by social workers or family caseworkers. SWD has no plans to provide subsidy for people in need of OCCS for children with disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1019

(Question Serial No. 6496)

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)0498 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, the number of day service places under the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) was estimated to increase from 1 860 to 2 100. There are only 1 980 places in the 2015-16 Revised Estimate, and the figure remains unchanged at 1 980 places in the 2016-17 Estimate. What are the reasons for the sudden withdrawal of the 120 places?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 975)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) had planned to increase the number of service places under IP in KG-cum-CCC from 1 860 in 2014-15 to 2 100 in 2015-16 and invited SWD-subvented non-governmental organisations running non-profit-making KG-cum-CCCs to apply for the provision of 240 additional IP places in September 2014. Applications for operating a total of 126 IP places were received by SWD, which were all approved after processing in December 2014. To dovetail with the enrolment and commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCCs in the new school year, the additional IP places commenced service in September 2015. In the same year, 1 KG-cum-CCC providing 6 IP places applied for withdrawal of service. As a result, there were 120 additional IP places in 2015-16, and the total number of service places in the year was 1 980.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1020

(Question Serial No. 6497)

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 January 2016, a total of 1 786 children with disabilities were waiting for day service places under the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC). As it was estimated in the 2015-16 Budget that there would be an increase in the number of places to 2 100, what are the reasons for the number of places falling to 1 980?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 976)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) had planned to increase the number of service places under IP in KG-cum-CCC from 1 860 in 2014-15 to 2 100 in 2015-16 and invited SWD-subvented non-governmental organisations running non-profit-making KG-cum-CCCs to apply for the provision of 240 additional IP places in September 2014. Applications for operating a total of 126 IP places were received by SWD, which were all approved after processing in December 2014. To dovetail with the enrolment and commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCCs in the new school year, the additional IP places commenced service in September 2015. In the same year, 1 KG-cum-CCC providing 6 IP places applied for withdrawal of service. As a result, there were 120 additional IP places in 2015-16, and the total number of service places in the year was 1 980.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1021

(Question Serial No. 6498)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6), of the number of children with disabilities using day service of the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 977)

Reply:

The number of service users under IP in KG-cum-CCC broken down by administrative district of SWD and by age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at Annex.

Table 1: Number and age distribution of service users under IP in KG-cum-CCC by district in 2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	58	75	136
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	78	74	158
Kwun Tong	1	82	115	198
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	79	154	233
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	75	95	171
Sham Shui Po	-	40	57	97
Sha Tin	1	53	124	178
Tai Po/North	2	50	115	167
Yuen Long	2	76	108	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	80	120	202
Tuen Mun	1	56	74	131
Total	19	727	1 111	1 857

Table 2: Number and age distribution of service users under IP in KG-cum-CCC by district in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	60	62	129
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	86	80	175
Kwun Tong	5	100	123	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	112	121	237
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	97	90	190
Sham Shui Po	5	58	56	119
Sha Tin	3	46	128	177
Tai Po/North	1	73	106	180
Yuen Long	3	85	87	175
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	12	84	98	194
Tuen Mun	1	84	78	163
Total	53	885	1 029	1 967

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1022****(Question Serial No. 6499)**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 average waiting time for day service of the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) by children with disabilities in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 978)Reply:

From 2014-15 to 2015-16, the average waiting time for IP in KG-cum-CCC is provided as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	
	2014-15	2015-16
IP in KG-cum-CCC	13	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1023****(Question Serial No. 6500)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) participating in the integrated programme (IP), the number of day service places and the cost per place per month from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 979)Reply:

The numbers of KG-cum-CCCs with IP and IP places by Administrative District of SWD from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out in the Annex.

The cost per place per month for pre-school services for children with disabilities operated by non-governmental organisations from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	The cost per place per month	
	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,613	7,767

Number of KG-cum-CCCs with IP and IP places

District	No. of KG-cum-CCCs with IP		No. of IP places	
	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	15	15	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	18	18	174	186
Kwun Tong	20	22	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	27	28	234	240
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	23	24	192	210
Sham Shui Po	11	12	84	108
Sha Tin	17	18	156	168
Tai Po/North	19	19	168	168
Yuen Long	15	15	186	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	26	27	192	198
Tuen Mun	17	18	138	156
Total	208	216	1 860	1 980

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1024

(Question Serial No. 6501)

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 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6), of the number of children with disabilities waiting for day service of the integrated programme (IP) in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 980)

Reply:

The numbers of children with disabilities waiting for IP in KG-cum-CCC by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at the Annex.

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for IP
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15
(As at end-March 2015)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	36	65	8	109
Eastern & Wan Chai	22	55	6	83
Kwun Tong	22	123	16	161
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	44	141	19	204
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	25	112	11	148
Sham Shui Po	23	54	10	87
Sha Tin	56	154	30	240
Tai Po & North	36	179	25	240
Yuen Long	50	135	5	190
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	41	79	15	135
Tuen Mun	39	118	10	167
Total	394	1 215	155	1 764

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for IP
by district of residence and age group in 2015-16
(As at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of applicants on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	25	50	6	81
Eastern & Wan Chai	29	60	8	97
Kwun Tong	37	123	8	168
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	44	124	15	183
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	41	88	16	145
Sham Shui Po	23	42	6	71
Sha Tin	38	159	17	214
Tai Po & North	61	163	19	243
Yuen Long	46	143	10	199
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	40	86	2	128
Tuen Mun	17	90	7	114
Total	401	1 128	114	1 643

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1025

(Question Serial No. 6502)

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)0498 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, among those waiting for the integrated programme (IP) in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre (KG-cum-CCC) in 2014-15, 408 persons were aged 0 to 2, 993 aged 3 to 4 and 83 aged 5 or above, with a total of 1 484 persons. That is a pathetic situation. As at January 2016, a total of 1 786 children with disabilities were waiting for the service. Please advise –

- a. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the children with disabilities on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$7,769 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 981)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of the parents/carers of children with special needs. Through 6 subvented parents/relatives resource centres across the territory, the Social Welfare Department has provided a focal point for needy persons, including parents and relatives/carers of children with special needs, to share experience and obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, with a view to enabling service users to accept their family members with disabilities and understand their needs as well as enhancing their capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home.

- b. The Government provides a training subsidy for eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services so that they can receive self-financing services operated by recognised service providers as soon as possible. At present, each eligible child on the waiting list for subvented early education and training centres or the IP in KG-cum-CCCs can receive a training subsidy up to a maximum of \$2,763 per month, while each eligible child on the waiting list for subvented special child care centres (SCCCs) (or residential special child care centres) can receive a training subsidy up to a maximum of \$3,867 per month. From 2016-17 onwards, the training subsidy for each eligible child on the waiting list for SCCC will be increased to \$5,995 per month at the maximum.

In addition, the Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund, under which inter-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) are coordinated by 16 non-governmental organisations with experiences in the implementation of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to provide 2 925 service places to children who are attending over 450 KGs and KG-cum-CCCs while on the waiting lists for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (including the IP in KG-cum-CCC). Apart from providing services to children with special needs and teachers/child care workers, the inter-disciplinary teams also provide parents with professional support, including consultation service, talks, workshops, seminars, etc. The projects under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out by phases from November 2015 to January 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1026****(Question Serial No. 6503)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time, the age distribution and the cost per place per month for the integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 982)Reply:

The number of children with disabilities on the waiting list for IP by age group from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Year	No. of children on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5	Total
2014-15	394	1 215	155	1 764
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	401	1 128	114	1 643

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) operates a central referral system for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services including special child care centres, early education and training centres and IP. SWD does not capture the statistics of the longest waiting time for IP. The average waiting time for IP from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	
	2014-15	2015-16
IP	13	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

The cost per place per month of pre-school services for children with disabilities operated by non-governmental organisations from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is as follows –

Type of service	The cost per place per month	
	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,613	7,767

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1027****(Question Serial No. 6504)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6), of the number of children with disabilities waiting for early education and training centres (EETCs) in each year from 2009 to 2013, as well as the average waiting time and the longest waiting time.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 984)Reply:

The numbers of children with disabilities waiting for EETCs by Administrative District of SWD and age group from 2011-12 to 2012-13 are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at Annex.

SWD operates a central referral system for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services, which include special child care centres, EETCs and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres. SWD does not capture statistical information on the longest waiting time for EETCs. The average waiting time for EETCs from 2011 to 2013 was as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	
	2011-12	2012-13
EETC	15.7	15.2

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for EETCs
by district of residence and age group in 2011-12
(as at end-March 2012)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	109	216	37	362
Eastern/Wan Chai	94	240	49	383
Kwun Tong	125	220	49	394
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	135	305	79	519
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	118	198	20	336
Sham Shui Po	46	99	19	164
Sha Tin	91	257	68	416
Tai Po/North	65	198	55	318
Yuen Long	47	89	20	156
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	94	207	37	338
Tuen Mun	26	48	7	81
Total	950	2 077	440	3 467

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for EETCs
by district of residence and age group in 2012-13
(as at end-March 2013)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	119	213	45	377
Eastern/Wan Chai	104	267	56	427
Kwun Tong	116	222	81	419
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	168	299	123	590
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	120	202	47	369
Sham Shui Po	69	88	31	188
Sha Tin	118	254	92	464
Tai Po/North	102	174	61	337
Yuen Long	83	86	14	183
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	111	216	63	390
Tuen Mun	57	65	12	134
Total	1 167	2 086	625	3 878

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1028****(Question Serial No. 6505)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group (including the number of children with disabilities aged 0 to 2, 3 to 4 and 5 to 6), of the number of children with disabilities waiting for early education and training centres (EETCs) in each year from 2013 to 2016, as well as the average waiting time and the longest waiting time.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 985)Reply:

The number of children with disabilities waiting for EETCs by Administrative District of SWD and by age group from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out at Tables 1 to 3 at the Annex.

SWD operates a central referral system for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for pre-school rehabilitation services, which include special child care centres, EETCs and the integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres. SWD does not capture statistical information on the longest waiting time for EETCs. The average waiting time for EETCs from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EETC	19.0	19.6	Information not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

**Table 1: Number of applicants waiting for EETCs
by district of residence and age group in 2013-14
(as at end-March 2014)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	106	210	42	358
Eastern/Wan Chai	89	281	71	441
Kwun Tong	92	202	97	391
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	136	331	91	558
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	143	251	59	453
Sham Shui Po	78	110	28	216
Sha Tin	110	272	90	472
Tai Po/North	91	207	52	350
Yuen Long	52	81	10	143
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	124	252	51	427
Tuen Mun	51	71	14	136
Total	1 072	2 268	605	3 945

**Table 2: Number of applicants waiting for EETCs
by district of residence and age group in 2014-15
(as at end-March 2015)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	92	212	51	355
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	275	40	400
Kwun Tong	87	180	43	310
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	138	287	81	506
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	121	288	69	478
Sham Shui Po	81	135	34	250
Sha Tin	97	243	69	409
Tai Po/North	78	205	38	321
Yuen Long	69	105	19	193
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	127	259	73	459
Tuen Mun	57	100	15	172
Total	1 032	2 289	532	3 853

**Table 3: Number of applicants waiting for EETCs
by district of residence and age group in 2015-16
(as at end-December 2015)**

District	Number of people on the waiting list			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	78	193	36	307
Eastern/Wan Chai	83	268	51	402
Kwun Tong	89	188	50	327
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	125	283	76	484
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	134	248	71	453
Sham Shui Po	73	115	38	226
Sha Tin	89	252	73	414
Tai Po/North	85	206	46	337
Yuen Long	60	118	41	219
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	122	265	73	460
Tuen Mun	59	115	20	194
Total	997	2 251	575	3 823

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1029****(Question Serial No. 6506)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of early education and training centres (EETCs), the number of day service places and the cost per place per month from 2009 to 2013.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 986)Reply:

A breakdown, by SWD administrative district, of the number of EETCs and the number of service places in the last 5 years is set out at table 1 and table 2 of Annex.

The cost per place per month of pre-school services for children with disabilities run by non-governmental organisations in the last 5 years is as follows –

Service type	Cost per place per month				
	2011-12 (Actual) (\$)	2012-13 (Actual) (\$)	2013-14 (Actual) (\$)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	6,398	6,840	7,044	7,613	7,767

Table 1: Number of EETC service units in various districts in the last 5 years

District	Number of service units				
	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	4	4	5	5
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	3	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	6	6	6	6	6
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	3	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	4	4	4	4	4
Sha Tin	3	3	3	4	4
Tai Po/North	3	3	3	3	3
Yuen Long	3	3	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	7	7
Tuen Mun	2	2	2	2	3
Total	40	40	40	44	45

Table 2: Number of service places provided by EETCs in various districts in the last 5 years

District	Number of service places				
	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-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205	205	205
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	341	341	401	401
Kwun Tong	166	166	166	262	262
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	201	201	216	216	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	274	274
Sha Tin	191	191	191	291	291
Tai Po/North	205	205	205	205	205
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	277	277	384	384
Tuen Mun	165	165	165	165	229
Total	2 613	2 613	2 628	2 991	3 070

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1030****(Question Serial No. 6507)**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 a breakdown, by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), of the number of early education and training centres (EETCs), the number of day service places and the cost per place per month from 2013 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 987)Reply:

The number of units and service places of EETCs broken down by administrative district of SWD from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 at Annex.

Regarding the pre-school services for children with disabilities run by non-governmental organisations, the cost per place per month during 2013-16 is provided as follows –

Type of service	Cost per place per month		
	2013-14 (Actual) (\$)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school services for children with disabilities	7,044	7,613	7,767

Table 1: Number of units of EETCs by district from 2013-14 to 2015-16

District	EETC		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	5	5
Kwun Tong	2	3	3
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	6	6
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	4	4	4
Sha Tin	3	4	4
Tai Po/North	3	3	3
Yuen Long	3	3	3
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	7	7
Tuen Mun	2	2	3
Total	40	44	45

Table 2: Number of service places of EETCs by district from 2013-14 to 2015-16

District	EETC		
	2013-14 (as at end-March 2014)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	205
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	401	401
Kwun Tong	166	262	262
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	216	216	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274
Sha Tin	191	291	291
Tai Po/North	205	205	205
Yuen Long	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	277	384	384
Tuen Mun	165	165	229
Total	2 628	2 991	3 070

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1031

(Question Serial No. 6508)

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 January 2016, a total of 5 205 children with disabilities were waiting for early education and training centres (EETCs). Please advise –

- a. The additional places only account for 5.5% of the total. Clearly there are insufficient places to meet the demand. Has the Government looked at the state of mental health of the people on the waiting list and that of their carers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Will the Government consider providing a subsidy equivalent to the cost per place per month of \$7,769 in support of those waiting for the service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 988)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The Government cares very much about the needs and emotional well-being of the parents/carers of children with special needs. Through 6 subvented parents/relatives resource centres in Hong Kong, the Social Welfare Department provides a focal point for those in need, including parents and relatives/carers of children with special needs, to share experience and obtain mutual support with assistance from the centre staff, so that they can accept their family members with disabilities, understand their needs and enhance the capability in taking care of family members with disabilities at home.

- b. The Government provide training subsidies for eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services so that they can receive self-financing services operated by recognised service providers as early as possible. Currently, each eligible child waiting for subvented EETCs or the Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (KG-cum-CCC) is provided with a training subsidy of up to \$2,763 per month, while each eligible child waiting for subvented Special Child Care Centres (SCCCs) (or residential SCCC) is provided with a training subsidy of up to \$3,867 per month. Starting from 2016-17, the training subsidy for each eligible child waiting for SCCC will be increased to \$5,995 per month at the maximum.

In addition, the Government has launched the two-year Pilot Project on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Project) with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund. Inter-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) are coordinated by 16 non-governmental organisations with experience in implementing subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to provide 2 925 service places for children who are attending more than 450 KGs or KG-cum-CCCs and waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (including EETCs). Apart from providing services for children with special needs and teachers/child care workers, the inter-disciplinary teams also provide parents with professional support, including consultation service, talks, workshops, seminars, etc. The projects under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out in phases from November 2015 to January 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1032

(Question Serial No. 6509)

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:

Has the Government considered converting some of the flats on the lower floors in existing public housing estates (PHEs) into early education and training centres (EETCs)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made any applications for change of land use to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years for the provision of EETCs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 989)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD reviews service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders. In collaboration with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.), SWD also identifies/reserves suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities (including EETCs) for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including those of HD or HS), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities in the projects, including EETCs, be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

As proposed by SWD, flats on the lower floors in PHEs newly constructed by HD in Tai Po, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Tung Chung, Sha Tin have been reserved for the provision of 8 EETCs. These EETCs are expected to commence service in phases in the coming 5 years. SWD will continue to liaise with HD and relevant government departments to explore the feasibility of providing EETCs in other suitable PHEs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1033

(Question Serial No. 6510)

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:

Has the Government considered providing in urban renewal projects early education and training centres (EETCs)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau made applications to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for reserving space for the provision of EETCs in their projects in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 990)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD also reviews the service needs on a regular basis through consultation with service operators and stakeholders and collaborates with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department, the Government Property Agency, etc.) to identify/reserve suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including urban renewal projects of URA), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities, including EETCs, in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

SWD has proposed to provide welfare facilities, including 1 EETC, at Hai Tan Street/Kweilin Street & Pei Ho Street Development Scheme, Sham Shui Po of URA. The relevant works are expected to be completed in 2020. SWD will continue to liaise with relevant government departments and URA to explore the feasibility of providing EETCs in other suitable URA projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1034

(Question Serial No. 6511)

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:

Is there a policy for reserving flats on the lower floors in the public housing estates (PHEs) to be completed in the coming 5 years for the provision of early education and training centres (EETCs)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) made any applications for reserving space for the provision of EETCs to the Housing Department (HD) or the Housing Society (HS) in the past 5 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 991)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD also reviews the service needs on a regular basis in consultation with service operators and stakeholders, and maintains liaison and collaborates with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, Lands Department, HD, the Government Property Agency, etc.) to identify/reserve suitable sites or premises in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities (including EETCs) for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects (including those of HD or HS), propose that the provision of suitable welfare facilities, including EETCs, in the projects be considered and pursued by relevant departments.

SWD has proposed that flats on the lower floors in PHEs newly constructed by HD in Tai Po, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Tung Chung and Sha Tin be reserved for the provision of 8 EETCs. These EETCs are expected to commence service in phases in the coming 5 years. SWD will continue to liaise with HD and relevant government departments to explore the feasibility of providing EETCs in other suitable projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1035

(Question Serial No. 6512)

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 31 January 2016, a total of 5 205 children with disabilities were waiting for early education and training centres (EETCs). Please provide the respective numbers of persons who had been on the waiting list for 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, and 30 months or above as at January 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 992)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on children with disabilities having waited for EETCs for the said lengths of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1036****(Question Serial No. 6513)**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 people on the waiting list, the average waiting time, the longest waiting time and the cost per place per month for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) in each year from 2014 to 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 993)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture any information on the cost per place per month or the longest waiting time for C&A/SDs. The number of applicants on the waiting list and the average waiting time for C&A/SDs are set out as follows –

Number of people on waiting list		Waiting time (in months)	
2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15	2015-16
421	443	47.8	Not yet available ^[Note]

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

SWD does not capture any information on the longest waiting time for C&A/SDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1037

(Question Serial No. 6524)

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 participants in the On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) in each of the past 3 years broken down by type of disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1104)

Reply:

The number of OJT participants by type of disabilities in each of the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.

Number of OJT participants

Type of disabilities	Number of OJT participants ^[Note]		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Autism	5	4	3
Mental illness	284	279	270
Intellectual disability	60	61	48
Physical disability	70	44	75
Hearing impairment	19	20	19
Visual impairment	1	0	4
Visceral disability	10	11	12
Total	449	419	431

^[Note] The figure for 2015-16 is not yet available as the number of OJT participants is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1038

(Question Serial No. 6547)

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 Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) has been rolled out to cater for children with special needs in kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs). Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) appointed to operate the Pilot Scheme provide outreaching services by sending their project teams to the participating KGs or KG-cum-CCCs. Please advise us of the following –

- a. The annual and total funding allocation for the two-year Pilot Scheme;
- b. As at January 2016, there were a total of 29.25 project teams operating the Pilot Scheme. Regarding the multi-disciplinary teams which comprise 0.25, 1, 1.5, 2, 3.5 and 4 teams of social workers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and clinical/educational psychologists, please provide the staffing establishment.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1023)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. A total of \$422 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to fund the two-year Pilot Scheme.
- b. The Service Specifications of the Pilot Scheme stipulate that the service team's core staff include registered social workers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical/educational psychologists and special child care workers. The operating NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the funding allocation in arranging appropriate staffing establishment, including the core staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1039

(Question Serial No. 6548)

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 subsidy programme for enhancing the training for children from low-income families waitlisting for subvented special child care centres (SCCCs) or residential special child care centres (RSCCCs), please advise us of the following –

1. What are the numbers of applicants, beneficiaries, and recipients of various amounts of subsidies in each year from 2011 to 2016?

Each child waitlisting for early education and training centres (EETCs) or integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP in KG-cum-CCC) is provided with the maximum subsidy level of \$2,763 per month so as to receive 4 sessions of individual or group training/therapy services in 3 hours per month provided by special child care worker(s), psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s) or speech therapist(s), as well as 4 sessions (each session of 45 minutes) of individual assessment and/or family support services provided by psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s), speech therapist(s) or registered social worker(s) in a year. What are the respective hourly fees charged for the services provided by the special child care worker(s), psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s) and speech therapist(s)?

2. Has the Government reviewed the subsidy levels of the training subsidy programme and whether children from low income families are receiving sufficient training? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1024)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Through the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Training Subsidy Programme), each eligible child waitlisting for SCCC or RSCCC is provided with a subsidy of up to

\$3,867 per month (higher amount subsidy). The number of applicants for and beneficiaries of training subsidy and recipients of various amounts of subsidy in each year between 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows –

	2014-15 ^[Note 1]	2015-16 ^[Note 2]
No. of applicants	1 670	1 125
No. of beneficiaries	1 379	2 097 ^[Note 3]
No. of recipients of higher amount subsidy	356	531
No. of recipients of normal amount subsidy	1 023	1 566

[Note 1] From 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015

[Note 2] From 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2016

[Note 3] Including applicants in 2014-15

Under the Training Subsidy Programme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides fixed amount of monthly subsidy to recognised service providers for them to provide the children with services specified at different amounts of subsidy as set out in the Services Specifications. SWD does not set the hourly rates for the training provided by different staff.

2. The Government provides training subsidy to eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services with a view to enabling them to acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers as soon as possible. SWD regularised the programme on 1 October 2014. Prior to regularisation, SWD had consulted the stakeholders and made reference to the review report of the Training Subsidy Programme under the Community Care Fund. Having considered the services received by the children from other organisations before and after they got subsidised services under the programme from April to June 2012, and their monthly expenditure on purchasing other training items, the original amount of monthly subsidy of \$2,615 was raised. A maximum subsidy of \$2,763 per month is provided for each eligible child waitlisting for EETCs or IP in KG-cum-CCC, whereas each eligible child waitlisting for SCCCs or RSCCCs is provided with a subsidy of up to \$3,867 per month. In 2016-17, SWD will further increase the monthly training hours for eligible children waitlisting for SCCCs or RSCCCs under the Training Subsidy Programme, with increased training subsidy of up to \$5,995 per month. The additional full-year expenditure will be about \$11 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1040

(Question Serial No. 6549)

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 the training subsidy programme, to enhance the training for children from low income families waitlisting for subvented special child care centre or residential special child care centre, each child waitlisting for special child care centre or residential special child care centre is provided with the maximum subsidy level of \$3,867 per month so as to receive the following services: 4 sessions of individual or group training/therapy services in 4 hours per month provided by special child care worker(s), psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s) or speech therapist(s); and 4 sessions (each session of 45 minutes) of individual assessment and/or family support services provided by psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s), speech therapist(s) or registered social worker(s) in a year. Please advise us of the following –

- a. Does training provided with the subsidy of \$3,867 per month sufficient for children's development?
- b. Has the Government collected information about the additional training hours purchased by children beneficiaries and the amount of money spent, with a view to understanding how much the families are spending on the training for their children? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. To every ordinary family, training for special children is a heavy financial burden. Has the Government considered raising the income limit of the means test to 100% of Median Monthly Domestic Household Income? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- d. The Government should be people-oriented in its policies and provide subsidies according to needs. Has the Government considered scrapping the means test? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1025)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. & b. The Government provides training subsidy to eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, with a view to enabling them to acquire self-financing services run by recognised service providers as soon as possible. After the Training Subsidy Programme under the Community Care Fund was regularised on 1 October 2014, the maximum level of monthly subsidy for each eligible child waitlisting for subvented special child care centres (SCCCs) or residential SCCC has been raised from \$2,615 to \$3,867. Prior to the regularisation of the Training Subsidy Programme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had consulted the stakeholders and made reference to the review report on the Training Subsidy Programme under the Community Care Fund, with the services received by the children from other organisations before and after they got subvented services under the programme from April to June 2012, and their monthly expenditure on purchasing other training items having been taken into account. Starting from 2016-17, SWD will further increase the monthly training hours for eligible children waitlisting for SCCC or residential SCCC under the Training Subsidy Programme, with increased training subsidy of up to \$5,995 per month. The additional full-year expenditure will be about \$11 million.
- c. & d. Starting from the 2017/18 school year, the Government will provide children waitlisting for SCCC with non-means-tested training subsidy.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1041

(Question Serial No. 6550)

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 Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme), please provide its latest position, the respective numbers of places of various services, subvented places and self-financing places, as well as the numbers of service places broken down by administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1026)

Reply:

The Government has received some 60 preliminary proposals from a total of about 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of additional places by District Council districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 project proposals under the Special Scheme, 5 are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals are at different planning stages, and the organisations concerned will have to conduct technical feasibility studies and local consultation on the proposals in due course before the proposed scope and types of services and the number of service places could be further confirmed. Subject to smooth implementation, the proposed projects are expected to be completed and commence service in phases after 2017-18.

In assessing project proposals lodged by applicant organisations, 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 non-governmental organisations concerned, the choices offered to service users, the maturity of the relevant services in the market, etc.

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

District	No. of Applications	CoC Home	NH	DE	C&A/SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a 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

LWB(WW)1042

(Question Serial No. 6551)

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 indicated that it would enhance the care and support services for ageing service users in rehabilitation service units. What are the details involved? What services will be offered? What resources and how much funding will be provided to the service units?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1027)

Reply:

To further enhance the improvement measures that cater for the needs of ageing service users, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will, in 2016-17, apply for funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for providing an additional 73 centre buses to 58 day activity centres (DACs) cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and 4 community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), and allocate an additional full-year funding of about \$18 million for the service operators to hire motor drivers and cover other related expenses, so as to enhance the transportation service for ageing service users of these service units, benefiting about 6 300 service users of DACs cum HSMHs and CRDCs. In addition, SWD will also provide an additional full-year funding of about \$9.5 million for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme to enhance the primary medical and support services for ageing service users at residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), benefiting about 12 000 persons with disabilities in subvented homes. The above improvement measures will be implemented in the third quarter of 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1043

(Question Serial No. 6552)

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 are the details regarding the enhancement of the transportation service for service users of community rehabilitation day centres and day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons? How much funding and human resources will be involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1028)

Reply:

The Government proposes to allocate an additional full-year funding of about \$18 million in 2016-17 for community rehabilitation day centres and day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons to increase the number of motor drivers and enhance the centre bus services of these centres. The Government will also apply for funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for providing an additional 73 centre buses to the above centres so as to enhance the transportation service for service users of these service units.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1044

(Question Serial No. 6553)

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 setting up of a medical social services unit in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital, please provide the staffing establishment of the various ranks in the medical social services unit and the funding involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1029)

Reply:

Regarding the medical social services unit to be set up in the new Tin Shui Wai Hospital, the Social Welfare Department will create 8 permanent posts, including 1 Social Work Officer, 4 Assistant Social Work Officers, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, 1 Clerical Assistant and 1 Workman II, which will involve a full-year funding of about \$3.6 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1045****(Question Serial No. 6554)**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 for children with special needs, please inform this Committee of the following –

- the details of medical social services for children with special needs in each year from 2013 to 2016;
- the manpower and resources involved in medical social services for children with special needs;
- how the Government will enhance medical social services for children with special needs.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1030)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

a.

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at February 2016)
Number of new cases served by medical social workers (MSWs) of Child Assessment Centres (CACs) of the Department of Health (DH)	8 629	9 836	9 402

- At present, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has 16 MSWs (including 2 Social Work Officers and 14 Assistant Social Work Officers (ASWOs)) stationed at CACs of DH, providing medical social services for children with special needs. The expenditure involved has been included in the total expenditure for medical social services. The estimated expenditure for medical social services in 2016-17 is \$417.6 million.

- c. To tie in with the establishment of 1 additional CAC by DH, SWD will add 2 ASWOs in 2016-17, so as to strengthen medical social services for children with special needs and their parents. It is expected that about 1 400 new cases will be served each year with the additional manpower.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1046

(Question Serial No. 6555)

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 public has expressed strong opposition against the Government's implementation of the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs). Why does the Government still have to regularise BPS? Will the Government conduct a public consultation and hold a public hearing at the Legislative Council with regard to the regularisation of BPS for Private RCHDs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1031)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the four-year pilot BPS for private RCHDs (pilot scheme) in October 2010 to encourage private RCHDs to upgrade their service standards, to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places and to help the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities. SWD conducted a comprehensive review of the pilot scheme in 2014 to collect the views of service users and their families, referral service units, members of Service Quality Groups and operators of RCHDs participating in the scheme. In view of the support for the scheme from various stakeholders, the Government regularised the scheme in 2014-15. SWD will keep in view the services rendered under the BPS for private RCHDs and review the development of BPS from time to time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1047****(Question Serial No. 6556)**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:

As at end-February 2015, there were a total of 210 subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a Certificate of Exemption (CoE). Please provide the number of subvented RCHDs issued with a CoE as at end-February 2016 with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1032)Reply:

As at end-February 2016, there were a total of 205 subvented RCHDs issued with a CoE. Distribution of these RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD was as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	34
Eastern/Wan Chai	14
Kwun Tong	17
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	25
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9
Sham Shui Po	10
Sha Tin	20
Tai Po/North	12
Yuen Long	14
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26
Tuen Mun	24
Total	205

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1048****(Question Serial No. 6557)**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:

As at end-February 2015, there were a total of 14 subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a licence. Please provide the number of subvented RCHDs issued with a licence as at end-February 2016 with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1033)Reply:

As at end-February 2016, there were a total of 20 subvented RCHDs issued with a licence. Distribution of these RCHDs by administrative district of SWD is provided as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/ Western/ Southern & Islands	3
Kwun Tong	1
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	5
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po/ North	1
Yuen Long	2
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	3
Total	20

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1049

(Question Serial No. 6558)

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 reply (LWB(WW)0504) about the 2015-16 Estimates, “Under sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance (Cap. 613), the validity period of the Certificate of Exemption (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, as shown by the incidents of mass bullying in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), service users do not even have basic protections with most RCHDs being issued with a CoE. Please inform us about whether the Government has a timeframe requiring all RCHDs to obtain a licence within a certain period of time and setting a limit on the number of applications for CoE renewals. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1034)

Reply:

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 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. When considering renewal applications, SWD takes into account the service performance of RCHDs and the progress they make in implementing improvement measures. When granting renewal applications, SWD may impose additional conditions which may include those relating to management and health care, so as to ensure that RCHDs can provide proper residential care services during the implementation of improvement measures. SWD has worked out feasible work plan with individual RCHDs issued with CoE, with a view to facilitating them to meet the licensing standards as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1050****(Question Serial No. 6559)**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 provide in the table the number of existing self-financing residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a licence, the names of these RCHDs, the year and month in which the licence was issued and the licence validity period since the Ordinance took effect, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Licensing Office of RCHD (LORCHD) No.	Name of RCHDs	Date of Certificate of Exemption issued (month/year)	Validity period (month/year)
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How many self-financing RCHDs were there in each administrative district of SWD in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1035)Reply:

As at end-February 2016, there were 5 self-financing RCHDs issued with a licence. Distribution of these RCHDs is provided as follows –

District	Number of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Sha Tin	2
Tuen Mun	1
Total	5

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 –

District	Number of RCHDs				
	As at end-March 2012	As at end-March 2013	As at end-March 2014	As at end-March 2015	As at end-February 2016
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	3	2	2	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	2	1	1	1
Kwun Tong	2	2	2	2	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	-	-	-
Sha Tin	3	3	4	4	4
Tai Po/North	2	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	8	8	7	7	7
Total	21	21	18	18	18

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 number, 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/.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1051****(Question Serial No. 6560)**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:

As at end-February 2015, there were a total of 13 self-financing residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a Certificate of Exemption (CoE). Please inform us about the number of self-financing RCHDs issued with a CoE as at end-February 2016 with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and whether the imposition of a limit on the number of applications for CoE renewal will be considered. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1036)Reply:

As at end-February 2016, 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
Total	13

Under sections 11 and 12 of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613) (the Ordinance), 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. When considering renewal applications, SWD takes into account the service performance of RCHDs and the progress they make in

implementing improvement measures, and may impose additional conditions, including those relating to management and health care, to ensure that proper residential care services are being provided during the implementation of improvement measures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1052****(Question Serial No. 6561)**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:

As at end-February 2015, there were a total of 14 private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a licence. Please provide the number of private RCHDs issued with a licence as at end-February 2016 with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1037)Reply:

There were a total of 15 private RCHDs issued with a licence as at end-February 2016, and a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department is as follows –

District	No. of RCHDs
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	2
Total	15

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1053****(Question Serial No. 6562)**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 geographical distribution of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in 2015-16 broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) since the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) took effect on 18 November 2011.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1038)Reply:

There were a total of 68 private RCHDs as at end-February 2016, and a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department is as follows –

District	No. of RCHDs
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Kwun Tong	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	14
Sham Shui Po	7
Tai Po/North	14
Yuen Long	16
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6
Tuen Mun	6
Total	68

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1054****(Question Serial No. 6813)**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:

As at end-February 2015, there were 54 private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) issued with a Certificate of Exemption (CoE). Please inform this Committee of the number of such RCHDs by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at end-February 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1039)Reply:

As at end-February 2016, there were a total of 53 private RCHDs issued with a CoE. Distribution of these RCHDs by Administrative District of SWD is provided 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
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4
Tuen Mun	4
Total	53

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1055

(Question Serial No. 6814)

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 No. LWB(WW)0509 of Estimates of Expenditure for the 2015-16 Budget, “no one has been punished by the court for the reason of operating, keeping, managing or in any other way having control of an residential care home for persons with disabilities (RCHD) without a valid licence or certificate of exemption (CoE) since the commencement of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613)”. Would the Government please advise us of the number of cases in which a fine has been imposed 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 in 2015-16 (please provide a breakdown by subvented, self-financing and private RCHDs)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1040)

Reply:

In 2015-16 (as at end-February 2016), no one had been imposed a fine 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1056****(Question Serial No. 6815)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly,
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Both the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) have a professional inspectorate team of their own, comprising social workers, nurses as well as officers seconded from the Buildings Department and the Fire Services Department. Please inform this Committee of –

- the human resources of each inspectorate team under LORCHE and LORCHD in each of the past 3 years;
- the number of surprise inspections conducted by the above teams at residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities in respect of building safety, fire safety, health care and home management in each of the past 3 years; and
- the number and the details of scheduled visits by the above teams in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1041)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- The staffing establishment of the inspectorate teams of LORCHE and LORCHD (collectively “the Licensing Offices”) in the past 3 years is as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
LORCHE	36	36	38
LORCHD	12	12	14

- b. The number of surprise inspections conducted by the Licensing Offices in the past 3 years is as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
LORCHE	5 254	5 445	3 949
LORCHD	1 657	1 907	1 846

- c. The inspections of licensed residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities conducted by the Licensing Offices are all surprise inspections. As for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) which are still in the process of applying for a licence, since those RCHEs are not yet in operation, LORCHE makes appointments with the RCHEs' person(s)-in-charge for an inspection to ensure that the licensing requirements are met. LORCHE does not capture the number of inspections by appointment in the past 3 years. LORCHD is also required to make appointments with those residential care homes for persons with disabilities issued with a Certificate of Exemption for visits, either to conduct inspections of the improvement works regarding building safety and fire safety, or to meet with the operators and project consultants to ensure that relevant works meet the licensing requirements. The inspectorate team of LORCHD conducted 228, 198 and 85 visits by appointment in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1057

(Question Serial No. 6816)

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:

The monitoring of residential care homes has long been a concern. Has the Government considered enhancing the manpower of the inspectorate teams of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD)? If yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1042)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to re-organise the LORCHE and the LORCHD in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6817)

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:

Based on the inspection mechanism for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will conduct audit checks through surprise inspections at RCHEs randomly assigned by computer to ensure the quality of inspections. Please inform this Committee of –

- a. the number of surprise inspections conducted by officers at the rank of Senior Social Work Officer or Social Work Officer of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) at RCHEs randomly assigned by computer for the past 3 years;
- b. the number of surprise inspections conducted by the inspectorate teams of LORCHE at RCHEs in respect of building safety, fire safety, health care and home management for the past 3 years; and
- c. the number and details of scheduled visits by the inspectorate teams of LORCHE for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1043)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. Over the past 3 years, Senior Social Work Officers and Social Work Officers of LORCHE are required to conduct surprise audit inspections to about 10% of all RCHEs in the territory randomly assigned to them by the computer system.
- b. The number of surprise inspections conducted by the inspectorate teams of LORCHE over the past 3 years is set out as follows –

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of surprise inspections	5 254	5 445	3 949

- c. All inspections of licensed RCHEs conducted by LORCHE are surprise inspections. Only in the case of an RCHE not yet in operation but is applying for a licence that LORCHE would make an appointment for a visit with its person(s)-in-charge for inspection, so as to make sure that the RCHE concerned meets the licensing requirements. LORCHE does not have the number of such inspections by appointment for the past 3 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1059

(Question Serial No. 6818)

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:

Inspections by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) are conducted on the basis of risk assessment and priority is given to the handling of complaints. Please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1044)

Reply:

LORCHE and LORCHD (collectively “the Licensing Offices”) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) adopt a risk-based approach in conducting inspections on residential care homes (RCHs) and accord priority to the inspection of RCHs under complaints for follow-ups. After inspections, the Licensing Offices adjust the frequency of inspections having regard to the number and nature of the non-compliant items identified to ensure that the irregularities are rectified in a timely manner. RCHs will be required to make remedies if any irregularity is detected during inspections. Depending on the severity of non-compliance, the Licensing Offices issue advisory or warning letters to the RCH concerned. SWD may issue directions requiring the RCHs to take remedial measures under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance and the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance. Prosecution action may be taken if the RCHs fail to comply with the directions.

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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:

Based on the inspection mechanism for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will conduct audit checks through surprise inspections at RCHDs randomly assigned by computer system to ensure the quality of inspections. Please inform this Committee of –

- a. the number of surprise inspections conducted by officers at the rank of Senior Social Work Officer or Social Work Officer of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) at RCHDs randomly assigned by computer system for the past 3 years;
- b. the number of surprise inspections conducted by the inspectorate team of LORCHD at RCHDs in respect of building safety, fire safety, health care and home management for the past 3 years; and
- c. the number and details of scheduled visits by the inspectorate of LORCHD for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1045)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The inspectorate of LORCHD under SWD currently comprises 14 members, including social work and nursing staff as well as officers seconded from the Buildings Department and the Fire Services Department. SWD began in end-June 2015 to assign RCHDs at random using a computer system for 2 officers at Social Work Officer rank or above to conduct surprise review inspections. As at end-February 2016, LORCHD had carried out 7 surprise review inspections.

- b. The LORCHD inspectorate does not give RCHDs advance notice of the date and time of inspection. The number of surprise inspections carried out by the LORCHD inspectorate in the past 3 years is as follows –

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Building safety	385	545	669
Fire safety	359	433	476
Healthcare	406	415	452
Home management	507	514	583
Total number of surprise inspections ^[Note]	1 657	1 907	2 180

^[Note] 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.

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Number of RCHDs where surprise inspections were conducted	306	311	311

- c. The number of visits by appointment carried out by the LORCHD inspectorate in the past 3 years is as follows –

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-February 2016)
Number of visits by appointment ^[Note]	228	198	106

^[Note] The purpose of visits by appointment is mainly to inform RCHDs of special matters such as tests of power supply or fire alarm systems, inspect RCHDs holding certificates of exemption and meet with the operators and project consultants regarding improvement works in building and fire safety to ensure compliance with licensing requirements, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1061

(Question Serial No. 6820)

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 are the current features and procedures for the mechanism on monitoring, complaint, notification and confidentiality in relation to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1046)

Reply:

In addition to general inspections to RCHEs and RCHDs, the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Licensing Offices) would adjust the frequency of inspections having regard to the service performance of individual homes, and accord priority to inspect those homes under complaints for follow-ups. During inspections, inspectors of the Licensing Offices would monitor the service quality of the homes by collecting views from staff members, residents and their family members as well as through other different channels. If the homes are found to have contravened the requirements of the relevant ordinance during regular inspections or complaint investigations, depending on the nature and severity of the irregularity, the Licensing Offices will issue advisory letters, warning letters, or written directives on remedial measures pursuant to the relevant ordinance to the homes concerned. If they persistently fail to make improvements, the Licensing Offices will consider instigating prosecution action pursuant to the relevant ordinance.

In addition to inspections, the Licensing Offices strive to enhance the monitoring and upgrade the service quality of the homes through various means, including establishing a notification mechanism with the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority to identify problem areas of the homes early and take follow-up action, and handling complaints with guidance and advice given to the homes as and when required.

Unless agreed by the complainant/resident, the Social Welfare Department does not disclose the identity of the complainant/resident in the course of investigating the complaints.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1062

(Question Serial No. 6821)

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:

Has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) reviewed the monitoring mechanism for various residential care homes (RCHs) in the past 3 years? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons? Will SWD review the monitoring mechanism for various RCHs in 2016-17? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1047)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively "the Licensing Offices") in 2016-17 whereby the 2 offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of RCHs to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate teams to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHEs and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1063

(Question Serial No. 6822)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, e.g. the Tai Po Cambridge incident and the incident at NAAC Harmony Manor under the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council. Please update us on the handling of these 2 bullying incidents and advise whether a regular independent panel of enquiry will be set up to handle complaints about various residential care homes (RCHs).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1048)

Reply:

Regarding the Tai Po Cambridge Nursing Home incident, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) considered thoroughly various factors, including the nursing home's past non-compliance records, whether it had made continuous improvements and breached the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) as well as the licence holder's written representations dated 5 June 2015 on the incident to the Director of Social Welfare (the Director). The Director decided to reject its application for licence renewal on 16 June 2015. With the assistance of SWD and the cooperation of the RCH, all residents had got proper placements by 16 June 2015 and moved out of the premises smoothly. The nursing home was closed on the same day. As regards the suspected elder abuse incident, relevant information was passed on to the police for follow-up action.

SWD has conducted a thorough investigation into the incident at NAAC Harmony Manor under the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council, and found that the hostel had failed to handle the suspected abuse of residents properly in accordance with the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) and the relevant guidelines. In view of the severity of the incident, SWD asked the management of the hostel for a meeting on 5 February 2016 and issued a warning letter and remedy directions in writing to the hostel.

A subsequent surprise inspection to the hostel by SWD confirmed that it had implemented various remedial measures and improvement proposals.

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities. SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively “the Licensing Offices”) in 2016-17 whereby the 2 offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of RCHs to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate teams to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6823)

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 are the short-term measures taken by the Government to improve the service quality of residential care homes (RCHs) to ensure that elderly persons and persons with disabilities are living in a safe environment?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1049)

Reply:

The Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Licensing Offices) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) step up the monitoring and enhance the service quality of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) through various means. These include: continuous implementation and expansion of the work of Service Quality Groups on RCHEs and RCHDs by arranging regular visits for members of the community to different kinds of RCHs; establishing a mutual notification mechanism with the Department of Health and Hospital Authority to identify as early as possible any problems in these homes and take follow-up action; organising or promoting different training activities for the staff working at these homes; issuance of circular memoranda to operators and management of RCHEs and RCHDs from time to time on matters of public concern to remind them of the importance of proper and decent operation of RCHEs and RCHDs; and maintaining communication with the sector to discuss how to strengthen governance and enhance service quality.

SWD plans to re-organise the 2 Licensing Offices in 2016-17 whereby the 2 offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of RCHs to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing

Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate teams to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1065

(Question Serial No. 6824)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that frontline workers' workload is very heavy and they are under huge mental stress. In 2016-17, will the Government increase human resources for various residential care homes and provide emotional support to workers to alleviate their mental stress and work pressure? If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1050)

Reply:

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, occupational therapists and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

In 2016-17, the Government plans to apply for a funding of around \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for 4 community rehabilitation day centres and 58 day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons to procure 73 buses. An additional full-year expenditure of about \$18 million will also be provided for the service operators concerned to employ vehicle drivers and meet other relevant expenses, with a view to enhancing the bus services provided to their service users. In addition, the Government has proposed to increase the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme by about \$9.5 million to enhance the primary medical service and support service in residential care homes for persons with disabilities. The above measures will certainly relieve the caring pressure of the frontline workers.

As for providing emotional support to workers to alleviate their mental stress and work pressure, according to the Service Quality Standards, subvented service units/agencies are

required to provide on-going supervision for staff, and should have in place a training policy and a plan for staff training and development to cater for the needs of the staff.

Joining hands with the Department of Health, the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department organises regular training programmes covering drug safety, caring for persons with dementia, prevention of elder abuse, handling of accidents, management of work pressure, etc. for staff members of residential care homes for the elderly to enhance their knowledge and service quality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1066

(Question Serial No. 6825)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the residential care homes ordinances are outdated. Please advise us whether the Government will review the two ordinances in the next 3 years. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1051)

Reply:

The Government has always kept an open mind about conducting reviews and exploring the possibility of law amendment. Views are considered and various options examined on an ongoing basis. The most important thing at this stage is to explore how the monitoring mechanism for RCHEs could be further enhanced under the existing legal framework with a view to assuring the service quality of RCHEs.

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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,
(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 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems. Please advise us whether SWD will increase the number of undercover customers to monitor the quality of various homes. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1052)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively "the Licensing Offices") in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate team to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHes and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1068

(Question Serial No. 6827)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems. Please advise us whether SWD will, during surprise inspections, view CCTV footage and randomly interview staff members, service users and carers. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1053)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively "the Licensing Offices") in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing a dedicated inspectorate team to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up dedicated teams to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHes and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

During routine surprise inspections and surprise inspections for the investigation of complaints, the inspectorate teams perform on-site observations, check the management and service records of the homes, and conduct interviews with staff members, service users and carers by random sampling, in order to know more about the management and service provision of the homes. The inspectorate teams also review the closed-circuit video footage as and when necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1069

(Question Serial No. 6828)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems. Please advise us whether SWD will step up enforcement and increase the transparency of its monitoring regime by formulating specific guidelines and penalties so that the public know clearly the rights of service users. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1054)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively "the Licensing Offices") in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate team to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHEs and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

As regards enhancing the transparency of the services of RCHEs, SWD is planning to develop a web page on the Long Term Care Service for the elderly, which will provide one-stop information of the services of over 700 RCHEs across the territory in order to

enhance the transparency of RCHE services. The web page will also feature quick search and comparison functions, enabling the public to compare and choose suitable RCHEs in a user-friendly way.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1070

(Question Serial No. 6829)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems. Please advise us whether SWD will introduce a demerit points systems for sending warnings to the residential care homes. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1055)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively “the Licensing Offices”) in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing dedicated inspectorate team to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHes and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6830)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems. Please advise us whether SWD will, on a regular and ongoing basis, disclose online and in the districts how many homes have received advisory letters, warning letters and written instructions requiring rectification. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1056)

Reply:

The Government is committed to strengthening the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) and persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD plans to re-organise the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (collectively "the Licensing Offices") in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections and regulation of residential care homes to ensure their service quality. As for non-compliant homes, the Licensing Offices will introduce new measures to strengthen enforcement actions, including establishing a dedicated inspectorate team to formulate strategies and closely follow up on homes that have poor track records, stepping up prosecution action against non-compliant homes, increasing the frequency of audit inspections conducted by supervisory officers, and setting up a dedicated team to handle complaints, etc. In addition, SWD will continue implementing and expanding the work of the Service Quality Groups on RCHes and RCHDs, under which members of the community pay regular visits to different types of homes.

To enhance the transparency of the services of RCHEs, SWD is planning to develop a web page on the Long Term Care Service for the elderly, which will provide one-stop information of the services of over 700 RCHEs across the territory in order to enhance the transparency of RCHE services. The web page will also feature quick search and comparison functions, enabling the public to compare and choose suitable RCHEs in a user-friendly way.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1072

(Question Serial No. 6831)

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, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems and that public participation in monitoring the residential care homes is important. Please advise us whether SWD will open the membership of Service Quality Groups (SQGs) on Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) to the public and make public its statistical data. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1057)

Reply:

To enhance the service quality of RCHEs, SWD launched a two-year pilot scheme for SQGs on RCHEs in 2004. Members of SQGs pay regular visits to RCHEs to make observations and suggestions about their facilities and services. Their views on the services are also gauged. In view of the satisfactory outcome, SWD has already formally implemented 4 rounds of the two-year SQGs on RCHEs scheme.

SWD is expanding in full swing the work of SQGs on RCHEs and will launch in April 2016 a new round of the two-year scheme (2016-18), covering 18 districts of the territory to include different types of RCHEs (including private RCHEs, contract RCHEs, self-financing non-profit making RCHEs and subvented RCHEs). Visits to these RCHEs by members of the community will be arranged. Members of the community serving as members of SQGs comprise members (including service users) of the District Coordinating Committees of SWD, those from the healthcare and welfare sectors, District Council members and community leaders, etc. Relevant statistical information will be distributed to participating members of the community. SWD will keep in view the implementation of SQGs on RCHEs scheme.

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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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that there are problems in the monitoring system of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and that public participation in monitoring the residential care homes is important. Please advise us whether SWD will open the membership of Service Quality Groups on Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) to the public and make public its statistical data. If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1058)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up Service Quality Groups (SQG) under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) in 2012, through which regular visits are made by SQG members to private RCHDs participating in the BPS, whereby views on the facilities and services of such homes are conveyed to encourage upgrading of service standards. SWD would expand the arrangement of SQG regular visits in April 2016 to cover licensed RCHDs (including private, non-profit-making self-financing and subvented RCHDs) for a period of 2 years, during which members of the community will make unannounced visits to homes participating in the SQG Scheme. They will make observations and recommendations on the facilities and services of the homes and collect views from residents, their families and friends, and staff. Members of the community joining the Groups include persons with disabilities, their families and carers and other local residents. Relevant statistical information will be given to participating members of the community. SWD will continue to review the implementation of the SQG.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6833)

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:

In 2015-16, bullying of the elderly and persons with disabilities occurred one after another, showing that the monitoring regime of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has problems and that public participation in monitoring the residential care homes is important. Please advise us whether SWD will set up a committee/task force on the monitoring of various homes (with open recruitment of members including: persons with disabilities, elderly persons, carers and representatives of institutions, academics and trade unions). If yes, what are the details and if no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1059)

Reply:

To enhance the service quality of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), SWD launched a two-year pilot scheme for Service Quality Groups (SQGs) on RCHEs in 2004. Members of SQGs pay regular visits to RCHEs to make observations and suggestions about their facilities and services. Their views on the services are also gauged. In view of the satisfactory outcome, SWD has already formally implemented a total of 4 rounds of the two-year SQGs on RCHEs scheme.

SWD is expanding in full swing the work of SQGs on RCHEs and will launch in April 2016 a new round of the two-year scheme (2016-18), covering 18 districts of the territory to include different types of RCHEs (including private RCHEs, contract RCHEs, self-financing non-profit making RCHEs and subvented RCHEs). Visits to these RCHEs by members of the community will be arranged. Members of the community serving as members of SQGs comprise members (including service users) of the District Coordinating Committees of SWD, those from the healthcare and welfare sectors, District Council members and community leaders, etc. SWD will keep in view the implementation of SQGs on RCHEs scheme.

SWD set up SQGs under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) in 2012, through which regular visits are made by SQG members to private RCHDs participating in the BPS. Views on the facilities and services of such homes are expressed to encourage upgrading of service standards. To benefit more people with disabilities in RCHDs, SWD will expand the Scheme in 2016 to cover all licensed RCHDs in Hong Kong (including private, non-profit-making self-financing and subvented RCHDs). Under this two-year Scheme, members of the community will make unannounced visits to homes participating in the Scheme. They will make observations and recommendations on the facilities and services of the homes and collect views from residents, their families and friends, and staff. Members of the community joining the Groups include persons with disabilities, their families and carers and other people from the local community. SWD will continue to review the implementation of the SQG initiative.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1075

(Question Serial No. 6834)

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 Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) since 1998, with a view to upgrading the service standard of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) by improving the manpower ratio and the floor space standard per resident. This hopefully would help to increase the supply of subsidised places, thereby reducing the elderly persons' waiting time for subsidised care-and-attention places. Unfortunately, the service quality of these homes are deteriorating. We often hear about cases of bullying of elderly persons at these homes. Would the Government please advise –

- a. as at end-February 2016, the number of private RCHEs participating in EBPS in Hong Kong; and the respective numbers of subsidised places (EA1 level and EA2 level) provided in total;
- b. as the service quality of private RCHEs varies a lot, will the Government consider ceasing the extension of EBPS; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1060)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. As at end-December 2015, there were a total of 143 private RCHEs participating in EBPS, providing 7 999 subsidised places in total, including 4 591 EA1 places and 3 408 EA2 places.

- b. SWD monitors the services provided by private RCHEs participating in EBPS through surprise inspections with a view to ensuring that the services can meet the enhanced requirements under EBPS, which are of higher standards than the minimum standards in terms of staffing and space under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance. Moreover, from 2016-17 onwards, the Government will progressively upgrade 1 200 existing EA2 places under EBPS to higher quality EA1 places, with a view to increasing the supply of higher quality subsidised places and enhancing the overall quality of private RCHEs, involving a full-year expenditure of some \$35 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1076

(Question Serial No. 6848)

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 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) has been in force in China (including Hong Kong) since 31 August 2008. The Convention fully recognises the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently and to be included in the community (Article 19). As persons with disabilities should enjoy equal rights to live in the community, the policy of the Government of Hong Kong as regards residential care for persons with disabilities should be in line with the principles of the Convention, such that persons with disabilities should live in the community instead of large residential care homes. However, it is the Government's plan to build large residential care homes that can accommodate several hundred persons. There are views expressed as to whether the prevailing policy of the Government on residential care is in breach of the Convention. Would the Government please advise us how it will implement the Convention in relation to its policy on residential care in the future to ensure persons with disabilities can live independently and integrate into the community?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1075)

Reply:

Through various designs of different premises and activities, the rehabilitation service facilities of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) cater for the caring and social needs of the service users. SWD encourages non-governmental organisations operating the services to actively liaise and cooperate with the social services and cultural and recreational facilities in the community with a view to supporting service users' social needs, in addition to their receiving rehabilitation training. Service users are also provided with community information and encouraged to fully utilise the facilities and resources in the community, so that they can practise what they have learnt in real life situations in order to reinforce the effectiveness of the training they have received. Service operators also regularly organise community inclusion activities such as open days, service exhibitions and volunteer activities whereby the public can participate in the activities held by the rehabilitation service units, thus enhancing acceptance of people with disabilities and promoting a spirit of mutual understanding.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1077****(Question Serial No. 6867)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2016-17 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	
2012-13							
2013-14							
2014-15							
2015-16							
2016-17							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 337)Reply:

The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

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		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 1] [Note 2]	Contract homes	Private homes participating in EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs [Note 3]	Contract homes	
					EA1	EA2			
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	-	67	14 888	179	4 406	3 428	1 762	1 632	26 362
2015-16 [Note 4]	-	67	14 980	197	4 591	3 408	1 816	1 794	26 853
2016-17 (Estimate)	-	67	15 163	224	8 321		1 852	2 022	27 649

[Note 1] Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places providing 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 under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] As at end-December 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1078****(Question Serial No. 6868)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the estimated (est) and actual (act) number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2016-17 in the following table –

	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
2012-13														
2013-14														
2014-15														
2015-16														
2016-17														

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 338)Reply:

The estimated and actual numbers of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2016-17 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 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
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	-	-	108	67	15 248	14 888	179	179	8 115	7 834	1 954	1 762	1 632	1 632
2015-16 [Note 4]	-	-	67	67	15 342	14 987	197	197	7 958	8 021	1 915	1 852	1 794	1 794
2016-17 (Estimate)	-	-	67	N.A.	15 163	N.A.	224	N.A.	8 321	N.A.	1 852	N.A.	2 022	N.A.

[Note 1] Starting from 2005-06, S/C hostel and H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places providing 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 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)1079****(Question Serial No. 6869)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each District Council district for 2016-17 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								

	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
North							
Yuen Long							
Tuen Mun							
Tsuen Wan							
Kwai Tsing							
Total							

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 339)

Reply:

In 2016-17, a total of 693 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 will be located in Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan. As at end-December 2015, the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly broken down by District Council district is set out at Annex.

**Number of Subsidised Residential Care Places for the Elderly
by District Council District in 2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)**

District	S/C hostel places	H/A places	C&A places ^[Note 1]				NH places		Total
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Subvented homes operated by NGOs	Contract homes ^[Note 2]	Private homes participating in EBPS		Subvented homes operated by NGOs ^[Note 3]	Contract homes ^[Note 2]	
					EA1	EA1			
Eastern	-	-	444	15	179	124	-	133	895
Wan Chai	-	-	462	-	-	54	-	-	516
Central & Western	-	-	236	21	297	224	-	188	966
Islands	-	67	315	7	-	-	-	63	452
Southern	-	-	1 420	-	166	331	-	-	1 917
Sham Shui Po	-	-	703	29	233	87	56	258	1 366
Kowloon City	-	-	648	10	1 050	385	-	90	2 183
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	98	26	402	345	-	239	1 110
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	1 040	20	71	106	280	184	1 701
Sai Kung	-	-	986	-	-	-	290	-	1 276
Kwun Tong	-	-	1 116	19	356	223	260	174	2 148
Sha Tin	-	-	1 267	6	-	-	-	54	1 327
Tai Po	-	-	1 200	-	-	98	-	-	1 298
North	-	-	911	-	135	171	299	-	1 516
Yuen Long	-	-	932	7	162	508	-	66	1 675
Tuen Mun	-	-	934	-	119	360	243	-	1 656
Tsuen Wan	-	-	513	7	674	215	316	72	1 797
Kwai Tsing	-	-	1 665	30	747	177	72	273	2 964
Total	-	67	14 890	197	4 591	3 408	1 816	1 794	26 763

[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 places with COC and NH places.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1080

(Question Serial No. 6870)

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 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 2011-12 to 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 340)

Reply:

The information on the funding allocations for NHs from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Expenditure for NHs (including subvented homes and contract homes^[Note])

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	464.4
2013-14 (Actual)	521.2
2014-15 (Actual)	667.2
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	733.3
2016-17 (Estimate)	824.1

^[Note] 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)1081

(Question Serial No. 6871)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places receiving EHCCS by EHCCS team from 2013-14 to 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 341)

Reply:

The number of EHCCS places with a breakdown by EHCCS team from 2013-14 to 2016-17 is set out in the Annex.

**Number of EHCCS Places
(2013-14 to 2016-17)**

District	2013-14 (As at 31 March 2014)		2014-15 (As at 28 February 2015) [Note 7]		2015-16 (As at 31 March 2016)		2016-17 (As at 31 March 2017)	
	By district team	By cluster team	By district team	By cluster team	By district team	By cluster team	By district team	By cluster team
Central & Western	171	174	171	174	171	347 [Note 1]	171	347 [Note 1]
Wan Chai	154		154		154		154	
Eastern	206		206		206		206	
Southern	158		158		158		158	
Islands	89		89		89		89	
Yau Tsim Mong	188	236	188	236	188	535 [Note 2]	188	535 [Note 2]
Kowloon City	290		290		290		290	
Sham Shui Po	255		255		255		255	
Wong Tai Sin	406	428	406	428	406	769 [Note 3]	406	769 [Note 3]
Sai Kung	228		228		228		228	
Kwun Tong	421	336	421	336	421	497 [Note 4]	421	497 [Note 4]
Sha Tin	192	212	192	212	192	394 [Note 5]	192	394 [Note 5]
Tai Po	129		129		129		129	
North	141		141		141		141	
Yuen Long	178	256	178	256	178	766 [Note 6]	178	766 [Note 6]
Tuen Mun	160		160		160		160	
Tsuen Wan	235		235		235		235	
Kwai Tsing	336		336		336		336	
Sub-total	3 937	1 642	3 937	1 642	3 937	3 308	3 937	3 308
Total	5 579		5 579		7 245		7 245	

[Note 1]

Including 2 cluster teams

[Note 2]

Including 3 cluster teams

[Note 3]

Including 3 cluster teams

[Note 4]

Including 2 cluster teams

[Note 5]

Including 2 cluster teams

[Note 6]

Including 4 cluster teams

[Note 7]

The number of EHCCS places on 1 to 31 March 2015 was the same as that in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1082

(Question Serial No. 6872)

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), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of cases receiving EHCCS by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 342)

Reply:

The number of cases receiving EHCCS with breakdown by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

**Number of Cases Receiving EHCCS
(2013-14 to 2015-16)**

District	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	
	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster	By district	By cluster
Central & Western	167	156	169	212	166	343
Wan Chai	143		152		151	
Eastern	203		204		203	
Southern	156		156		154	
Islands	84	N.A.	85	N.A.	88	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	188	231	188	379	188	529
Kowloon City	285		286		287	
Sham Shui Po	254		254		254	
Wong Tai Sin	386	402	393	529	394	750
Sai Kung	214		220		220	
Kwun Tong	379	318	406	403	416	471
Sha Tin	186	202	187	263	188	384
Tai Po	126		126		128	
North	139		136		139	
Yuen Long	163	252	176	409	174	760
Tuen Mun	160		160		154	
Tsuen Wan	233		232		227	
Kwai Tsing	324		333		333	
Total	5 351		6 058		7 101	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1083****(Question Serial No. 6873)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2016-17 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
2012-13								
2013-14								
2014-15								
2015-16								
2016-17								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 343)Reply:

The number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2016-17.

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 [Note 1]	Homes operated by NGOs [Note 2]	Contract homes	
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	15	-	740	2 770	243	41 768	355	1 019	46 910
2015-16 [Note 3]	-	-	492	2 886	255	41 717	355	1 127	46 832

[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-December 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1084****(Question Serial No. 6874)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, 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 2016-17 in the following table –

	No. of places							Total
	Self-care hostels		Homes for the Aged	Care-and-attention homes			Nursing homes	
	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								
Sha Tin								

	No. of places						Total	
	Self-care hostels		Homes for the Aged	Care-and-attention homes			Nursing homes	
	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
Tai Po								
North								
Yuen Long								
Tuen Mun								
Tsuen Wan								
Kwai Tsing								
Total								

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 344)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1085****(Question Serial No. 6876)**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 (NHPPS), please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2011-12 to 2016-17; and
- (b) the cost per month of subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2011-12 to 2016-17; and
- (c) the funding allocation for subsidised NH places purchased under NHPPS from 2011-12 to 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 346)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Financial year	No. of places	Unit subsidies per place per month (\$)	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13 (Actual)	161	12,834	24.3
2013-14 (Actual)	161	13,309	25.9
2014-15 (Actual)	188	14,800	32.4
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	278	15,466	43.4
2016-17 (Estimate)	278	To be adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index	58.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1086****(Question Serial No. 6877)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, 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 2015-16 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 347)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Service type ^[Note 1]	Number of elderly persons on the waiting list	
	Subsidised C&A places	Subsidised NH places
2013-14	23 216 ^[Note 2]	6 219 ^[Note 3]
2014-15	25 304 ^[Note 4]	6 045 ^[Note 5]
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	27 050 ^[Note 6]	6 113 ^[Note 7]

^[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented H/A since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places.

^[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 5 823 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL). To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

^[Note 3] The figure includes some 750 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH

places, but does not include 525 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 2 620 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 6 794 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 470 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 838 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 8 171 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 7] The figure includes some 500 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 934 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1087

(Question Serial No. 6878)

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 in the Budget Speech (paragraph 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, 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 2015-16 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 348)

Reply:

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 places and NH places. As such, no information on the average waiting time for H/A places is kept. The average waiting time for subsidised C&A places and NH places is set out as follows –

Year	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note 1]		
	Subsidised C&A places		Subsidised NH places ^[Note 2]
	Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	Subsidised places provided by homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	
2013-14	36	7	33
2014-15	37	8	32
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	36	8	26

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

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1088****(Question Serial No. 6880)**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:

Given that the following schools have ceased operation for years, has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau proposed leasing the vacant school sites for welfare use? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/organisation currently responsible for management
Tai Po	2006-2007	Kai Chi School	Tai Po Tau Tsuen, Tai Po, New Territories	3 125	a portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by Lands Department (LandsD)
Tai Po	2006-2007	Pun Chung Public Primary School	Pun Chung Village, Tai Po, New Territories	1 760	a portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1097)Reply:

The Government will continue to handle the vacant school sites referred to in the question in accordance with the established central clearing house mechanism. According to the established mechanism, the Planning Department (PlanD) will consider the suitable long-term alternative uses (such as “Government, Institution or Community” (G/IC), residential or other uses) to be proposed. Upon the confirmation of the future use of a vacant school site under the Government’s internal mechanism, PlanD will inform the departments concerned for their follow-up as appropriate. In the meantime, relevant bureaux/departments will, where appropriate, identify and arrange temporary or short-term uses to ensure the effective utilisation of land resources.

According to the said established mechanism, SWD will maintain close liaison with relevant departments. If individual vacant school sites are confirmed to be for G/IC use after review by PlanD, SWD will study the suitability of the sites/premises for long-term welfare uses, taking into account the site location, floor area, surrounding environment, local service provision and demand, etc. Based on the above considerations, SWD currently has no plans to provide welfare facilities at the school sites mentioned above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1089****(Question Serial No. 6881)**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:

Given that there is an acute demand for land in the social welfare sector and the following schools have ceased operation for years, has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau proposed leasing the vacant school sites for welfare use? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/ organisation currently responsible for management
North	2004-2005	Lung Kai Public School	Ma Cho Lung Village, Sheung Shui, New Territories	2 647	Lands Department (LandsD)
Sai Kung	2004-2005	Leung Shuen Bay School	Leung Shuen Bay, Sai Kung, New Territories	1 913	LandsD
Tai Po	2004-2005	Yuk Yin School	Kau Lung Hang Village, Tai Po, New Territories	1 411	A portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD
Islands	2005-2006	Lo So Shing School	Lo So Shing Village, Lamma Island, New Territories	706	LandsD

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/ organisation currently responsible for management
North	2005-2006	Lo Wu Public School	Lo Wu Village, Ta Ku Ling, New Territories	2 200	Currently under the purview of the Education Bureau pending transfer to the new user to be identified by LandsD
Tuen Mun	2005-2005	Tai Lam Chung Public School	16 Miles Castle Peak Road, New Territories	1 854	LandsD
Yuen Long	2005-2006	Ha Tsuen Heung Pak Nai Public School	Ha Tsuen Heung, Pak Nai, Yuen Long, New Territories	1 600	LandsD
Islands	2006-2007	Peng Chau Chi Yan Public School	9 Chi Yan Lane, Peng Chau, New Territories	1 752 (northern portion) 1 681 (southern portion)	Southern portion managed by private land owner(s); northern portion managed by LandsD
North	2006-2007	Kwan Ah School	Tam Shui Hang Village, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	878	LandsD
North	2006-2007	Ping Yeung Public School	Ping Yeung Village, Ta Ku Ling, New Territories	16 138	LandsD
North	2006-2007	Sam Wo Public School	Tsung Chai Ling, Muk Wu Tsuen, Ta Ku Ling, New Territories	2 471	LandsD
North	2006-2007	Wah Shan Public School	Wah Shan Village, Sheung Shui, New Territories	13 585	LandsD
Tuen Mun	2006-2007	Kiu Saw Public School	Chung Uk Tsuen, Tuen Mun, New Territories	2 427	A portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/ organisation currently responsible for management
Tuen Mun	2006-2007	Lam Tei Gospel School	21.5 Milestone, Lam Tei, Tuen Mun, New Territories	3 173	A portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD
Tuen Mun	2006-2007	Tuen Mun School	254 Tuen Tse Wai, Tuen Mun, New Territories	4 458	LandsD
Yuen Long	2006-2007	Koon Ying School	Mai Po Village, San Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories	969	LandsD
Yuen Long	2006-2007	Wing On School	Tai Shu Ha West Road, Yuen Long, New Territories	3 566	LandsD
Yuen Long	2006-2007	Shung Ching School	Shung Ching San Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories	6 297	A portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD
Yuen Long	2006-2007	Wa Fung School	Lam Hau Ling, Yuen Long, New Territories	3 067	LandsD
Yuen Long	2006-2007	Yau Tam Mei Primary School	Yau Tam Mei Village, Yuen Long, New Territories	2 720	LandsD
Tsuen Wan	2007-2008	Kwai Chung Public School	570 Castle Peak Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories	7 970	LandsD
Yuen Long	2007-2008	Wai Kwan Primary School	Tong Yan San Tsuen, Ping Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories	3 766	A portion managed by private land owner(s); another portion managed by LandsD
Yuen Long	2007-2008	Ying Yin Catholic Primary School	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long, New Territories	3 091	LandsD
North	2008-2009	King Sau School	Lin Ma Hang, Ta Ku Ling, New Territories	878	LandsD

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/ organisation currently responsible for management
Yuen Long	2008-2009	Yuen Kong Public School	Yuen Kong Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long, New Territories	1 499	LandsD

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1098)

Reply:

The Government will continue to handle the vacant school sites referred to in the question in accordance with the established central clearing house mechanism. According to the established mechanism, the Planning Department (PlanD) will consider the suitable long-term alternative uses (such as “Government, Institution or Community” (G/IC), residential or other uses) to be proposed. Upon the confirmation of the future use of a vacant school site under the Government’s internal mechanism, PlanD will inform the departments concerned for their follow-up as appropriate. In the meantime, relevant bureaux/departments will, where appropriate, identify and arrange temporary or short-term uses to ensure the effective utilisation of land resources.

According to the said established mechanism, SWD will maintain close liaison with relevant departments. If individual vacant school sites are confirmed to be for G/IC use after review by PlanD, SWD will study the suitability of the sites/premises for long-term welfare uses, taking into account the site location, floor area, surrounding environment, local service provision and demand, etc. Based on the above considerations, SWD currently has no plans to provide welfare facilities at the school sites mentioned above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1090****(Question Serial No. 6882)**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 persistent problem of land shortage has made it difficult for the social welfare sector to launch and deliver services. Given that there is an acute demand for land in the social welfare sector and the following schools have ceased operation for years, has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or the Labour and Welfare Bureau proposed leasing the vacant school sites for welfare use? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/organisation currently responsible for management
Islands	2003-2004	Tung Chung Public School	Tung Chung, Lantau Island, New Territories	233	Lands Department (LandsD)
Tai Po	2003-2004	King Lam School	Tap Mun, Sai Kung North, New Territories	1 547	LandsD
Tsuen Wan	2003-2004	Fong Yuen School	Tin Liu Tsuen, Kap Shui Mun, Ma Wan, New Territories	120	LandsD
Islands	2004-2005	Peng Chau Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School	Nim Shue Wan Village, Peng Chau, New Territories	555	LandsD
North	2004-2005	Kin Tak Public School	Lin Tong Mei, Sheung Shui, New Territories	4 969	LandsD
Yuen Long	2004-2005	Sha Kong Public Luen Yick School	Sha Kong Wai, Ping Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories (D.D. 129)	1 864	LandsD
North	2005-2006	The Kwan Ti Public School	Kwan Tei Tsuen, Fanling, New Territories	5 956	LandsD

District	Year of cessation of operation	School name	School address	Site area (square metre)	Government department/ organisation currently responsible for management
North	2005-2006	Lung Shan School	Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling, New Territories	7 643	LandsD
North	2005-2006	Tung Hing School	Tai Tau Leng Tsuen, Sheung Shui, New Territories	2 917	LandsD
North	2005-2006	Wo Him School	Wo Hop Shek Tsuen, Fanling, New Territories	1 530	LandsD
Yuen Long	2005-2006	Ling Man School	266 Tai Kei Leng Tsuen, Yuen Long	1 215	LandsD
North	2006-2007	Tan Chuk Hang Public School	Tan Chuk Hang, Fanling, New Territories	2 892	LandsD
Tai Po	2006-2007	Luk Heung San Tsuen Public School	Plover Cove Road, Tai Po Market, New Territories	1 590	LandsD
Tai Po	2006-2007	Tai Po Normal School Memorial School	170 Kam Shan, Tai Po, New Territories	4 552	LandsD

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 1099)

Reply:

The Government will continue to handle the vacant school sites referred to in the question in accordance with the established central clearing house mechanism. According to the established mechanism, the Planning Department (PlanD) will consider the suitable long-term alternative uses (such as “Government, Institution or Community” (G/IC), residential or other uses) to be proposed. Upon the confirmation of the future use of a vacant school site under the Government’s internal mechanism, PlanD will inform the departments concerned for their follow-up as appropriate. In the meantime, relevant bureaux/departments will, where appropriate, identify and arrange temporary or short-term uses to ensure the effective utilisation of land resources.

According to the said established mechanism, SWD will maintain close liaison with relevant departments. If individual vacant school sites are confirmed to be for G/IC use after review by PlanD, SWD will study the suitability of the sites/premises for long-term welfare uses, taking into account the site location, floor area, surrounding environment, local service provision and demand, etc. Based on the above considerations, SWD currently has no plans to provide welfare facilities at the school sites mentioned above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1091

(Question Serial No. 6883)

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 in the Budget Speech (paragraph 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for home for the aged (H/A) from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 349)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new applications for subvented H/A places since 1 January 2003, there is no information on the average waiting time of elderly persons for placement in H/A from 2012-13 to 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1092****(Question Serial No. 6884)**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 135) that the Government will “allocate a recurrent provision of \$140 million to provide more subsidised residential care places”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the average waiting time for care-and-attention (C&A) home from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (as at end-March each year) in the following table –

Average waiting time		
As at end-March each year	C&A homes	
	Subvented homes and contract homes	Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		
2015-16		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 350)Reply:

The average waiting time for subsidised C&A places is set out below –

Year	Average waiting time (in months) (Average from the previous 3 months) ^[Note]	
	Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHEs	Subsidised places provided by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS
2012-13	35	8
2013-14	36	7
2014-15	37	8
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	36	8

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1093

(Question Serial No. 6885)

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 cost per place per month of C&A home places and C&A places providing COC from 2012-13 to 2016-17 respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 351)

Reply:

The information sought from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Cost Per Place Per Month of C&A Places and C&A Places Providing COC

Year	C&A homes providing COC Cost per place per month(\$)
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539 ^[Note]
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747 ^[Note]
2014-15 (Actual)	13,737 ^[Note]
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	14,624 ^[Note]
2016-17 (Estimate)	14,490 ^[Note]

^[Note] The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost per place of C&A homes and self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion to C&A homes providing COC.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1094****(Question Serial No. 6886)**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 cost per place per month of C&A places providing COC from 2012-13 to 2016-17 in the following table –

	Cost per place per month			
	C&A homes providing COC			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	
			EA 1	EA 2
2012-13				
2013-14				
2014-15				
2015-16				
2016-17				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 352)Reply:

The information sought from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out in the Annex. Private homes participating in the EBPS do not offer places providing COC.

Cost per Month of C&A Places Providing COC

Year	Cost per place per month (\$)	
	C&A homes providing COC	Contract homes ^[Note 2]
2012-13 (Actual)	12,539 ^[Note 1]	10,936
2013-14 (Actual)	12,747 ^[Note 1]	11,814
2014-15 (Actual)	13,737 ^[Note 1]	12,893
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	14,624 ^[Note 1]	13,847
2016-17 (Estimate)	14,490 ^[Note 1]	16,199

^[Note 1] The cost per place per month has taken into account the cost per place of C&A homes as well as self-care hostels and homes for the aged participating in the conversion programme to convert into C&A homes providing COC.

^[Note 2] Including C&A places providing COC and nursing home places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1095****(Question Serial No. 6887)**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 cost per place per month for the following NHs from 2011-12 to 2015-16 in the following table –

Cost per place per month		
As at end-March each year	NH homes	
	Subvented homes and contract homes	Self-financing NHs run by non-profit-making and non-governmental organisations participating in NHPPS
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		
2015-16		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 353)Reply:

The information for 2011-12 to 2015-16 is set out at Annex.

NH Places

Year	Cost per place per month (\$)		Unit subsidies per place per month (\$)
	NHs	Contract homes ^[Note]	Self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS
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 (Actual)	20,521	12,893	14,800
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	21,570	13,847	15,466

^[Note] Including care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1096

(Question Serial No. 6888)

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, would the Government please inform this Committee of the amount of funding for C&A home places and C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2012-13 to 2016-17 respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 354)

Reply:

The information on the funding for C&A home places and C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Expenditure for C&A Places and C&A Places Providing a Continuum of Care

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Subvented homes ^[Note 1]	Contract homes ^[Note 2]
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9
2014-15 (Actual)	2,335.8	281.9
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,474.7	329.8
2016-17 (Estimate)	2,468.2	418.0

^[Note 1] Including self-care hostels, homes for the aged, C&A homes and homes with C&A places providing a continuum of care.

^[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a continuum of care and Nursing Home places

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1097****(Question Serial No. 6889)**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 amount of funding for C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2012-13 to 2016-17 in the following table –

	Amount of funding			
	C&A homes providing a continuum of care places			
	Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations	Contract homes	Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	
			EA 1	EA 2
2012-13				
2013-14				
2014-15				
2015-16				
2016-17				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 355)Reply:

The information on the funding for C&A places providing a continuum of care from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Expenditure for C&A Places Providing a Continuum of Care

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Subvented homes ^[Note 1]	Contract homes ^[Note 2]
2012-13 (Actual)	1,929.1	199.0
2013-14 (Actual)	2,109.2	240.9
2014-15 (Actual)	2,335.8	281.9
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	2,474.7	329.8
2016-17 (Estimate)	2,468.2	418.0

^[Note 1] Including self-care hostels, homes for the aged, C&A homes and homes with C&A places providing a continuum of care. And private homes participating in EBPS do not provide places with a continuum of care.

^[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a continuum of care and Nursing Home places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1098****(Question Serial No. 6891)**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 funding for NHs from 2011-12 to 2016-17 in the following table –

Cost per place per month		
As at end-March each year	NH homes	
	Subvented homes and contract homes	Self-financing NHs run by non-profit-making and non-governmental organisations participating in NHPPS
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		
2015-16		
2016-17		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 356)Reply:

The expenditure for NHs from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is set out at Annex.

Expenditure for NHs

Year	(\$ million)		
	Subvented homes	Contract homes ^[Note]	Self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS
2012-13 (Actual)	265.4	199.0	24.3
2013-14 (Actual)	280.3	240.9	25.9
2014-15 (Actual)	385.3	281.9	32.4
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	403.5	329.8	43.4
2016-17 (Estimate)	406.1	418.0	58.0

[Note] Including care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1099

(Question Serial No. 6892)

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)”. Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (A) the number of beneficiaries of the Pilot Scheme; and
- (B) the estimated expenditure of the Pilot Scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 357)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (A) About 8 800 elderly residents of 94 RCHEs participating in the Pilot Scheme have been served since the launch of the Pilot Scheme in June 2010.
- (B) The Government earmarked a sum of \$5 million for implementing the three-year Pilot Scheme from June 2010 to June 2013 and subsequently earmarked an additional \$4.2 million for extending the Pilot Scheme to March 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1100****(Question Serial No. 3982)**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 show by age group and the 18 districts in Hong Kong the number of elderly persons who are recipients of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the OALA Scheme and the amount of expenditure involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 29)Reply:

The numbers of OALA cases by age from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Age	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
65 to 69	109 723	119 629	126 576
70 or above	306 443	297 964	302 668
Total	416 166	417 593	429 244

The numbers of OALA cases by district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central & Western	8 533	7 681	7 631
Eastern	35 887	34 851	35 300
Islands	5 677	5 864	6 092
Kowloon City	20 984	20 987	21 610
Kwai Tsing	40 850	41 532	42 649
Kwun Tong	52 733	53 943	55 207
North	14 860	15 141	15 743
Sai Kung	20 074	21 005	21 877
Sha Tin	38 388	39 242	40 913
Sham Shui Po	23 680	23 576	24 258

District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Southern	17 468	17 056	17 331
Tai Po	14 691	15 011	15 636
Tsuen Wan	16 393	16 059	16 321
Tuen Mun	25 104	26 770	28 430
Wan Chai	4 471	3 910	3 830
Wong Tai Sin	38 468	37 885	38 264
Yau Tsim Mong	13 469	12 425	12 581
Yuen Long	23 219	24 156	25 347
Total ^[Note]	414 949	417 094	429 020

^[Note] As cases with incomplete information are excluded, the total number of cases in this table is different from that in the previous table.

The actual expenditure for OALA for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was \$13.127 billion and \$12.292 billion respectively, both including the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the respective years. In addition, OALA was launched in April 2013. The expenditure for 2013-14 also included the back-payment to recipients for the period from December 2012 to March 2013. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is \$14.087 billion, including the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1101****(Question Serial No. 7188)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social Security,
(6) Community DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Ms Carol YIP)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 65 to 69, 70 to 74 and 75 or above in the past 10 years.
2. Please list the number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above, and the number of CSSA cases involving two-member households with both being aged over 65 as well as a rough estimation of the relevant expenditure (on a household basis and including the additional standard rate payments) in the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 79)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of CSSA recipients by age from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA recipients		
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
2011-12	27 701	31 961	97 896
2012-13	28 226	29 707	97 258
2013-14	28 081	27 346	95 592
2014-15	28 585	26 189	93 339
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	29 234	25 128	92 100

2. The numbers of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients and two-person households with all the recipient(s) being aged 65 or above from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 65 or above	Number of CSSA cases involving two-person households with both recipients aged 65 and above
2011-12	98 394	17 070
2012-13	97 745	16 763
2013-14	96 208	16 261

2014-15	94 865	15 888
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	94 258	15 744

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on CSSA expenditure broken down by the above categories.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1102

(Question Serial No. 7189)

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:

1. Please set out the details of the salaries, allowances and number of civil servants under Subhead 003 broken down by the initiatives and programmes of the Community Care Fund (CCF).

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 79)

Reply:

There are 5 civil servants responsible for the implementation of CCF assistance programmes under the Social Welfare Department (SWD). They are remunerated according to their own grades and ranks. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on the salaries and allowances for the civil servants implementing CCF assistance programmes under SWD is \$3.69 million. The expenditure is to be reimbursed by CCF. SWD does not capture information on the salaries, allowances and number of civil servants broken down by the initiatives and programmes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1103

(Question Serial No. 5003)

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) Please provide the number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of as well as the number of children on the waiting lists for 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 financial years.
- (b) It is stated in Programme (1) that in 2015, the Department expanded the provision of EHS and enhanced the supervisory and administrative support for aided standalone CCCs and aided KG-cum-CCCs operating OCCS and/or EHS. What are the objectives, details, progress and estimated expenditure of these 2 policies?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 122)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of places and utilisation rate/number of service users of day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP) by district over the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of children on the waiting lists for the above services.

- (b) From 2015-16 onwards, SWD will increase in phases about 5 000 EHS places in districts with high demand so that more needy children aged below 6 can continue to receive service in the same service units being attended by them, with a view to alleviating the pressures on their working parents. This initiative involves a full-year expenditure of about \$127 million. SWD has initially provided about 1 200 places in 2015-16 and will provide in phases the remaining places of about 3 800 based on the demand in various districts. Besides, in 2015-16, SWD has provided resources for aided standalone CCCs and units providing OCCS and EHS, so as to enhance supervisory and administrative support. This initiative involves a full-year expenditure of about \$5.6 million.

**Table 1 - Number of Places and Utilisation Rate/Number of Service Users
for Standalone CCCs, CCCs Attached to KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(2013-14)**

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	55	1 162	63	14	35	52	42	14	18.9	40	205
Southern	-	N.A.	1 661	56	16	108	58	83	42	5.0	40	297
Islands	-	N.A.	1 081	33	12	79	14	16	11	5.6	40	371
Eastern	449	60	2 713	79	19	56	96	70	-	N.A.	40	402
Wan Chai	40	100	748	74	12	59	56	80	-	N.A.	40	228
Kwun Tong	216	68	1 456	87	49	76	122	82	56	9.9	40	575
Wong Tai Sin	42	36	829	88	34	81	84	125	14	14.8	40	691
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 221	67	21	64	56	51	-	N.A.	40	888
Kowloon City	1 168	64	3 106	86	25	63	66	58	-	N.A.	40	451
Yau Tsim Mong	88	94	1 245	90	22	68	58	98	14	-	40	824
Sham Shui Po	62	100	732	89	25	84	76	116	37	17.1	40	1 035
Sha Tin	70	100	2 091	85	29	59	82	57	-	N.A.	40	535
Tai Po	-	N.A.	976	71	15	69	66	83	-	N.A.	40	575
North	48	100	704	78	20	43	58	74	14	3.3	40	384
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	35	67	70	66	42	3.5	40	888
Tsuen Wan	238	84	1 144	83	18	77	50	98	14	3.2	40	428
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 138	88	37	71	88	60	42	3.8	40	719
Tuen Mun	138	88	1 481	72	31	83	78	77	14	-	40	1 098
Total	2 885	71	25 575	77	434	71	1 230	78	314	7.9	720	10 594

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs includes around 7 200 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2013.

[Note 3] 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 KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(2014-15)**

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	202	92	1 318	57	13	37	52	46	14	22.5	53	482
Southern	-	N.A.	1 492	62	18	95	58	63	42	0.9	53	360
Islands	-	N.A.	1 094	38	13	72	14	3	11	1.6	53	364
Eastern	464	91	3 040	77	22	52	96	68	-	N.A.	53	398
Wan Chai	48	99	749	80	10	73	56	70	-	N.A.	53	273
Kwun Tong	216	98	1 555	91	50	74	122	71	56	12.0	53	687
Wong Tai Sin	42	88	807	92	34	83	84	91	14	13.8	53	717
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 321	68	20	54	56	55	-	N.A.	53	908
Kowloon City	1 144	86	3 708	82	22	64	66	59	-	N.A.	53	632
Yau Tsim Mong	128	92	1 262	88	22	63	58	65	14	0.1	53	880
Sham Shui Po	62	100	720	92	26	84	76	87	37	17.2	53	900
Sha Tin	70	100	2 237	89	30	54	82	53	-	N.A.	53	672
Tai Po	-	N.A.	1 011	76	17	73	66	84	14	10.9	53	690
North	48	100	728	93	16	54	58	66	14	1.7	53	458
Yuen Long	64	100	1 087	97	34	75	70	59	42	2.4	53	1 135
Tsuen Wan	238	100	1 185	83	20	63	50	91	14	6.5	53	525
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 192	89	34	81	88	57	42	6.0	53	798
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 506	85	33	78	78	63	-	N.A.	53	1 020
Total	2 850	92	27 012	79	434	71	1 230	67	314	8.0	954	11 899

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs includes around 7 200 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2014.

[Note 3] 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 KGs,
OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP
(April to December 2015)**

District	CCCs ^[Note 1]				OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs									
	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Utilisation rate (%)	Minimum number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	210	70	1 359	53	13	37	74	40	14	27.6	53	423
Southern	-	N.A.	1 494	56	18	74	70	66	42	0.2	53	255
Islands	-	N.A.	956	42	13	63	14	12	-	N.A.	53	339
Eastern	474	65	2 817	75	22	48	190	66	-	N.A.	53	390
Wan Chai	48	100	773	77	10	75	94	58	-	N.A.	53	227
Kwun Tong	216	88	1 436	89	50	75	232	63	56	12.7	53	642
Wong Tai Sin	42	58	807	85	34	70	196	83	14	15.1	53	599
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 296	67	20	74	80	64	-	N.A.	53	644
Kowloon City	1 144	71	3 911	78	22	65	148	53	-	N.A.	53	478
Yau Tsim Mong	128	88	1 177	86	22	61	146	55	14	0.1	53	734
Sham Shui Po	62	100	915	82	26	89	158	84	37	26.6	53	812
Sha Tin	70	100	2 012	88	30	53	110	45	-	N.A.	53	583
Tai Po	-	N.A.	858	77	17	72	96	68	14	10.3	53	626
North	48	100	681	90	16	63	74	60	14	5.0	53	376
Yuen Long	64	100	1 119	100	34	61	130	59	42	2.8	53	913
Tsuen Wan	244	88	1 269	82	20	47	94	72	14	1.5	53	459
Kwai Tsing	60	100	1 123	90	34	72	132	68	42	8.2	53	713
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 460	82	33	63	166	53	-	N.A.	53	945
Total	2 874	77	26 463	77	434	66	2 204	63	303	10.0	954	10 158

[Note 1] The total number of places for CCCs includes around 7 000 subsidised places.

[Note 2] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2015.

[Note 3] 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)1104

(Question Serial No. 5004)

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 understood that the Government will launch a two-year pilot project on child care training for grandparents. The first phase of training programme will start in March 2016. In this regard –

- (a) please give a full account of the objectives, details, estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure of the project; and
- (b) whether the Government will consider redirecting the resources used to launch the training programme into day child care services for increasing the number of places and enhancing the quality of service. If yes, what are the plans and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 123)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Government will launch a pilot project to help grandparents become well-trained child carers in a home setting, with a view to reinforcing support for nuclear families. A total of 540 training places will be provided under the two-year pilot project to be rolled out in March 2016 the earliest. The required expenditure of the pilot project of some \$3.3 million will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. Apart from equipping the trainees with up-to-date child care knowledge and skills, some training contents will also cover topics focusing on family with a view to strengthening intergenerational support and integration.
- (b) The pilot project mentioned in (a) above will be funded by the Lotteries Fund. While implementing the pilot project, the Government will also proactively identify suitable premises to increase the provision of day child care service places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1105

(Question Serial No. 5005)

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:

- (a) Regarding the “project providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation services” (the Project), please provide the objectives, details, current status, estimated number of beneficiaries and estimated expenditure.
- (b) It is understood that children in need can only choose between either pre-existing services such as early training centres/integrated child care services or the Project. Please provide by programme the number of participants switching from these pre-existing services to waiting for the Project and the expenditure involved. Is the Government aware of the above situation and what are the solutions?
- (c) In the long term, will the Government increase the places for pre-existing services such as early training centres or integrated child care services? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? If no, how will the Government fulfill its commitment to “improve the waiting time for government services to zero for children with special learning needs under the age of 6”?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 124)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2015, the Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service (Pilot Scheme) with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund, under which inter-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) are coordinated by 16 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with experiences in the implementation of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to provide 2 925 free service places to children with special needs who are attending over 450 kindergartens (KGs) and kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) which cover about half of all

KGs and KG-cum-CCCs in Hong Kong. The projects under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out in phases from November 2015 to January 2016. The inter-disciplinary teams also provide KG teachers/child care workers and parents with professional support, including consultation service, demonstrations, talks, workshops, seminars, etc.

- (b) The target service users of the Pilot Scheme are children who are attending the KGs or KG-cum-CCCs participating in the Pilot Scheme and are waiting for pre-school rehabilitation services subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (i.e. early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs) or Integrated Programme in KG-cum-CCC). It is only when children under the Pilot Scheme are allocated subvented pre-school rehabilitation services that parents are required to either opt to receive such services or continue to receive the services under the Pilot Scheme. As the Pilot Scheme has just been rolled out, information on the number of people switching from the subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to the Pilot Scheme and the expenditure involved is not yet available.
- (c) The Government will review the Pilot Scheme in due course to help determine the mode of service should the scheme be regularised in the future. In this connection, the Government has set aside a full-year expenditure of about \$470 million for the expansion and ongoing implementation of the services after the end of the two-year Pilot Scheme. When regularised in the future, the number of places offered by the scheme will be increased to 7 000. Meanwhile, the Government will continue to proactively identify suitable sites for providing EETC and SCCC services. In this connection, the Government has earmarked sites for the provision of about 1 100 EETC and SCCC places in the next 5 years, including 287 EETC places expected to be provided in 2016-17. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is about \$220 million. In addition, through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, the Government will encourage NGOs to better utilise their land for providing more places for subvented pre-school services through in-situ expansion, redevelopment or new development. If all the projects are completed according to the preliminary plans of the applicant organisations, it is expected that there will be an additional 17 000 places for elderly and rehabilitation services, of which 3 800 places will be for pre-school rehabilitation services

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1106

(Question Serial No. 5011)

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:

Would the Government inform this Council 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 2015/16 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 2015/16;
- (c) the number of non-Chinese speaking students attending each of these support programmes in 2015/16;
- (d) the list of NGOs or academic institutions that receive funding from SWD to specifically provide support programmes for non-Chinese students' learning of Chinese Language and other subjects in 2015/16 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 the support programmes referred to in (d) in 2015/16.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 130)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) & (b) The Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) aims to promote tripartite cross-sectoral partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants from SWD to donations made by the business partners to support welfare NGOs running welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In 2015, the Government further injected \$400 million into PFD, \$200 million of which would 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 welfare NGOs and schools in the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families to facilitate their whole-person development.

During 2015-16, funding was allocated for a total of 100 projects of after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families. The projects cover a period of less than 1 year to 3 years with a total funding of \$57 million.

Please refer to the Annex for the welfare NGOs/schools funded by PFD and the target number of students served.

- (c) to (e) SWD does not have the breakdown of the number of non-Chinese speaking students participating in the programmes.

**Information on after-school learning and
support programmes implemented with funding from PFD in 2015-16**

Name of welfare NGO/school	No. of approved project(s)	Target no. of students served
Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	1	225
Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China (The)	1	150
The Church of Christ in China Kei Heep Secondary School	1	540
The Church of Christ in China Fung Leung Kit Memorial Secondary School	1	500
Ng Yuk Secondary School	1	700
Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School	1	80
Yan Oi Tong Chan Wong Suk Fong Memorial Secondary School	1	706
Nam Wah Catholic Secondary School	1	500
Po Chiu Catholic Secondary School	1	300
Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School	1	348
Ladder Mission Ltd	2	148
W Workshop (Hong Kong) Ltd	1	840
We R Family Foundation Ltd	3	650
People Service Centre Ltd	1	148
Hong Chi Morninghope School, Tuen Mun	1	24
Buddhist Mau Fung Memorial College	1	500
Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College	1	380
Windshield Charitable Foundation	1	300
Youth Outreach	3	1 070
Heep Hong Society	2	304
Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School	1	300
Caritas Fanling Chan Chun Ha Secondary School	1	758
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3	804
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Yow Kam Yuen College	1	280
The Incorporated Management Committee of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals C.Y. Ma Memorial College	1	350
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Kwok Yat Wai College	1	670
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Wong Fung Ling College	1	187
Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	1	2 000

Name of welfare NGO/school	No. of approved project(s)	Target no. of students served
Po Leung Kuk	1	600
Po Leung Kuk C. W. Chu College	1	530
Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd (The)	2	700
Compassion Revival Ltd	1	55
Music Children Foundation Ltd	1	120
HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School	1	600
Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	1	537
Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	1	120
Hong Kong Weaving Mills Association Chu Shek Lun Secondary School	1	480
Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education & Services Ltd	1	60
Asian Outreach Hong Kong Ltd	1	60
Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	2	630
Hong Kong Sea School	1	265
Apostolic Faith Church of Hong Kong Ltd	1	60
Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	1	78
Hong Kong Women Development Association Ltd	1	70
The Hong Kong Chinese Church of Christ (Chung Chun) Ltd	1	141
Hong Kong PHAB Association	3	141
HK SKH Bishop Hall Secondary School	1	600
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Ltd	2	60
The Hong Kong Taoist Association The Yuen Yuen Institute No. 3 Secondary School	1	500
Hong Kong Association of the Deaf	1	60
Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)	1	350
Benji's Centre Ltd	1	200
Ko Lui Secondary School	1	595
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Ltd	1	20
Christian Family Service Centre	1	110
Gracious Shepherd Christian Church Ltd	1	100
Christian Action	1	132
The Salvation Army William Booth Secondary School	1	480
Sampe Memorial Secondary School	1	120
Principal Chan Free Tutorial World Ltd	1	7 200

Name of welfare NGO/school	No. of approved project(s)	Target no. of students served
Cotton Spinners Association Secondary School	1	613
The Yuen Yuen Institute MFBM Nei Ming Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial College	1	450
San Wui Commercial Society Secondary School	1	226
Lions College	1	415
S.K.H. St. Thomas' Primary School	1	40
St. James' Settlement	4	2 279
Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Tuen Mun)	1	200
Man Kiu College	1	300
Fung Kai No. 1 Secondary School	1	550
Lok Sin Tong Yu Kan Hing Secondary School	1	200
Lok Sin Tong Leung Kau Kui College	1	700
Lok Kwan Social Service	1	70
Lock Tao Secondary School	1	180
Chiu Chow Association Secondary School	1	80
The Rock Foundation Ltd	1	662
HOPE worldwide Ltd	3	1 742
Rhenish Church Grace School	1	25
Rhenish Church Pang Hok Ko Memorial College	1	240
OIWA Ltd	1	298
Kwun Tong Kung Lok Government Secondary School	1	730
Rainbow Foundation Ltd	1	2 560
The Bill Crews Foundation Ltd	1	514

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1107****(Question Serial No. 6331)**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 advise whether there were/are any resources set aside in the Budget of the past 3 years and 2016-17 for taking forward mental health services? If yes, what was/is the detailed breakdown? What were/are the manpower and expenditure involved respectively?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 251)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory to provide ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers as well as residents living in the serving districts with one-stop, district-based community mental health support services ranging from prevention to risk management, including various types of public education programmes with a view to raising the public's awareness of mental health and promoting early intervention of mental health problems. Resources deployed by SWD for ICCMWs in the past 3 years and in 2016-17 are shown in the table below –

Year	Expenditure on ICCMW Service (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	221.6
2014-15 (Actual)	254.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	281.1
2016-17 (Estimate)	286.8

In addition, SWD implemented the two-year “Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units” in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund. The pilot project aims to equip suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters for speeding up their own recovery and supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery. They will also assist in organising groups and mental health promotion activities to enhance the public’s positive understanding of the ex-mentally ill persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1108

(Question Serial No. 6332)

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 set out the numbers of places, the numbers of people waiting for the places, the median and average waiting time and the longest waiting time regarding day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school services and residential care homes for persons with disabilities in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 252)

Reply:

The numbers of service places, applicants on the waiting list, as well as the average waiting time regarding day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school services and residential care homes for persons with disabilities in the past 3 years are set out at the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture statistics on the median and longest waiting time for these services.

**Table 1: Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List,
as well as the Average Waiting Time for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2013-14**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end-March 2014)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end-March 2014)	Average Waiting Time in 2013-14 (in Months)
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	4 801	1 293	57.6
SW	5 111	2 724	16.1
SE	1 633	96	2.2
IVRSC	4 257	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
Pre-school services			
EETC	2 628	3 945	19
SCCC	1 757	1 335	18.5
IP	1 860	1 784	14.1
Residential services			
HWH	1 509	714	7.2
LSCH	1 587	1 573	32.5
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
HMMH	2 364	1 694	119.5
HSMH	3 382	2 200	105.6
HSPH	573	516	142.2
C&A/SD	959	468	48
C&A/AB	825	120	8.4
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	80	18.8
SHOS	596	1 340	16.5
RSCCC	110	42	17.5

[Note 1] IVRSCs do not have their own central waiting list (CWL), and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 2] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture any statistics on the number of applicants and the waiting time.

Legend

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
SCCC	special child care centre
IP	integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
HWH	halfway house

Legend

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)/ISGH	small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

**Table 2: Numbers of Service Places, Applicants on the Waiting List,
as well as the Average Waiting Time for Rehabilitation Services
for Persons with Disabilities in 2014-15**

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end-March 2015)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end-March 2015)	Average Waiting Time in 2014-15 (in Months)
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services			
DAC	5 146	1 289	61.8
SW	5 276	2 750	19.7
SE	1 633	76	3.1
IVRSC	4 387	N.A. ^[Note 1]	N.A. ^[Note 1]
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
Pre-school services			
EETC	2 991	3 853	19.6
SCCC	1 775	1 437	17.3
IP	1 860	1 764	13
Residential services			
HWH	1 509	652	7.6
LSCH	1 587	1 614	31.0
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 2]	N.A. ^[Note 2]
HMMH	2 384	1 784	39.0
HSMH	3 561	2 205	96.5
HSPH	573	565	27.6
C&A/SD	991	421	47.8
C&A/AB	825	131	9.0
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	94	9.7
SHOS	596	1 500	19.4
RSCCC	110	38	15.8

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C&A/AB	care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

Table 3: Numbers of Service Places and Applicants on the Waiting Lists for Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Disabilities in 2015-16 ^[Note 1]

Type of Service	Number of Service Places (as at end-December 2015)	Number of Applicants on the Waiting List (as at end-December 2015)
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	5 148	1 189
SW	5 276	2 482
SE	1 633	50
IVRSC	4 412	N.A. ^[Note 2]
OJT	432	N.A. ^[Note 3]
Sunnyway	311	N.A. ^[Note 3]
IVTC(Day)	453	N.A. ^[Note 3]
Pre-school services		
EETC	3 070	3 823
SCCC	1 775	1 419
IP	1 980	1 643
Residential services		
HWH	1 509	731
LSCH	1 587	1 800
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note 3]
HMMH	2 384	1 943
HSMH	3 561	2 220
HSPH	573	600
C&A/SD	991	443
C&A/AB	825	127
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	64	79
SHOS	596	1 644
RSCCC	110	21

[Note 1] As the waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2015-16 are not yet available.

[Note 2] IVRSCs do not have their own CWL, and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 3] Service users may be admitted directly or through referral, and hence SWD does not capture any statistics in this respect.

Legend

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
SCCC	special child care centre
IP	integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
HWH	halfway house
LSCH	long stay care home
IVTC(Res)	integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

Legend

HMMH	hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH	hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH	hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD	care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB	care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC)/ISGH	small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home
SHOS	supported hostel
RSCCC	residential special child care centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1109

(Question Serial No. 6333)

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:

Would the Government please advise this Committee of the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 involving the provision of assistance to persons with disabilities (PWDs)? Will there be additional places of day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school services and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 253)

Reply:

In the 2016-17 Budget, the Government has proposed to allocate an additional full-year expenditure of about \$180 million to strengthen various residential care services, special transport services, community support services and measures which support children with special needs and their families as follows –

- (i) an additional funding allocation of about \$129 million for 1 110 additional places for various rehabilitation services, which will include 210 places for pre-school rehabilitation services, 400 places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services, 350 places for residential care services, and 150 places purchased under the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs, to enhance care for PWDs and provide the necessary training;
- (ii) an additional allocation of about \$10 million under the Training Subsidy Programme to increase the training hours for eligible children on the waiting list for special child care centres to 6 hours per month;
- (iii) an additional allocation of about \$13 million to set up an additional Child Assessment Centre under the Department of Health;

- (iv) an additional funding allocation of about \$9 million for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme, with a view to enhancing the primary medical service for service users at residential care homes; and
- (v) an additional allocation of about \$19 million for more manpower to enhance rehabus service (including the procurement of 9 rehabuses and replacement of 10 old rehabuses) and centre bus service offered by day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and community rehabilitation day centres. This will enhance the escort service offered by such service units to ageing service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1110

(Question Serial No. 6334)

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 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) since their establishment, what are the respective waiting time, the number of people seeking assistance, the number of cases having been accepted for follow-up actions, and the average time required for completing the follow-up actions of a case? Please set out the information by case category.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 254)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 ICCMWs across the territory to provide ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers as well as residents living in the serving districts with one-stop, district-based community mental health support services and social rehabilitation services ranging from prevention to risk management. People in need may approach the ICCMWs for application or seek referral by doctors, social workers, allied health professionals or government departments. SWD does not capture the waiting time for ICCMW services.

Between service commencement in October 2010 and December 2015, ICCMWs served some 51 800 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, in addition to handling over 55 800 referrals and making over 328 000 outreaching visits. During the same period, ICCMWs provided casework services for some 41 800 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems. SWD does not have the breakdown by type of ICCMW cases, nor the average time required to complete the follow-up actions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1111

(Question Serial No. 6335)

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 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), would the Government please advise this Committee of the staff establishment in each ICCMW, the caseload of each professional (such as social worker, therapist and nurse) in the ICCMWs and the time required for following up a case?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 255)

Reply:

The essential staffing requirements of ICCMWs include occupational therapist, qualified nurse (psychiatric) and a minimum of 2 registered social workers with at least 3 years' experience in mental health service. The staffing and number of cases handled by individual ICCMWs may vary with the size of the service teams and the needs of the community served by the teams. Since ICCMWs came into operation in October 2010 until December 2015, about 41 800 ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems had been provided with casework service by the centres. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information on the number of workers involved in handling cases, the average caseload of each worker, nor the time required for following up a case in each ICCMW.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1112

(Question Serial No. 6336)

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Government will continue to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems. What is the detailed plan? What are the manpower and resources involved respectively?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 256)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) in Hong Kong to cater to ex-mentally-ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems in the territory, their families and carers, as well as residents in the districts concerned, providing them with one-stop district-based community mental health support services ranging from prevention to risk management, including different types of community education activities, with a view to enhancing public awareness of mental health and addressing mental health problems as early as possible. In addition, SWD has implemented a two-year pilot project on peer support service for ex-mentally ill persons in community psychiatric service units in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund. The pilot project aims at training suitable ex-mentally ill persons to serve as peer supporters with a view to speeding up their own recovery, and providing support for other persons recovering from mental illness, as well as assisting in organising groups and education programmes on mental health to enhance the public's positive understanding of ex-mentally ill persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1113****(Question Serial No. 6347)**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 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) administers 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 which provides allowances for severely disabled and elderly persons. In this connection, would the Government please advise this Committee of the numbers of cases and recipients currently on CSSA by case nature of the CSSA Scheme with a breakdown by District Council district?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 268)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (i) The number of CSSA cases by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (Number of cases)							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863

District	CSSA case nature (Number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

(ii) The number of CSSA recipients by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 076	255	338	480	216	233	46	3 644
Eastern	9 179	1 585	1 393	2 807	908	958	244	17 074
Islands	2 145	321	792	1 556	807	1 038	203	6 862
Kowloon City	9 413	1 277	1 659	4 065	965	1 505	244	19 128
Kwai Tsing	18 389	2 970	3 303	5 978	2 894	2 560	554	36 648
Kwun Tong	27 821	2 048	5 063	9 346	2 934	3 617	728	51 557
North	9 001	1 427	1 912	4 097	813	1 336	457	19 043
Sai Kung	5 331	1 000	1 589	1 953	839	862	318	11 892
Sha Tin	11 423	1 852	3 387	5 078	1 247	1 125	663	24 775
Sham Shui Po	16 162	1 669	3 454	6 436	1 690	2 839	456	32 706
Southern	5 388	1 406	989	1 285	569	404	179	10 220
Tai Po	6 105	766	1 542	2 168	365	685	328	11 959
Tsuen Wan	5 483	685	875	2 047	648	564	165	10 467
Tuen Mun	14 018	2 473	2 937	4 181	1 165	1 759	466	26 999
Wan Chai	989	61	128	201	37	208	94	1 718
Wong Tai Sin	14 884	1 592	2 785	5 051	1 615	1 862	394	28 183
Yau Tsim Mong	5 291	457	1 196	2 710	564	1 598	237	12 053
Yuen Long	15 657	2 201	4 580	8 496	2 361	4 130	787	38 212
Total	178 755	24 045	37 922	67 935	20 637	27 283	6 563	363 140

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1114

(Question Serial No. 6348)

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 2016-17 represents a 22.5% increase over the original estimate for 2015-16. What are the reasons for the increase? Does it involve additional manpower or services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 269)

Reply:

The increase in the estimate for the government sector for 2016-17 as compared with the original estimate for 2015-16 is mainly due to the additional manpower to be provided. The net increase of 60 posts for services for the elderly in 2016-17, including 1 directorate post, will be in the Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Station Officer, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Registered Nurse, Clerical and supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to comprehensively strengthen the licensing services as well as the inspection and regulation of residential care homes for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1115

(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:

The revised estimate for the subvented/private sectors for 2015-16 represents a 0.1% decrease against the original estimate. What are the reasons for the decrease? Does it involve reduced manpower or services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 270)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2015-16 is lower than the original estimate, mainly because some of the places under the Bought Place Scheme only commenced services by phases starting from 2015-16; the actual inflation rate was lower than the assumed inflation rate adopted when the Social Welfare Department (SWD) prepared the Estimates for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services; and the numbers of value-added service places proposed and places actually tendered by tenderers were higher than those SWD had assumed when preparing the Estimates.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1116

(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:

The estimate for the subvented/private sectors for 2016-17 represents an 8.2% increase over the original estimate for 2015-16. What are the reasons for the increase? Does it involve additional manpower or services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 271)

Reply:

The increase in the estimate for the subvented/private sectors for 2016-17 over the original estimate for 2015-16 is mainly due to the additional provision of day care and residential care places and the upgrade of EA2 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to higher quality EA1 places.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their ensuring service quality and meeting service needs. Other 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 for the delivery of services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1117****(Question Serial No. 6351)**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 the following information about the various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) for the past 3 years –

- 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, with a breakdown by District Council district; 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, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 272)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- A. The numbers of various subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places in Hong Kong by District Council district from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are set out in the Annexes.

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 subsidised C&A and NH places from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Number of elderly persons	
	C & A places	NH places
2013-14	23 216 ^[Note 1]	6 219 ^[Note 2]
2014-15	25 304 ^[Note 3]	6 045 ^[Note 4]

2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	27 050 ^[Note 5]	6 113 ^[Note 6]
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^[Note 1] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 5 823 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL). To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

^[Note 2] Including about 750 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but excluding 525 elderly persons on CWL being classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 3] Including about 2 620 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 6 794 elderly persons on CWL being classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 4] Including about 470 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but excluding 838 elderly persons on CWL being classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 5] Including about 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but excluding 8 171 elderly persons on CWL being classified as inactive cases.

^[Note 6] Including about 500 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but excluding 934 elderly persons on CWL being classified as inactive cases.

The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly 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 the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. SWD does not keep information on the longest waiting time.

Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised RCHE places may make a maximum of 3 choices at the same time by indicating their preference for the location (such as cluster and district) of RCHEs or even by specifying certain RCHEs, 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 EBPS/NHPPS. SWD does not have information, broken down by District Council district, on the number of elderly persons waiting for various types of subsidised and non-subsidised places, the average waiting time and the number of elderly persons who passed away while on the waiting list.

The average waiting time for allocation of places in subsidised C&A homes and NHs in 2013-14 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Average Waiting Time (in months) (average of the past 3 months) ^[Note1]		
	Subsidised C&A places		Subsidised NH places ^[Note 2]
	Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHEs	Subsidised places provided by homes participating in EBPS	
2013-14	36	7	33

2014-15	37	8	32
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	36	8	26

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

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

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	Number of elderly persons who passed away
2013	5 019
2014	5 568
2015	5 881

- 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 meet the requirements and performance standards as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has neither the total number of care staff in various subsidised homes in Hong Kong nor the ratio of care staff to elderly residents for various kinds of places. Neither does SWD have information on the number of care staff in non-subsidised homes in Hong Kong.

**Subsidised and non-subsidised RCHE places in Hong Kong in 2013-14
by District Council district**

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C & A home places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	Total	H/A places [Note 3]	C & A home places	NH places	Total
Central & Western	-	701	188	889	21	2 275	93	2 389
Eastern	-	759	133	892	-	3 785	83	3 868
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	892	22	914
Southern	-	1 791	-	1 791	66	1 948	74	2 088
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	515	42	557
Kwun Tong	-	1 706	417	2 123	285	2 356	288	2 929
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 222	464	1 720	-	2 544	133	2 677
Sai Kung	-	969	292	1 261	35	991	110	1 136
Kowloon City	-	2 027	90	2 117	-	4 370	43	4 413
Sham Shui Po	-	1 045	123	1 168	20	4 133	76	4 229
Yau Tsim Mong	-	774	158	932	58	2 790	125	2 973
Sha Tin	-	1 258	-	1 258	50	2 418	-	2 468
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 412	-	2 412
North	-	1 194	299	1 493	90	2 276	-	2 366
Yuen Long	-	1 650	66	1 716	60	3 837	30	3 927
Tsuen Wan	-	1 414	368	1 782	-	2 195	38	2 233
Kwai Tsing	-	2 624	321	2 945	-	4 143	178	4 321
Tuen Mun	-	1 385	216	1 601	58	3 267	-	3 325
Total	101	22 655	3 198	25 954	743	47 147	1 335	49 225

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places were available in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places were available in subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

[Note 3] Non-subsidised H/A places included self-care hostel places.

**Subsidised and non-subsidised RCHE places in Hong Kong in 2014-15
by District Council district**

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C & A home places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	Total	H/A places [Note 3]	C & A home places	NH places	Total
Central & Western	-	745	188	933	21	2 044	75	2 140
Eastern	-	762	133	895	-	3 732	83	3 815
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	876	21	897
Southern	-	1 881	-	1 881	66	1 795	74	1 935
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	515	42	557
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	60	957	110	1 127
Kowloon City	-	2 067	90	2 157	-	4 021	43	4 064
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	-	1 598	66	1 664	60	3 856	30	3 946
Tsuen Wan	-	1 390	388	1 778	-	2 159	41	2 200
Kwai Tsing	-	2 622	345	2 967	-	3 775	177	3 952
Tuen Mun	-	1 399	243	1 642	45	2 863	-	2 908
Total	67	22 864	3 394	26 325	755	44 781	1 374	46 910

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places were available in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places were available in subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

[Note 3] Non-subsidised H/A places included self-care hostel places.

**Subsidised and non-subsidised RCHE places in Hong Kong
in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) by District Council district**

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C & A home places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	Total	H/A places	C & A home places	NH places	Total
Central & Western	-	778	188	966	13	1 972	75	2 060
Eastern	-	762	133	895	-	3 787	83	3 870
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	864	21	885
Southern	-	1 917	-	1 917	66	1 752	91	1 909
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	458	42	500
Kwun Tong	-	1 714	434	2 148	-	2 765	279	3 044
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 237	464	1 701	-	1 979	133	2 112
Sai Kung	-	986	290	1 276	67	927	102	1 096
Kowloon City	-	2 093	90	2 183	-	4 503	43	4 546
Sham Shui Po	-	1 052	314	1 366	-	3 875	194	4 069
Yau Tsim Mong	-	871	239	1 110	89	2 627	135	2 851
Sha Tin	-	1 273	54	1 327	50	2 372	36	2 458
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 244	-	2 244
North	-	1 217	299	1 516	90	2 255	-	2 345
Yuen Long	-	1 609	66	1 675	60	3 719	30	3 809
Tsuen Wan	-	1 409	388	1 797	-	2 144	41	2 185
Kwai Tsing	-	2 619	345	2 964	-	3 778	177	3 955
Tuen Mun	-	1 413	243	1 656	57	2 837	-	2 894
Total	67	23 086	3 610	26 763	492	44 858	1 482	46 832

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places were available in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places were available in subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in NHPPS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1118

(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:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 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 inform this Committee of the following –

- A. how many new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are planned to 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; and
- B. is there any assessment on the average waiting time in the districts to be shortened by the new contract RCHEs?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 273)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- A. It is expected that 7 newly constructed contract RCHEs will commence service from 2016-17 to 2018-19, with details set out at Annex.
- B. The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by a number of factors, such as whether the applicants select a particular RCHE, have special preferences for the location, diet and religious background of the RCHEs, whether they accept subsidised places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme/the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rates of individual homes, etc. It is therefore difficult to estimate the average waiting time for various types of RCHEs to be shortened by the provision of additional places.

District	Location	No. of subsidised residential care places		No. of non-subsidised residential care places
		Nursing home places	Care-and-attention places	
Wan Chai	Cross Street	50	6	37
Islands	Tung Chung Area 56	63	7	30
Kwun Tong	Anderson Road	72	8	20
Sham Shui Po	Pratas Street	72	8	20
	Un Chau Street/ Hing Wah Street/ Fuk Wing Street	54	6	40
Sha Tin	Shui Chuen O	54	6	40
Tsuen Wan	Wing Shun Street (Ex-West Rail Tsuen Wan West Station)	86	10	24
Total		502		211

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1119****(Question Serial No. 3990)**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 number of elderly persons who had been on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places in 2014 and 2015 respectively? How many of them were allocated NH places, who withdrew their applications or passed away while on the waiting list?

Asked by: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Member Question No. 54)Reply:

As at end-December 2015, there were 6 113 elderly applicants on the waiting list for NH places. The numbers of elderly applicants who had been on the waiting list for NH places in 2014 and 2015 were 10 069 and 10 310 respectively. The numbers of elderly applicants having left the waiting list for various reasons in 2014 and 2015 are as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	Number of elderly applicants	
	2014	2015
Allocated residential care places	1 005	1 196
Withdrawal	334	354
Deceased	1 911	1 999

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1120

(Question Serial No. 4173)

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 consultancy study of the long-term development of child care service, please state the detailed scope and timetable of the study, as well as the stakeholders involved.

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department have consulted the stakeholders on the consultancy study on the long-term development of child care service and are now drawing up the scope and objectives of the study. It is expected that the study will take about 1 year to complete.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1121

(Question Serial No. 4174)

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:

Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) aims at arranging employment and training for young persons who are interested in working in the care service of the welfare sector. In this connection, would the Government please advise –

- a) the number of participants in the Navigation Scheme in 2015-16;
- b) whether there were any publicity programmes to attract young people to enter the field. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c) whether there are any plans to expand the Navigation Scheme, including allocation of additional resources or inclusion of additional service organisations, so as to train more new entrants for the care service industry. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 89)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The Government has earmarked about \$147 million to implement the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has selected 5 non-governmental organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. As at end-December 2015, 3 of the organisations had recruited a total of about 160 trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/ November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

- b) To encourage the participation of young persons, SWD has produced promotional posters and leaflets for distribution in secondary schools, study rooms and welfare organisations providing youth services. It is also planned that the Navigation Scheme be widely publicised further before and after the release of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results.
- c) The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme and continue to closely monitor the manpower situation of care services in the social welfare sector, with a view to devising appropriate programmes and measures accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1122

(Question Serial No. 4175)

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 Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme), would the Government please advise –

- a) the number of participants in the Training Programme in the past 3 years?
- b) has the Government reviewed the effect of the Training Programme on relieving the manpower shortage in the welfare sector? If yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?
- c) has the Government evaluated the long-term manpower planning of nurses in the welfare sector, including the manpower requirement and ratio of ENs and registered nurses to cope with the needs? If yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a) The number of participants in the Training Programme in the past 3 years is provided below –

Training year	No. of places
2011-12 to 2013-14	220
2012-13 to 2014-15	320
2013-14 to 2015-16	320

- b) To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year EN (General)/EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Over 90% of the members of the first 11 training courses have joined the welfare sector after graduation.
- c) The Government advises the University Grants Committee 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. Moreover, in response to the challenges of an ageing population and increasing demand for healthcare services with higher expectations, the Government is conducting a strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong. The review aims to formulate recommendations that could better enable us to meet the anticipated demand for healthcare manpower and facilitate professional development. The Government expects that the review will be completed in mid-2016. Upon the completion of the review, the Government will publish the review report and implement the recommendations as appropriate.

Meanwhile, starting from the 2015/16 school year, the Government has been implementing the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors to subsidise about 1 000 students per cohort to pursue designated full-time locally accredited self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines to nurture talents that will meet Hong Kong's social and economic needs. The scheme is to provide 420 and 480 subsidised places for health care programmes in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 school year respectively, with a unit subsidy of \$70,000 per year. Implemented on a pilot basis for 3 cohorts of students, the Government is currently reviewing the effectiveness of the scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1123

(Question Serial No. 4176)

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 states that it will continue to enhance public awareness of mental health and advocate early handling of mental health problems. What were the manpower and expenditure involved, as well as the details of the promotional efforts in 2015-16? What will be the estimated manpower and resources involved in 2016-17?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 91)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory to provide ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems, their families and carers as well as residents living in the serving districts with one-stop, district-based community mental health support services ranging from prevention to risk management, including various types of public education programmes with a view to raising the public's awareness of mental health and promoting early intervention of mental health problems. Provisions made for ICCMWs by SWD in the revised estimate for 2015-16 and the estimate for 2016-17 are some \$281 million and \$287 million respectively. In addition, SWD implemented the two-year "Pilot Project on Peer Support Service in Community Psychiatric Service Units" in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund, with the aims of equipping suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters for speeding up their own recovery and supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery. They will also assist in organising groups and mental health promotion activities to enhance the public's positive understanding of the ex-mentally ill persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1124****(Question Serial No. 4485)**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 numbers of elderly persons who had been put on the waiting list for nursing home (NH) places during the period from March 2014 to February 2016 respectively? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while on the waiting list? What types of accommodation (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing and private housing) did the elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH have?

	March 2014 to February 2015	March 2015 to February 2016
No. of elderly persons allocated places		
No. of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications		
No. of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list		

Type of accommodation	No. of applicants from March 2014 to February 2015	No. of applicants from March 2015 to February 2016
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)		
Public housing		
Private housing		
Others (e.g. hospitals)		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 200)Reply:

The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised NH places in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons ^[Note 1]
2014-15	6 045 ^[Note 2]
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	6 113 ^[Note 3]

[Note 1] To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS) (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 470 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 838 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 3] The figure includes some 500 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include 934 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

The number of elderly persons leaving the waiting list for subsidised NH places for various reasons in 2014 and 2015 is set out as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	No. of elderly persons	
	2014	2015
Allocated with places	1 005	1 196
Withdrawal of application	334	354
Deceased	1 911	1 999

The accommodation status of the 6 045 and 6 113 elderly persons on the waiting list for NH places in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Type of accommodation	No. of elderly persons	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	685	687
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	3 616	3 631
Public housing	706	705
Private housing	979	1 033
Others (e.g. hospital)	59	57
Total	6 045	6 113

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1125

(Question Serial No. 4486)

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 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. 201)

Reply:

The waiting time for subsidised NH places is affected by a number of factors, such as whether the applicant selects any 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 2016-17. However, due to the above factors and as we are unable to estimate precisely the number of additional applicants in 2016-17, 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

LWB(WW)1126

(Question Serial No. 4487)

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 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. 202)

Reply:

The Government has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, the Government will purchase places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, and from self-financing RCHEs through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. 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 the long run, the Government will identify suitable sites for new homes by exploring the feasibility of incorporating residential care facilities for the elderly into new developments and redevelopment projects and converting vacant buildings into RCHEs.

The Government is also implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses whereby social welfare organisations are encouraged to better utilise their land by providing a wide range of subvented and self-financing services, particularly those for the elderly persons and persons with disabilities, through site extension, redevelopment or new development.

The above measures will be implemented step by step, increasing the supply of residential care places for the elderly on an ongoing basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1127

(Question Serial No. 4488)

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. 203)

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 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 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 2 consecutive years after graduation. Among the graduates of the first 11 classes, over 90% joined the social welfare sector after graduation.

Starting from the 2015/16 school year, the Government has been implementing the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors to subsidise about 1 000 students per cohort to pursue designated full-time locally accredited self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines to nurture talents that will meet Hong Kong's social and economic needs. The scheme is provide 420 and 480 subsidised places for health care programmes in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 school year respectively, with a unit subsidy of \$70,000 per year. Implemented on a pilot basis for three cohorts of students, the Government is currently reviewing the effectiveness of the scheme.

Regarding allied health therapists, with the support from the University Grants Committee, there will be 20 additional places for Bachelor in Physiotherapy programme (i.e. increasing

from 110 places to 130 places) and 10 additional places for Bachelor in Occupational Therapy programme (i.e. increasing from 90 places to 100 places) in 3 school years from 2016 to 2019. 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 2 programmes to join the welfare sector, SWD has also implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme (the Scheme) to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor the tuition fees of students admitted to these NGOs. The sponsored students must work for the NGOs for at least 2 years after graduation. 59 students who took the first cohort of programme graduated in January 2014, and 56 students who took the second cohort graduated in January 2016. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will again collaborate with SWD to implement the third Master in Occupational Therapy programme and Master in Physiotherapy programme in 2016-17, with a preliminary intake of 72 students in total.

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

LWB(WW)1128

(Question Serial No. 4510)

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 allocated additional resources to provide extra wage subsidy for organisations to employ nurses and paramedical professionals to alleviate the problem of manpower shortage in elderly services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 225)

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 service and development needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1129

(Question Serial No. 4511)

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. 226)

Reply:

The Government has since 2008-09 allocated an additional full-year expenditure 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 expenditure 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)1130****(Question Serial No. 4512)**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 admission, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by District Council district, and the number of such additional places 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 admission, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by District Council district, and the number of such additional places in each district concerned;

the number of such places which are places from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the exact date on which these places are ready for admission, the unit cost of these places, the locations of these additional places by district council district, and the number of such additional places in each district concerned.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 227)Reply:

The numbers of additional subsidised NH places and C&A places to be provided from 2016-17 to 2018-19 are as follows –

	No. of additional subsidised places		Estimated time of service commencement
	NH	C&A	
Converting some of the non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in existing contract homes into subsidised places	34	4	2016-17 to 2017-18
Setting up new contract RCHEs	451	51	2016-17 to 2018-19

	No. of additional subsidised places		Estimated time of service commencement
Making better use of space in existing subvented RCHes	N.A.	66	2016-17
Newly constructed RCHes under the "Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses"	N.A.	72	2016-17
EBPS	N.A.	300	2016-17
Total	978		-

The above subsidised residential care places for the elderly will be provided across all districts in Hong Kong. Among them, the new contract RCHes will be at Wan Chai, the Islands, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan districts. In 2016-17, the cost per place per month for C&A homes providing a continuum of care, NHs and contract RCHes is \$14,490, \$21,760 and \$16,199 respectively. At present, the unit subsidies per month for each EA1 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$10,427 and \$9,879 respectively while those for each EA2 place in urban areas and the New Territories are \$8,038 and \$7,579 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1131

(Question Serial No. 4513)

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 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. 228)

Reply:

The waiting time for subsidised C&A and NH places is affected by a number of factors, such as whether the applicant selects any 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 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. Due to the above factors and as we are unable to estimate precisely the number of additional applicants, 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)1132****(Question Serial No. 4514)**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 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 2014 to February 2016? How many of them were allocated subsidised C&A places, and how many of them 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 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)?

	March 2014 to February 2015	March 2015 to February 2016
No. of elderly persons allocated places		
No. of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications		
No. of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list		

Type of accommodation	No. of applicants from March 2014 to February 2015	No. of applicants from March 2015 to February 2016
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)		
Public housing		
Private housing		
Others (e.g. hospitals)		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 229)

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 captures the total number of applicants waiting for subsidised C&A places as a whole.

The number of elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out as follows –

Year	No. of elderly persons
2014-15 (As at end-March 2015)	25 304 ^[Note 1]
2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)	27 050 ^[Note 2]

[Note 1] The figure includes some 2 620 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 6 794 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL). To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or CCS (the so-called “dual option” cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise in accordance with their original application dates subject to valid assessment results.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 700 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include 8 171 elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

The number of elderly persons leaving the waiting list for subsidised C&A places for various reasons in 2014 and 2015 is set out as follows –

Reason for leaving the waiting list	No. of elderly persons	
	2014	2015
Allocated with residential care places	4 311	4 592
Withdrawal of application	1 871	1 890
Deceased	3 657	3 882

The accommodation status of 25 304 and 27 050 elderly persons on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out as follows –

	No. of elderly persons	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Type of accommodation		
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	922	985
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	7 466	7 886
Public housing	9 678	10 438
Private housing	7 049	7 528
Others (e.g. hospitals)	189	213
Total	25 304	27 050

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are put on the CWL 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 waiting time by district.

The average waiting time for admission to subsidised C&A places in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) respectively is set out as follows –

Type of C&A places	Average waiting time (in months) (Based on the average of the past 3 months)^[Note]	
	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
Overall	21	20
Subsidised places provided by subvented/contract RCHEs	37	36
Subsidised places provided by homes participating in EBPS	8	8

^[Note] It is the average number of months taken between the waitlist date and the admission date of normal cases admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from home for the aged places to the converted care and attention places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1133

(Question Serial No. 4515)

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 2016-17? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 230)

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 about \$4 million in 2016-17 for organising publicity and public education programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” (including prevention of elder abuse). The Government does not have the breakdown of funding allocated for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1134

(Question Serial No. 4516)

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 2016-17? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 231)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including the victims of child abuse cases 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 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have the breakdown of the funding allocated for handling the problem of child abuse.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1135

(Question Serial No. 4517)

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 2016-17? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 232)

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 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have the breakdown of the funding allocated for handling the problem of battering against women.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1136

(Question Serial No. 4521)

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 men, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2016-17? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 236)

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. 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 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for these services is \$3.063 billion. SWD does not have the breakdown of funding allocated for handling the problem of battering against men.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1137

(Question Serial No. 4522)

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 sexual violence, what is the expenditure for this specific item in 2016-17? What is the work to be done?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 237)

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 recount their unpleasant experience. The resources required for SWD to provide the services are absorbed by the existing provision.

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 2016-17, the estimated funding allocation for CEASE Crisis Centre is around \$12.5 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1138

(Question Serial No. 4523)

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 2016-17? 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. 238)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on day care services is about \$300 million. There are currently a total of 72 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). As at end-December 2015, the average waiting time for day care services was about 6 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)1139

(Question Serial No. 4524)

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 2016-17? Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, how many calls for assistance were received from each district from March 2015 to February 2016 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. 239)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is about \$600 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the number of calls for assistance received from frail elderly persons from March to December 2015 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.

**Number of Calls Received from Frail Elderly Persons
under 24-hour Emergency Support Service by District
(March to December 2015)**

District	No. of calls
Central & Western	-
Eastern	1
Wan Chai	1
Southern	1
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	16
Wong Tai Sin	9
Sai Kung	-
Kowloon City	-
Sham Shui Po	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-
Sha Tin	2
Tai Po	-
North	-
Yuen Long	-
Tsuen Wan	-
Kwai Tsing	4
Tuen Mun	-
Total	34

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1140****(Question Serial No. 4525)**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 2015-16. Please provide the number of social workers dedicated to serve hidden elderly in various districts as per the following table –

Waiting time	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council District)	Number of social workers serving hidden elderly persons
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. 240)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 elderly persons living alone and hidden elderly persons. As the strengthening of outreaching services would result in higher demand for DECC services, further full-year 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 full-year 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 the expenditure involved in 2015-16.

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, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1141****(Question Serial No. 4526)**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. 241)Reply:

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2016-17 to 2018-19 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Year of service commencement			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
Nursing home	228	68	189	485
Care-and-attention home	465	7	21	493
Total	693	75	210	978

The above 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, Islands, Kwun Tong, 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 13 other development projects for the construction or conversion of new contract RCHEs. RCHEs in 5 of these sites may be completed by 2020-21 to provide a total of some 580 additional places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places). The number of places expected to be provided is only a preliminary estimate subject to

change as SWD continues to work out the details of the projects, having regard to service demand and other factors.

The Government has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of residential care places for the elderly. In the short run, the Government will purchase places from private homes and self-financing homes through the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme and the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme respectively. In the medium-term, the Government will build new contract RCHEs to increase the number of subsidised places, particularly places that provide a higher level of nursing care. In the long run, the Government will identify suitable sites for new RCHEs. The possibility of incorporating RCHE facilities into new development and redevelopment projects, as well as converting vacant buildings into RCHEs, will also be explored.

Apart from the above measures, the Government is implementing the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) whereby social welfare organisations are encouraged to better utilize their land to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services, particularly those for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, through in-situ expansion, re-development or new development. Among the some 60 applications under the Special Scheme, 5 projects are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 210 additional residential care places for the elderly. As for other proposals which are at different planning stages, they will be completed in phases after 2017-18 subject to technical feasibility.

In addition, the Elderly Commission is conducting a feasibility study on introducing a voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly. It is expected that the entire study will be completed by the middle of this year. The Government has earmarked about \$800 million for the implementation of the three-year pilot scheme, under which a total of 3 000 service vouchers will be issued in phases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1142

(Question Serial No. 5167)

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 care-and-attention (C&A) homes over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 243)

Reply:

The number of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised C&A places over the past 5 years is provided as follows –

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
3 049	3 184	3 290	3 657	3 882

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1143

(Question Serial No. 5168)

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. 244)

Reply:

The number of elderly persons having passed away while on the waiting list for subsidised NH places over the past 5 years is provided as follows –

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1 925	1 973	1 729	1 911	1 999

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1144****(Question Serial No. 5175)**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. 251)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 2015-16. As at 31 December 2015, the number of foster care service users was 40 on HK Island, 214 in Kowloon and 666 in the NT.

Regarding SGH service, the numbers of SGH places and children admitted by region (as at 31 December 2015) are set out as follows –

Region	Number of places	Number of children admitted
HK Island	152	122
Kowloon	296	257
NT	416	367
Total	864	746

- (2) The Revised Estimates for foster care service and SGHs in 2015-16 are \$153.7 million and \$204.1 million respectively, while the Estimates for foster care service and SGHs in 2016-17 are \$156.6 million and \$207.4 million respectively.
- (3) Foster care allowance was raised by about 30% in 2012-13. SWD will continue to publicise the service through the media and other channels.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1145

(Question Serial No. 5176)

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 2016-17 mentioned in the Brief Description of this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (1) the numbers 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 2016-17; and
- (3) the funding details.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 252)

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 programmes was around 7 500 in 2015-16 and the total expenditure was about \$1.8 million. SWD does not have information on the breakdown of the trainees by rank.
- (2) In 2016-17, SWD will provide about 7 300 training places for social workers and other professionals at an estimated expenditure of \$1.6 million.
- (3) SWD does not keep information on the breakdown of funding for the above training.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1146

(Question Serial No. 5177)

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. 253)

Reply:

The expenditure for IFSCs in 2015-16 Revised Estimate and 2016-17 Estimate is \$939.2 million and \$961.1 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

LWB(WW)1147

(Question Serial No. 5178)

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 detail the 2016-17 Estimate for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) outsourced to non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Please state specifically the name of the relevant NGOs, the districts served and the estimated funding.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 254)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for IFSCs operated by NGOs is about \$300 million. The name and the service district of IFSCs operated by NGOs are set out at the Annex.

Name and Service District of Service Centres Operated by NGOs

Service District	NGO	Service Centre
Central Western, Southern and Islands District	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council	Grace and Joyce Integrated Family Service Centre
	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Aberdeen (TinWan/Pokfulam)
Eastern and Wan Chai District	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Hong Kong Eastern Centre North Point Integrated Family Service Centre
	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Shau Kei Wan
	St. James' Settlement	St. James' Settlement Wanchai Integrated Family Service Centre
Kwun Tong District	Christian Family Service Centre	Family Energizer (Integrated Family Service)
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Kwun Tong Centre Shun Lee Integrated Family Service Centre
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	East Kowloon Centre Yau Tong Integrated Family Service Centre
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung District	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Tseung Kwan O Centre Tseung Kwan O (South) Integrated Family Service Centre
	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Tung Tau (Wong Tai Sin South West)
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong District	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	Hung Hom Integrated Family Service Centre
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	Mongkok Integrated Family Service Centre
	Hong Kong Christian Service	Family Networks: Yau Tsim Integrated Family Service Centre
Sham Shui Po District	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	West Kowloon Centre ShamshuiPo (West) Integrated Family Service Centre
	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	Sham Shui Po (South) Integrated Family Service Centre
	Hong Kong Christian Service	Family Ties Integrated Family Service Centre
Sha Tin District	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Dr. & Mrs. Olinto de Sousa Integrated Family Service Centre
Tai Po and North District	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Fanling
Yuen Long District	International Social Service Hong Kong	Tin Shui Wai (North) Integrated Family Service Centre
	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas IFSC – Tin Shui Wai
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Long Love Integrated Family Service Centre
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Tsuen Wan (East)
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Kwai Chung Centre Kwai Chung (South) Integrated Family Service Centre
Tuen Mun District	Caritas – Hong Kong	Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre – Tuen Mun

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1148

(Question Serial No. 5179)

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. 255)

Reply:

To maximise the service utilisation of OCCS, after reviewing the service and consulting the operators, the Social Welfare Department has adjusted the distribution of OCCS places in different service units since September 2014 with reference to service utilisation in the districts. The total number of places is 434. The average monthly utilisation rate of OCCS was 66% in 2015-16 (as at December 2015). In respect of medium- and long-term planning, the Government will commission a consultancy study to advise on the long-term development of child care services with a view to providing services that meet the needs of the families in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1149

(Question Serial No. 5180)

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. 256)

Reply:

The total number of day CCC places in 2015-16 (as at December 2015) was 29 337, including 2 874 for standalone CCCs and 26 463 for CCCs attached to kindergartens. The number of children using day CCCs was 22 595 in September 2015 and the utilisation rate was 77%. There were 434 places of OCCS and the average monthly utilisation rate from April to December 2015 was 66%.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1150

(Question Serial No. 5181)

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. 257)

Reply:

The Revised Estimate for aided standalone CCCs and OCCS was \$6.7 million and \$27.6 million respectively for 2015-16. The Estimate for these 2 services for 2016-17 is \$7.4 million and \$28.3 million respectively, while the Estimate for the subsidy scheme for MHCCCs is \$400,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1151

(Question Serial No. 5182)

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 last year;
- (2) the number of complaint cases against social security sections and the number of substantiated complaints last 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. 258)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2015-16, there were about 2 840 counts of social security staff participation in various training programmes organised by the Social Welfare Department, including about 790 from the Social Security Officer Grade and about 2 050 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 \$0.9 million.
- (2) In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were 95 complaints on social security services, of which 6 were substantiated or partially substantiated.
- (3) In 2016-17, about 2 200 training places will be provided for social security staff and the estimated expenditure of the training programmes is about \$0.7 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1152

(Question Serial No. 5183)

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 cost per place per month for places provided by the government sector and the subvented sector, such that in terms of the 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; and
- (2) the reasons for the difference getting larger in the 2016-17 Estimate.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 259)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department hived off the remaining 2 residential care homes for persons with disabilities to non-governmental organisations in 2012-13. Since then, there is no cost figure relating to residential services for persons with disabilities in the government sector.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1153

(Question Serial No. 5184)

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. 260)

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 the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project) and adoption service, etc. to help families in trouble.

The total estimated expenditure for family and child welfare services in 2016-17 is \$3.063 billion.

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

LWB(WW)1154

(Question Serial No. 5185)

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. 261)

Reply:

VSP commenced service in June 2010 with a funding allocation of about \$5 million per annum. VSP provides 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 by non-governmental organisation (NGO) operating VSP. Since July 2013, the NGO concerned have strengthened support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic or sexual minorities, extended its child visitation services to victims of domestic violence living outside refuge centres or Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, and accepted direct application from victims for training sessions and services related to the judicial process. There is no provision of residential places under VSP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1155

(Question Serial No. 5186)

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. 262)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) In 2016-17, about 2 200 training places will be provided for social security staff, who will receive training on customer service and communication skills to enhance their understanding of the needs of social security applicants and strengthen their awareness in working with these applicants. The above training programmes will mainly be coordinated by 3 Social Security Officer Grade staff with the support of 2 Executive Officers and 2 clerical grade staff. The estimated expenditure for the training programmes is about \$0.7 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 foster a positive attitude towards work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1156

(Question Serial No. 5187)

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 all care-and-attention (C&A) homes, the cost per place per month in the 2016-17 Estimate is lower than that in 2015-16. Would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (1) the reasons for the relatively mild increase in the 2016-17 Estimate;
- (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. 263)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year provides Infirmary Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement for subvented C&A homes to employ additional staff to take care of infirm elderly persons and those with dementia. The relevant expenditure is covered within the estimated cost per place per month for each C&A place providing a continuum of care in the respective year. To further assist residential care homes in providing a continuum of care for these elderly persons, SWD provided eligible subvented C&A homes with an additional one-off “special grant for enhancing infirmary care and care for those with dementia” in 2015-16, with relevant expenditure also covered within the revised estimate for 2015-16. This additional special grant was on a one-off basis and is not applicable to the calculation of the estimated cost per place per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care in 2016-17.

For subventions in the 2016-17 Estimate, the part on emoluments is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2015, while Other Charges have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. If civil service pay is to be adjusted in 2016-17, the adjustment in costs will be reflected in the 2016-17 Revised Estimate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1157****(Question Serial No. 5188)**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 2014-15 and 2015-16 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 \$7 despite continuous inflation in the coming year?
- (3) Is it the Government's intention 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. 264)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) The number of users served in a year from 2014-15 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

	2014-15	2015-16 (As at end-December 2015)
IHCS (Frail Cases) (FC)	1 441	1 374
IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC)	25 687	23 787

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-December 2015, the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or

EHCCS was about 6 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 with a breakdown by district.

- (2) The subvention for emoluments in the 2016-17 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2015 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 is to be adjusted in 2016-17, the adjustment in the unit cost will be reflected in the 2016-17 Revised Estimate.
- (3) To follow up on the above item, the amount of annual subvention for NGOs operating IHCS has been adjusted according to the established mechanism. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention allocations in meeting operating expenses, subject to their being able to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1158

(Question Serial No. 5189)

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 (Refuge Centres) 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. 265)

Reply:

There are currently 5 Refuge Centres providing a total of 260 residential places. In view of the fluctuating service demand, the Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission and established a mutual referral mechanism to meet the service demand. In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will provide 30 additional residential places for the Refuge Centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1159

(Question Serial No. 5190)

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. 266)

Reply:

The Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) provide a total of 120 places of short-term accommodation for individuals or 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. In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will provide 10 additional places for FCSC. The above centres and care homes 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

LWB(WW)1160

(Question Serial No. 5191)

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. 267)

Reply:

The number of BIP participants is set out as follows –

Year	Number of participants
2013-14	57
2014-15	68
2015-16 (as at December 2015)	62

BIP is part and parcel of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). SWD does not have the breakdown of the funding specifically allocated to BIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1161

(Question Serial No. 5192)

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. 268)

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). Based on the abovementioned mechanism, it was proposed by the Government that the standard rate CSSA payments be increased by 4.4% with effect from 1 February 2016, and payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016. SWD will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP and adjusts the CSSA payment rates annually.

In addition, the Government 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 data collection of the survey for 2014-15 has been completed and data analysis is underway for preparation of the survey report and update of the weights of the SSAIP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1162****(Question Serial No. 5193)**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 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Case Nature	2013	2014	2015
Old age			
Permanent disability			
Ill health			
Single parent			
Low-earnings			
Unemployment			
Others			
Overall			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 269)Reply:

The median durations of stay on CSSA by case nature from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Case nature	Median duration of stay on CSSA (Years)		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Old age	9.8	10.2	10.5
Permanent disability	10.0	10.5	10.8
Ill health	6.6	6.7	6.8
Single parent	6.2	5.9	5.8
Low-earnings	8.7	9.0	9.2
Unemployment	5.5	6.0	6.4
Others	3.6	3.9	3.8
Median duration of stay on CSSA for all CSSA cases	8.6	8.8	9.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1163****(Question Serial No. 5194)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security SchemeProgramme: (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, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 270)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years by year of residence in HK from 2012-13 to 2014-15 are provided as follows –

Year of residence in HK	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Less than 1 year	629	572	486
1 year – less than 2 years	1 421	1 490	1 768
2 years – less than 3 years	1 881	2 336	2 540
3 years – less than 4 years	2 738	2 590	3 204
4 years – less than 5 years	2 475	3 482	3 346
5 years – less than 6 years	2 599	2 955	4 186
6 years – less than 7 years	2 836	2 921	3 396
Total	14 579	16 346	18 926

The estimated CSSA expenditure on CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA cases are on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure is a rough estimation including the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years) from 2012-13 to 2014-15 is set out as follows –

Year	Estimated CSSA expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
2012-13	625
2013-14	582
2014-15	823

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1164****(Question Serial No. 5195)**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 psychiatric patients happened between 2011 and 2016. In this connection, please advise –

What were the enrolment rates of halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) between 2011 and 2016?

Did the patients need to wait for HWH and LSCH services between 2011 and 2016? If yes, how long did they have to wait?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 271)Reply:

The enrolment rates and the average waiting time for HWHs and LSCHs during the period from 2011-12 to 2015-16 were as follows –

Year	Average enrolment rate ^[Note 1]	Average waiting time (in months)	
		HWH	LSCH
2011-12	97%	8.4	33.6
2012-13	98%	8.2	16.7
2013-14	95%	7.2	32.5
2014-15	97%	7.6	31
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	97%	Not yet available ^[Note 2]	

[Note 1] A short lead time is normally required for a successful applicant to fill a vacant place that arises. Hence, the enrolment rate may not be 100% at any one time.

[Note 2] The figures for 2015-16 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1165

(Question Serial No. 5196)

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. 272)

Reply:

From 2011-12 to 2015-16, the annual funding allocation for publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence was around \$5 million per year. In addition, in 2013-14 and 2015-16, there was an additional one-off allocation of about \$2.9 million and \$0.8 million respectively for the production of a series of docudramas and for the promotion of positive thinking. Over the past 5 years, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels to publicise the messages relating to prevention of domestic violence and strengthening families, including the production of docudrama, animations, television and radio announcements in public interest for broadcasting at different public media, organisation of competitions on the Internet, launch of Facebook page, posting of thematic posters and banners 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 have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD.

In 2016-17, about \$4 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

LWB(WW)1166

(Question Serial No. 5197)

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 2011-16.

- (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 types of 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. 273)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) to (4) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been implementing various employment assistance programmes 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 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).

The number of participants, participants who have secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling and participants who have secured part-time employment in various employment assistance programmes in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (as at end-December 2012) are provided in the table below –

Year	Number of participants	Number of participants having secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling	Number of participants having secured part-time employment	Number of participants having left the CSSA net
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 have statistical information on the age, gender, types of occupation and median wage of those participating in the SFS Scheme in the above years.

From January 2013 to end-December 2015, the IEAPS had a total of 63 881 participants, among whom 13 225 had successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling after participating in the programme. Of these 13 225 participants, 12 110 had secured full-time employment or returned to mainstream schooling, 1 115 had secured part-time employment and 2 516 had left the CSSA net.

The types of occupation taken up by IEAPS participants were mainly labourer, waiter/waitress, salesperson, cleaner and watchman/security officer, etc. with a median wage of \$6,400 per month.

The number of CSSA recipients participating in the IEAPS by age and gender is provided in the table below –

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
15 to 19	2 432	1 824	4 256
20 to 29	4 062	3 551	7 613
30 to 39	5 502	4 048	9 550
40 to 49	8 455	10 696	19 151
50 to 59	14 255	9 056	23 311
Total	34 706	29 175	63 881

SWD does not have the figures on the numbers of IEAPS participants, of IEAPS participants who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling, and of IEAPS participants who have left the CSSA net, broken down by age, gender, types of occupation and median wage by financial year.

- (5) The average monthly DE of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Year	Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement (\$)
2011-12	1,785
2012-13	1,756
2013-14	1,736
2014-15	1,713
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	1,697

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1167

(Question Serial No. 5198)

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 vulnerable households? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 274)

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 (Refuge Centres), Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), 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 the support for victims of domestic violence and vulnerable families, SWD launched 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 relating to the judicial process. In 2015-16, SWD has increased 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.

In 2016-17, SWD will provide additional manpower for Refuge Centres and MCISC to enhance the support for children temporarily staying in the Centres. A total of 40 additional residential places will also be provided for Refuge Centre and FCSC. These measures will involve a full-year expenditure of about \$8 million. In addition, SWD will provide an additional 39 residential care places for children in 2016-17 in order to provide temporary accommodation and emotional support for children and youth who have been abused, affected by domestic violence, or who are from vulnerable families. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$8 million.

The estimated total expenditure for all the above services is about \$3.063 billion in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1168

(Question Serial No. 5199)

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. 275)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (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. The IEAPS provides 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. The estimated expenditure for the IEAPS for 2016-17 is about \$112 million.

In addition, there is 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 \$380 million in 2015-16 (up to end-December 2015).

To further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment, SWD has implemented a three-year pilot incentive scheme since April 2014 with funding of \$226.6 million from the Community Care Fund (CCF). The incentive scheme, run on a trial basis, is expected to benefit 2 050 persons. Under the incentive scheme, an amount of incentive payment from CCF equivalent to the amount of earnings above the DE limit which have not

been disregarded under the CSSA Scheme will be accumulated. When the incentive payment is accumulated up to a specific level within the implementation period of the incentive scheme, the CSSA recipients will receive the full incentive payment, thus leaving the CSSA net and achieving self-reliance eventually.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1169

(Question Serial No. 5200)

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 provide the details on the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) (date, time, location, content and fees must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 276)

Reply:

The two-year Pilot Scheme, launched in June 2014, aims to provide 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 be able to remain living in the community. Under the Pilot Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) issued invitation letters in phases to invite applications from carers of elderly persons who were likely to be eligible for the Scheme. The application closing date was 31 January 2015. Under the Pilot Scheme, a monthly allowance of \$2,000 is granted to each eligible carer. Carers who have to take care of more than 1 elderly person can receive a maximum allowance of \$4,000 per month. District Elderly Community Centres and Neighborhood Elderly Centres across all districts in Hong Kong are the services providers under the Pilot Scheme which provide necessary support and follow-up services to elderly persons and their carers through introduction/arrangement of training, home visits to follow up the care-giving situation, emotional counselling for carers as necessary, etc. All participating elderly persons and their carers are not required to pay any fee.

Upon the completion of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme in end-May 2016, it will be extended for 4 months until end-September 2016. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme will be rolled out in October 2016 for a period of 24 months with 2 000 additional target number of beneficiaries, bringing the target total number of beneficiaries under the 2 phases of the Pilot Scheme to 4 000. SWD will invite applications for the second phase during the

four-month extension period from June to September 2016. Carers in the first phase who remain eligible can continue to receive the allowance during the four-month extension period and may also apply for the allowance in the second phase.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1170

(Question Serial No. 5201)

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 provide the implementation details about the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Pilot Scheme) for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) (the dates, time, places and content must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 277)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in June 2010 with a view to enhancing the drug management capabilities of RCHEs and their staff. The Government earmarked a sum of \$5 million for implementing the three-year Pilot Scheme from June 2010 to June 2013 and subsequently earmarked an additional \$4.2 million for extending the Pilot Scheme to March 2017. About 8 800 elderly residents of 94 RCHEs participating in the Pilot Scheme have been served since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1171

(Question Serial No. 5202)

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 how it is executed and implemented as well as its implementation details (the dates, time, places and content must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 278)

Reply:

From September to November 2013, the Government invited social welfare organisations to join the Special Scheme, encouraging these organisations to better utilise their land and provide diversified subvented and self-financing services (in particular services for the elderly and persons with disabilities) through expansion, redevelopment or new development. Under the Special Scheme, an applicant organisation will have to provide a net increase in the provision of 1 or more than 1 of the following welfare service facilities as required –

Elderly services

- (i) Care-and-attention (C&A) home providing a continuum of care
- (ii) Nursing home
- (iii) Day Care Centre for the Elderly

Rehabilitation services

- (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 Centre

The Government had received some 60 preliminary proposals under the Special Scheme from about 40 applicant organisations by 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. Based on the rough estimate of the applicant organisations, if all the proposed projects under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 17 000 additional service places for the elderly and persons with disabilities could be provided, including around 9 000 elderly service places and 8 000 rehabilitation service places. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of places by districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

For the projects under the Special Scheme, the Lotteries Fund (LF) will provide more flexible funding arrangements, covering welfare-related ancillary facilities, technical feasibility studies, decanting, capital costs of self-financing projects, etc. To enable the projects under the Special Scheme to be planned with a higher degree of resource availability and to avoid affecting other LF projects, the Government obtained the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February 2014 for the transfer of \$10 billion to LF to ensure sufficient resources for implementing the feasible projects under the Special Scheme and other projects within the remit of LF.

As at February 2016, among the some 60 applications under the Special Scheme, 5 projects are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals which are at different planning stages are expected to be completed in phases after 2017-18 depending on their technical feasibilities.

**Preliminary Proposals Received under the Special Scheme
Distribution 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
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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	250	880	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	90
Yuen Long	4	519	-	220	30	56	-	-	50	300	-	90
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a 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

LWB(WW)1172

(Question Serial No. 5203)

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 Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme), please advise how it is executed and implemented as well as its implementation details (the dates, time, places and content must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 279)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked about \$147 million to launch the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 000 training places in the coming years to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has selected 5 non-governmental organisations to implement the Navigation Scheme. In July 2015, 3 of the organisations had started recruiting trainees, and the courses either commenced in October/November 2015 or will commence in April 2016. The other 2 organisations are expected to start recruiting trainees in 2016-17.

Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the pilot project and the Navigation Scheme are also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time diploma course. After successfully completing the first year of the course, they may 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.

Under the Navigation Scheme, every trainee will work for 44 hours per week in the unit hiring him. Trainees recruited as care workers in 2015-16 would receive a starting monthly salary of \$9,900. The monthly salary for trainees successfully registered as health workers will be increased to \$11,890.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1173

(Question Serial No. 5204)

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 provide the implementation details about the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (programme dates and the number of places must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 280)

Reply:

To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year EN (General)/EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. The details are set out at Annex. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out.

Commencement Date and Number of Places of the Training Programme

Training programme	Commencement date	No. of places
1 st class	March 2006	110
2 nd class	November 2006	110
3 rd class	December 2007	110
4 th class	October 2008	160
5 th class	December 2009	110
6 th class	March 2010	110
7 th class	November 2010	110
8 th class	February 2011	110
9 th class	October 2011	150
10 th class	February 2012	70
11 th class	October 2012	265
12 th class	February 2013	55
13 th class	October 2013	140
14 th class	February 2014	180

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1174

(Question Serial No. 5205)

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 target groups for launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing and tackling child abuse? 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. 281)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages on prevention and handling of child abuse 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 people should avoid resorting to violence against partners and children, but should rather ensure the healthy development of their children and seek assistance early. The APIs were broadcast 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 2015-16, SWD launched a Facebook page to promote the message of establishing a close and harmonious parent-child relationship. SWD also put up banners in various districts to remind parents that they should develop their children's resilience against adversity and avoid corporal punishment or verbal abuse. District-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. SWD will continue to promote the messages on combating domestic violence (including child abuse) to the public through different means of promotion.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1175

(Question Serial No. 5206)

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 target groups for launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing wife battering? 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. 282)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages on prevention of domestic violence (including female spouse/cohabitant battering) 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. They conveyed the messages that people should not resort to violence against partners and children, but should rather ensure the healthy development of their children and seek assistance early. The APIs were broadcast 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 2015-16, SWD launched a Facebook fanpage to promote, among others, the message of fostering harmonious marital relationship and avoiding marital conflict. Promotional banners were also put up in various districts to relay the messages of refraining from using violence on partners and seeking assistance early. In addition, district-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. SWD 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

LWB(WW)1176

(Question Serial No. 5207)

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 target groups for launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing husband battering? 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. 283)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages on prevention of domestic violence (including male spouse/cohabitant battering) 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. They conveyed the messages that people should not resort to violence against partners and children, but should rather ensure the healthy development of their children and seek assistance early. The APIs were broadcast 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 2015-16, SWD launched a Facebook fanpage to promote, among others, the message of fostering harmonious marital relationship and avoiding marital conflict. Promotional banners were also put up in various districts to relay the messages of refraining from using violence on partners and seeking assistance early. In addition, district-based public education programmes and activities on combating domestic violence have been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices of SWD. SWD 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

LWB(WW)1177

(Question Serial No. 5208)

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 target groups for launching and enhancing public education programmes for preventing elder abuse? 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. 284)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been using various media channels and means to publicise the messages on “Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse” to the general public.

In 2014-15 and 2015-16, SWD organised jointly with the Police 2 thematic talks on preventing elder abuse to brief elderly persons on the procedures for handling elder abuse cases and the relevant welfare support services available. To raise their awareness of elder abuse, the talks also encouraged elderly persons to pay attention to emotional and behavioural anomalies displayed by their peers and report any suspected elder abuse cases.

Public education programmes and activities on the prevention of elder abuse have also been organised by the District Social Welfare Offices and service units of SWD. Furthermore, SWD has produced a set of 6 leaflets of different designs on “Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse” to enhance the awareness of elderly persons, their families and other members of the public on the problem, so as to prevent the occurrence of elder abuse incidents and encourage the elderly persons in need as well as their relatives and friends to seek assistance early and rectify the situation. Apart from English and Chinese, the promotional leaflets are also available in various ethnic minority languages to enable wider dissemination of the message of preventing elder abuse.

In addition, SWD has earmarked an estimated expenditure of about \$4 million in 2016-17 for organising publicity and public education programmes on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” (including prevention of elder abuse).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1178

(Question Serial No. 5212)

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) Please provide the number of trainees 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. 288)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year EN (General)/EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with about 1 800 training places have been run. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course.

Meanwhile, 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 the Annex. Among the graduates of the first 11 classes, over 90% joined the welfare sector upon graduation.
- (3) In the coming few years, SWD will organise training courses, providing a total of about 920 training places. Application details and training programme schedules are being worked out.

Programme	No. of applicants	No. of graduates
1 st class	2 389	96
2 nd class	1 897	107
3 rd class	2 542	97
4 th class	2 328	146
5 th class	5 438 ^[Note]	99
6 th class		95
7 th class	4 578 ^[Note]	104
8 th class		102
9 th class	4 866 ^[Note]	130
10 th class		57
11 th class	5 535 ^[Note]	220
12 th class		45
13 th class	5 017 ^[Note]	121
14 th class		Not yet available

^[Note] Applications for the 2 classes were invited at the same time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1179

(Question Serial No. 5213)

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) How many officers are currently responsible 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 have any plans 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. 289)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (1) A multi-disciplinary team of 38 staff of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is tasked to conduct inspections on licensed RCHEs to ensure service quality and compliance with statutory requirements. The average number of inspections by LORCHE each year is about 5 000.
- (2) In the past 5 years (2011-12 to 2015-16), 22 private RCHEs were prosecuted for breaching the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance or the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation.
- (3) SWD plans to re-organise the LORCHE and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2016-17 whereby the two offices will be

merged under a newly set up Licensing and Regulation Branch with manpower to be substantially increased by about 50% to comprehensively step up inspections on and regulation of residential care homes. It is proposed that the new branch be headed by an Assistant Director taking up a newly created post. The staff establishment of the Licensing and Regulation Branch to be set up under SWD will have a total of 121 posts (40 of them are newly-created time-limited posts), comprising Social Work Officer, Social Work Assistant, Building Surveyor, Survey Officer, Station Officer, Registered Nurse as well as clerical and supporting general grades. The additional full-year expenditure is around \$30 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1180****(Question Serial No. 5214)**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) during 2012-16 with a breakdown as follows –

Type of fraud/Financial year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
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. 290)Reply:

The numbers of CSSA fraud cases from 2013-14 to 2015-16 with a breakdown by case category were as follows –

	2013-14 (number of cases)	2014-15 (number of cases)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (number of cases)
Concealing or false claim of income	283	251	169
Concealing or false claim of total assets	313	233	154
Fraudulent claim for rent	62	41	19
Concealing information other than the above (e.g. imprisonment, absence	189	149	81

	2013-14 (number of cases)	2014-15 (number of cases)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) (number of cases)
from Hong Kong or household conditions, etc.)			
Total number of established fraud cases	847	674	423
	%	%	%
Established fraud cases as a percentage of the total number of CSSA cases	0.33	0.27	0.17
	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million
Amount of overpayment involved	62.6	49.5	41.4

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Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490	11%
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50	19%
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23	5%
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147	22%
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393	25%
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480	27%
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502	10%
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343	31%
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507	12%
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263	15%
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52	11%
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283	22%
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445	38%
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280	20%
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143	9%
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630	37%
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739	17%
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735	25%
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210	9%
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160	12%
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674	20%
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196	38%
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243	17%
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494	18%
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997	17%
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666	11%
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357	12%
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849	21%
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160	23%
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491	40%
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309	22%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114	12%
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364	17%
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455	17%
Clague	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76	14%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Garden Estate									
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39	8%
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698	33%
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670	28%
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608	38%
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264	17%
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654	31%
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713	14%
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153	9%
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506	16%
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590	50%
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119	33%
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256	16%
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632	15%
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597	14%
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135	12%
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331	42%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47	6%
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304	49%
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183	23%
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244	12%
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144	36%
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255	12%
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384	17%
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702	20%
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944	20%
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710	26%
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715	15%
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207	45%
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605	16%
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685	25%
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442	12%
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313	16%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282	17%
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823	16%
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465	21%
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953	23%
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47	19%
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164	17%
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163	31%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597	40%
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209	12%
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259	22%
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633	19%
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007	16%
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131	41%
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189	19%
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688	13%
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864	14%
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303	13%
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642	14%
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621	15%
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718	25%
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257	19%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215	8%
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398	14%
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21	9%
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638	21%
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543	15%
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534	46%
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570	15%
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628	30%
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673	21%
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515	16%
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819	33%
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651	18%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438	13%
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280	9%
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730	25%
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6	60%
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906	26%
Lower Ngau	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663	15%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Tau Kok									
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790	12%
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449	10%
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104	24%
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147	15%
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79	9%
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363	18%
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646	16%
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254	19%
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469	19%
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207	10%
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89	13%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114	12%
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242	37%
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570	21%
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46	11%
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60	14%
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720	11%
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043	27%
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81	11%
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965	19%
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728	14%
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826	25%
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563	12%
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210	22%
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472	29%
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607	22%
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181	27%
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399	36%
Prosperous Garden	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93	14%
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51	8%
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802	20%
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605	22%
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231	20%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54	8%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277	22%
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103	24%
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931	19%
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721	19%
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355	18%
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784	15%
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876	14%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464	20%
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540	20%
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151	44%
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898	16%
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377	19%
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369	13%
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627	27%
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669	15%
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566	19%
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192	17%
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653	11%
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915	14%
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412	12%
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587	29%
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719	20%
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75	31%
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729	43%
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211	16%
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693	15%
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178	15%
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901	46%
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829	21%
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492	24%
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769	13%
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193	23%
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341	34%
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984	13%
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719	22%
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802	22%
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603	20%
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625	29%
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458	14%
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109	13%
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924	22%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253	40%
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283	19%
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126	40%
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396	44%
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184	35%
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781	22%
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281	14%
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125	18%
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339	17%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23	9%
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886	41%
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403	31%
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	48	100	9	1 702	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726	26%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125	23%
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180	19%
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990	11%
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364	36%
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200	14%
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270	18%
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454	46%
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264	47%
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539	15%
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699	12%
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309	21%
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782	13%
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355	18%
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403	9%
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434	17%
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757	15%
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669	20%
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252	14%
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788	22%
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270	13%
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331	35%
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719	14%
Yue Kwong	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64	7%

Public housing estate	Case nature								Percentage to the total number of households in the public housing estate
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	
Chuen									
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364	17%
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358	21%
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1182****(Question Serial No. 5216)**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 the current number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in each District Council district by category of CSSA.

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. 292)Reply:

The number of CSSA cases by case nature and district as at end-December 2015 is provided as follows –

District	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1183

(Question Serial No. 5217)

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. 293)

Reply:

The number of cases served by school social workers is estimated to decrease from 24 054 in 2015-16 to 24 024 in 2016-17 as a result of closure of secondary school(s) in 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1184

(Question Serial No. 5224)

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) in Hong Kong for 2016-17 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each organisation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2042)

Reply:

For 2016-17, the estimated total expenditure for IFSCs is about \$961.1 million. Funding will be provided for 41 IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department to increase the number of frontline social workers from the current 748 to 750. As for the 24 IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1185

(Question Serial No. 5225)

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 numbers of registered social workers in respective day care centres for the elderly, day care units for the elderly, district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, social centres for the elderly, care-and-attention homes, home for the aged, nursing homes, private residential care homes for the elderly participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, contract homes and holiday centre for the elderly in Hong Kong, as well as the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government to each of the organisations in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2043)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, a lump sum grant is given to all subsidised 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.

The expenditure on the subsidised residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in the 2016-17 Estimate are \$4.7029 billion and \$2.2181 billion respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1186

(Question Serial No. 5226)

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 provide the numbers of registered social workers in 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, as well as the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government to each of the organisations in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2044)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating various services have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including registered social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department does not keep the number of registered social workers for the above services. Detailed estimates of expenditure for the above services in 2016-17 are set out at Annex.

Estimated expenditure for various services in 2016-17

Type of service	Estimate (\$ million)
HWH	187.4
LSCH	251.8
HMMH	270.3
HSMH	720.2
HSPH	119.3
C&A/SD	227.2
C&A/AB	141.8
SHOS	68.9
DAC	583.7
PRC	23.0
CRDC	22.6
DSC	157.5
ICCMW	286.8
EETC	215.2
SCCC	303.5
SW	325.2
IVTC-Day	29.0
IVRSC	233.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1187

(Question Serial No. 5227)

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 numbers of registered social workers in each of the social service centres for ex-offenders, hostels for ex-offenders, probation homes and remand homes/places of refuge in Hong Kong for 2016-17 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each of the organisations.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2045)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) 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 includes 121 registered social workers. The estimated expenditure for TMCJH in 2016-17 is about \$100 million.

The estimated expenditure of SWD on services for ex-offenders and discharged prisoners (including social service centres for ex-offenders and hostels for ex-offenders, etc.) in 2016-17 is \$71.9 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy the subventions in arranging suitable staffing, including registered social workers, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1188

(Question Serial No. 5229)

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) in Hong Kong for 2016-17 and the estimated full-year subvention provided by the Government for each of the organisations.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2047)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure of the Social Welfare Department for CYCs and ICYSCs in 2016-17 is about \$1.19 billion. 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, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1189****(Question Serial No. 5230)**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 give the details of each category.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2048)Reply:

From 2011-12 to 2015-16, 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 –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of reports on suspected fraud	3 761	3 016	2 853	2 717	2 129
Number of convicted cases	252	257	326	380	183

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1190****(Question Serial No. 5231)**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 seven-year Hong Kong (HK) resident requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. The residence requirement has since been restored 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. 2049)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 4 years before the CFA handed down the judgment was as follows –

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013^[Note])	Total
Number of applications	4 376	4 357	3 501	2 374	14 608

2. The number of CSSA cases exempted from the seven-year HK resident requirement for the 4 years before the CFA handed down the judgment, by case nature, was as follows –

Case nature	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (as at 16 December 2013 ^[Note])	Total
Single parent	822	786	667	447	2 722
Low-earnings	477	417	303	185	1 382
Old age	346	320	297	194	1 157
Unemployment	157	155	106	62	480
Ill health	365	382	329	235	1 311
Others	26	31	39	36	132
Total	2 193	2 091	1 741	1 159	7 184

[Note] 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 “one-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.

In determining whether discretion should be exercised to exempt a new arrival from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD took into account all relevant factors to establish whether there was genuine hardship. Each case was to be considered on its own merits. The major factors being considered included:

- (a) whether the applicant or his/her family had relatives and friends to whom they could turn to and whether the applicant had other possible sources of assistance;
- (b) the applicant’s means of livelihood after arrival and the cause of the present hardship; and
- (c) the assets owned by the applicant, etc.

Where a new arrival worked to support himself/herself and his/her family members, discretion was normally exercised to treat him/her as an eligible member for the purpose of 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 was on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation that had included payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates) from 2011-12 to 2013-14 was as follows –

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	673
2012-13	625
2013-14	582

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1191

(Question Serial No. 5232)

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 seven-year Hong Kong (HK) residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme unconstitutional. The residence requirement has since been restored 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. 2050)

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 “one-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 2015, the numbers of CSSA applications received and approved involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years were as follows –

Year	Number of CSSA applications received from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years	Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years
2013-14 (from 17 December 2013)	4 007	3 272
2014-15	5 876	4 677
2015-16 (as at 31 December 2015)	3 522	1 097
Total	13 405	9 046

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. SWD has not made further projection on the breakdown of the expenditure involved in the removal of the “seven-year resident requirement”.

4. Since the judgement was handed down, SWD has created an additional 11 civil service posts to process the applications from persons aged 18 or above who have resided in HK for less than 7 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1192****(Question Serial No. 5233)**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:

Among all Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 5 years (from 2011-12 to 2015-16), 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 2011-12 to 2015-16), 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. 2051)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 –

Year (end-December)	Number of persons
2011	388
2012	400
2013	384
2014	386
2015	358

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1193

(Question Serial No. 5242)

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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be allocated to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 307)

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, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. 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 reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the service units on a random basis. The estimate for YOTs in 2016-17 is \$141.9 million. The Government will keep in view the demand for YOTs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1194

(Question Serial No. 5243)

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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be allocated to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 308)

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, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. 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 reports. SWD also conducts scheduled and surprise visits to the service units on a random basis. The expenditure for SSW in the 2016-17 Estimate is \$353.1 million. SWD will keep in view the demand for SSW.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1195

(Question Serial No. 5244)

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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to enhance the work in this area? Please also advise the number of persons who have benefited and the funding required under the initiative in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 309)

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 nursing care and managerial matters will be organised in 2016-17. The training programmes 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 and trainers, as well as discussion with stakeholders. SWD will keep in view the training needs of the RCHE staff and provide additional training workshops as and when necessary. In the past 3 years (2013 to 2015), similar training programmes were organised for about 5 500 RCHE staff.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1196****(Question Serial No. 5245)**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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of persons who have benefited and the funding required under the Training Programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 310)Reply:

To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year EN (General)/EN (Psychiatric) Training Programme. Up to now, 14 training courses providing about 1 800 training places have been run. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon graduation. Another 920 training places will come on stream in the next few years, with an estimated total expenditure of \$129.7 million.

The number of trainees and expenditure of the Training Programmes in the past 3 years are provided as follows –

Programme year	No. of places	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12 to 2013-14	220	14.2
2012-13 to 2014-15	320	24.6
2013-14 to 2015-16	320	27.6

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1197

(Question Serial No. 5246)

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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of persons who have benefited and the funding required under the Pilot Scheme programme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 311)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme has been launched since June 2010 with a view to enhancing the drug management capabilities of RCHEs and their staff. The Government earmarked a sum of \$5 million for implementing the three-year Pilot Scheme from June 2010 to June 2013 and subsequently earmarked an additional \$4.2 million for extending the Pilot Scheme to March 2017. About 8 800 elderly residents of 94 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

LWB(WW)1198

(Question Serial No. 5247)

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 explain why the funding for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes for 2016-17 is less than that for 2015-16. In the meantime, please further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Has the work been reduced? Please also advise the number of persons who have benefited and the funding required under the initiative in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 312)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year provides Infirmary Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement for subvented C&A homes to employ additional staff to take care of infirm elderly persons and those with dementia. The relevant expenditure is covered in the estimated cost per place per month for each C&A place providing a continuum of care in the respective year. To further assist residential care homes in providing a continuum of care for these elderly persons, SWD provided eligible subvented C&A homes with an additional one-off "special grant for enhancing infirmary care and care for those with dementia" in 2015-16. The relevant expenditure has also been covered in the relevant revised estimate for 2015-16. This additional one-off special grant is not applicable to the calculation of the estimated cost per place per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care in 2016-17.

The number of places and expenditure for C&A places with a continuum of care provided by subvented homes from 2013-14 to 2016-17 are set out at Annex. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the subvention in arranging suitable staffing, with a view to ensuring service quality and meeting service needs. Other operators have to comply with the services and staffing requirements as agreed in the service agreements signed with SWD by providing the required services and employing sufficient staff for the delivery of services.

**Number of Places and Expenditure for C&A Places with a Continuum of Care
Provided by Subvented Homes from 2013-14 to 2016-17**

Year	No. of places	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14 (Actual)	14 437	2,109.2
2014-15 (Actual)	14 788	2,335.8
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	14 827 (As at end-December 2015)	2,474.7
2016-17 (Estimate)	14 974	2,468.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1199****(Question Serial No. 5248)**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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area? Please also advise the number of persons who have benefited and the funding required under the initiative in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 313)Reply:

Since 2014-15, the proportion of subvented NH places in all contract homes has risen to the level of 9 to 1. 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 2013-14 to 2015-16, the numbers of additional NH places in existing contract homes and those provided under NHPPS are as follows –

	Number of additional places		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
(a) Subsidised NH places in existing contract homes	97	61	-
(b) Subsidised NH places provided under NHPPS	-	27	112
Total	97	88	112

The expenditure of contract homes and NHPPS from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as follows –

	2013-14 (Actual) (\$ million)	2014-15 (Actual) (\$ million)	2015-16 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
(a) Contract homes	240.9	281.9	329.8
(b) NHPPS	25.9	32.4	43.4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1200****(Question Serial No. 5249)**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 respective amounts of payments under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) standard payment rates, burial grant, Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Old Age Allowance (OAA) and various disability allowances (DA) for 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 314)Reply:

The standard rates for different categories of CSSA recipients (amount per person per month) ^[Note] are set out as follows –

		With effect from 1 February 2016	
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)	Household member (\$)
Elderly person aged 60 or above	Able-bodied/50% disabled	3,340	3,150
	100% disabled	4,040	3,575
	Requiring constant attendance	5,690	5,220
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 60	Ill-health/50% disabled	3,340	3,150
	100% disabled	4,040	3,575
	Requiring constant attendance	5,690	5,220
Disabled child	50% disabled	3,760	3,280
	100% disabled	4,460	3,990
	Requiring constant attendance	6,095	5,630

		With effect from 1 February 2016			
Category of recipients		Single person (\$)		Household member (\$)	
		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		2,560	2,310	2,050
	Other adult	2,355	2,100	1,895	1,690
Able-bodied child		2,830	2,345	2,105	1,880

The burial grant under CSSA is as follows –

Type of allowance	With effect from 1 April 2016
	Maximum amount (\$)
Burial grant	14,500

The amounts of various allowances under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme [Note] are set out as follows –

Type of allowance	With effect from 1 February 2016
	Amount per month (\$)
OAA	1,290
OALA	2,495
Normal Disability Allowance	1,650
Higher Disability Allowance	3,300

[Note] 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). OAA, OALA and DA are also adjusted annually in accordance with the movements of SSAIP. As proposed by the Government, the above amounts have included the upward adjustments of the standard rate CSSA payments and the amounts of various allowances under SSA by 4.4% in accordance with the mechanism. The adjustments would take retrospective effect as from 1 February 2016 upon the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016 by the Legislative Council.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1201

(Question Serial No. 5250)

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 further elaborate on the details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 315)

Reply:

Three new contract homes in Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan will commence service in 2016-17, providing a total of 232 and 81 subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places respectively. A full-year expenditure of about \$54 million is earmarked for the 3 contract homes. 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 service provision.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1202

(Question Serial No. 5251)

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 further elaborate on the details, location, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 316)

Reply:

The new NEC, which will be provided in On Tat Estate, Anderson Road, Kwun Tong, is expected to commence service in 2016-17. The estimated full-year expenditure is about \$3 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating NECs 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 being met.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1203

(Question Serial No. 5252)

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 in 2016-17. Will additional funding be provided to step up efforts in this area?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 317)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for DC services is about \$300 million in 2016-17, covering also the 70 additional DC places for the elderly. The additional places will serve applicants who are residents of Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1204

(Question Serial No. 5253)

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) Scheme, please further elaborate on the work details, manpower, effectiveness and funding required in 2016-17. Will additional funding be allocated to enhance the work in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 318)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to process OALA applications and conduct regular case reviews to verify the continuous eligibility of OALA recipients for the allowance.

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 the figures broken down by the number of social security staff members deployed for handling OALA cases, nor the expenditure involved.

The estimated expenditure for the OALA in 2016-17 will be \$14.613 billion, including (i) the amount involved in the upward adjustment of the allowance by 4.4% according to the mechanism with effect from 1 February 2016 as proposed by the Government, and the payments would be made after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2016; and (ii) the 1 additional month of allowance (subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1205****(Question Serial No. 5254)**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 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 during 2013-16, the average caseload per worker and the funding allocation.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 319)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	Number of non-psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 1]		Caseload per non-psychiatric MSWs ^[Note 2]	Funding allocation ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
	SWOs	ASWOs		
2013-14 (Actual)	24	168	64	356.4
2014-15 (Actual)	24	171	63	378.2
2015-16 (Revised Estimate)	24	171	63	402.4

[Note 1] The Medical Social Services (MSS) units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are staffed by SWOs/ASWOs.

[Note 2] SWD does not capture 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.

[Note 3] The figures refer to the total expenditure for MSS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1206

(Question Serial No. 5255)

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 Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) from 2013 to 2016? 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. 320)

Reply:

To ease the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has joined hands with the Hospital Authority since 2006 to run the two-year Enrolled Nurse (General)/Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) Training Programme. So far, 14 training courses with a total of about 1 800 training places have been run. The training courses are fully funded by the Government. Participants are required to sign an undertaking to work for 2 consecutive years in the welfare sector upon completing the course. In 2013-14 and 2015-16, 2 training courses were run by SWD, providing a total of 320 training places involving an expenditure of about \$28 million. Over 90% of the graduates of the first 11 training courses joined the welfare sector after graduation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1207

(Question Serial No. 5256)

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 the support services, the number of residential places and the expenditure involved for 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 321)

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. In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department will provide 30 additional places for the Refuge Centre, and the estimated total expenditure for Refuge Centres is \$33.6 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1208

(Question Serial No. 5257)

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 2016-17? How much funding allocation is involved for this service?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 322)

Reply:

IHCS includes IHCS (Frail Cases) and IHCS (Ordinary Cases) (OC). In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for IHCS is about \$600 million. 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 services 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 keep in view the demand for IHCS and address the service needs of elderly persons as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1209

(Question Serial No. 5258)

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:

While the estimated expenditure involved in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will increase in 2016-17, why is the funding for subvented RCHEs being reduced?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 323)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) each year provides Infirmary Care Supplement and Dementia Supplement for subvented care-and-attention (C&A) homes to employ additional staff to take care of infirm elderly persons and those with dementia. The relevant expenditure is covered in the estimated cost per place per month for each C&A place providing a continuum of care in the respective year. To further assist residential care homes in providing a continuum of care for these elderly persons, SWD provided eligible subvented C&A homes with an additional one-off "special grant for enhancing infirmary care and care for those with dementia" in 2015-16. The relevant expenditure has also been covered in the relevant revised estimate for 2015-16. This additional one-off special grant is not applicable to the calculation of the estimated cost per place per month for C&A places providing a continuum of care in 2016-17.

For subventions in the 2016-17 Estimate, the part on emoluments is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2015, while Other Charges have been adjusted according to the Composite Consumer Price Index. If civil service pay is to be adjusted in 2016-17, the adjustment in costs will be reflected in the 2016-17 Revised Estimate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1210

(Question Serial No. 5259)

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 numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases by case nature in each District Council district in each of 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. 324)

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases by case nature and district from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

District	2011-12							
	CSSA case nature (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

District	2011-12							
	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
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
Total	151 756	18 370	25 188	32 571	11 763	26 072	7 083	272 803

District	2012-13							
	CSSA case nature (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
Total	151 006	18 346	25 142	30 506	9 939	23 283	7 007	265 229

District	2013-14							
	CSSA case nature (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

District	2013-14							
	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
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
Total	149 167	18 357	25 053	29 842	8 608	20 522	5 695	257 244

District	2014-15							
	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 089	238	301	205	73	180	43	3 129
Eastern	7 896	1 177	912	1 192	336	640	238	12 391
Islands	1 712	193	392	634	260	401	144	3 736
Kowloon City	8 271	1 060	1 254	1 729	334	977	157	13 782
Kwai Tsing	14 819	2 273	2 133	2 594	920	1 561	359	24 659
Kwun Tong	21 326	1 503	3 017	4 143	1 104	2 117	459	33 669
North	7 487	1 006	1 207	1 749	305	837	319	12 910
Sai Kung	4 287	771	909	902	317	497	287	7 970
Sha Tin	8 848	1 410	1 889	2 148	417	813	390	15 915
Sham Shui Po	13 680	1 161	2 653	2 731	612	2 353	358	23 548
Southern	4 730	1 125	725	585	213	246	217	7 841
Tai Po	5 363	517	945	910	159	407	240	8 541
Tsuen Wan	4 587	490	533	860	220	394	113	7 197
Tuen Mun	11 250	2 121	2 144	1 947	430	1 247	343	19 482
Wan Chai	1 011	68	122	96	15	209	90	1 611
Wong Tai Sin	12 109	1 088	1 823	2 158	614	1 208	310	19 310
Yau Tsim Mong	5 139	419	1 042	1 112	191	1 665	204	9 772
Yuen Long	12 201	1 591	2 710	3 585	781	2 255	529	23 652
Total	146 805	18 211	24 711	29 280	7 301	18 007	4 800	249 115

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)							
	CSSA case nature (number of cases)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	233	294	191	64	182	40	3 048
Eastern	7 709	1 140	902	1 171	280	577	209	11 988
Islands	1 676	187	373	627	233	384	146	3 626
Kowloon City	8 123	1 009	1 219	1 688	299	906	137	13 381
Kwai Tsing	14 584	2 310	2 048	2 461	813	1 413	333	23 962
Kwun Tong	20 873	1 450	2 971	3 939	950	1 916	438	32 537
North	7 391	1 032	1 235	1 695	279	722	318	12 672
Sai Kung	4 235	757	910	826	262	470	277	7 737
Sha Tin	8 941	1 379	1 943	2 109	380	692	365	15 809
Sham Shui Po	13 454	1 167	2 523	2 720	526	2 146	327	22 863
Southern	4 664	1 117	722	559	171	256	184	7 673
Tai Po	5 180	490	937	917	121	379	209	8 233
Tsuen Wan	4 505	492	536	857	200	347	108	7 045
Tuen Mun	11 092	2 048	2 083	1 798	349	1 117	354	18 841
Wan Chai	989	61	113	92	12	202	93	1 562
Wong Tai Sin	11 738	1 045	1 783	2 091	532	1 089	281	18 559
Yau Tsim Mong	5 067	410	1 025	1 188	178	1 462	172	9 502
Yuen Long	12 111	1 579	2 789	3 469	685	2 064	519	23 216
Total	144 376	17 906	24 406	28 398	6 334	16 324	4 510	242 254

The above figures do not include the cases of the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Ap Lei Chau	237	61	57	79	19	24	13	490	11%
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	1	-	-	50	19%
Broadview Garden	11	3	1	5	1	-	2	23	5%
Butterfly	773	58	94	142	11	63	6	1 147	22%
Chai Wan	276	16	29	47	5	13	7	393	25%
Chak On	334	11	32	71	4	26	2	480	27%
Cheung Ching	312	23	39	68	17	36	7	502	10%
Cheung Fat	226	32	26	28	7	19	5	343	31%
Cheung Hang	320	38	37	44	17	37	14	507	12%
Cheung Hong	872	66	66	154	29	62	14	1 263	15%
Cheung Kwai	28	3	3	9	1	8	-	52	11%
Cheung Lung Wai	143	9	18	72	10	26	5	283	22%
Cheung On	309	36	29	31	5	27	8	445	38%
Cheung Sha Wan	181	8	21	44	10	13	3	280	20%
Cheung Shan	92	6	12	12	12	8	1	143	9%
Cheung Wah	388	30	73	71	17	33	18	630	37%
Cheung Wang	390	68	56	101	35	81	8	739	17%
Ching Ho	899	55	175	382	68	138	18	1 735	25%
Cho Yiu Chuen	164	7	8	8	11	10	2	210	9%
Choi Fai	97	7	20	20	7	8	1	160	12%
Choi Fook	373	20	51	139	24	61	6	674	20%
Choi Ha	129	13	21	16	7	9	1	196	38%
Choi Hung	782	45	127	179	34	68	8	1 243	17%
Choi Ming Court	279	34	75	40	22	41	3	494	18%
Choi Tak	609	21	76	201	19	53	18	997	17%
Choi Wan (I)	364	34	79	108	27	41	13	666	11%
Choi Wan (II)	206	11	43	49	16	25	7	357	12%
Choi Ying	503	13	74	163	24	63	9	849	21%
Choi Yuen	794	76	73	139	14	56	8	1 160	23%
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	21	77	43	10	36	9	491	40%
Chuk Yuen (South)	818	55	126	204	40	59	7	1 309	22%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	4	2	4	4	12	1	114	12%
Chun Shek	237	19	41	41	8	16	2	364	17%
Chung On	230	49	51	52	14	47	12	455	17%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Clague Garden Estate	65	2	2	6	1	-	-	76	14%
Easeful Court	12	3	5	11	4	3	1	39	8%
Fortune	523	33	65	35	6	34	2	698	33%
Fu Cheong	1 188	71	184	101	45	71	10	1 670	28%
Fu Heng	362	52	114	37	4	30	9	608	38%
Fu Shan	171	9	21	37	5	18	3	264	17%
Fu Shin	377	37	99	80	10	27	24	654	31%
Fu Tai	329	56	101	84	59	72	12	713	14%
Fu Tung	79	8	16	34	6	10	-	153	9%
Fuk Loi	339	29	44	60	9	21	4	506	16%
Fung Tak	406	27	75	35	13	30	4	590	50%
Fung Wah	74	8	13	9	2	10	3	119	33%
Fung Wo	93	17	37	83	6	14	6	256	16%
Grandeur Terrace	145	30	88	192	66	96	15	632	15%
Hau Tak	348	41	69	62	20	47	10	597	14%
Healthy Village	97	5	10	7	7	5	4	135	12%
Heng On	191	17	43	40	11	14	15	331	42%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	1	6	16	8	3	1	47	6%
Hin Keng	170	17	44	35	11	15	12	304	49%
Hin Yiu	94	12	31	33	5	7	1	183	23%
Hing Man	128	18	21	46	17	12	2	244	12%
Hing Tin	71	5	25	17	12	11	3	144	36%
Hing Tung	145	23	26	34	13	12	2	255	12%
Hing Wah (I)	243	45	34	28	12	19	3	384	17%
Hing Wah (II)	468	39	46	99	17	30	3	702	20%
Ho Man Tin	589	66	133	70	28	46	12	944	20%
Hoi Fu Court	510	23	57	63	25	29	3	710	26%
Hoi Lai	277	36	96	146	66	84	10	715	15%
Hong Tung	184	7	7	7	-	1	1	207	45%
Hung Fuk	220	30	83	184	19	65	4	605	16%
Hung Hom	485	31	53	62	15	34	5	685	25%
Jat Min Chuen	344	17	32	16	10	17	6	442	12%
Ka Fuk	207	29	21	28	6	15	7	313	16%
Ka Wai Chuen	224	10	27	9	3	8	1	282	17%
Kai Ching	409	35	60	224	19	71	5	823	16%
Kai Tin	293	20	69	36	15	26	6	465	21%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Kai Yip	690	24	70	118	8	37	6	953	23%
Kam Peng	25	2	6	7	1	5	1	47	19%
Kin Ming	441	95	183	228	83	122	12	1 164	17%
Kin Sang	95	16	23	13	5	9	2	163	31%
King Lam	406	43	74	30	6	34	4	597	40%
Ko Cheung Court	49	9	30	65	22	29	5	209	12%
Ko Yee	192	12	14	25	7	8	1	259	22%
Kwai Chung	1 293	208	293	424	141	245	29	2 633	19%
Kwai Fong	601	75	128	73	46	76	8	1 007	16%
Kwai Hing	80	14	11	14	4	8	-	131	41%
Kwai Luen	181	19	53	119	26	55	8	461	16%
Kwai Shing (East)	766	68	119	95	39	93	9	1 189	19%
Kwai Shing (West)	446	37	50	86	22	38	9	688	13%
Kwong Fuk	499	50	95	130	20	54	16	864	14%
Kwong Tin	163	15	45	36	13	22	9	303	13%
Kwong Yuen	284	64	57	49	7	21	26	508	44%
Kwun Lung Lau	118	13	17	23	14	25	2	212	10%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	477	17	55	35	19	37	2	642	14%
Lai King	418	36	41	66	21	33	6	621	15%
Lai Kok	443	36	68	102	14	45	10	718	25%
Lai On	171	20	32	21	1	12	-	257	19%
Lai Tak Tsuen	150	12	20	10	6	15	2	215	8%
Lai Yiu	244	30	29	39	29	22	5	398	14%
Lakeside Garden	14	2	4	1	-	-	-	21	9%
Lam Tin	401	17	59	93	31	30	7	638	21%
Lee On	284	53	101	55	10	31	9	543	15%
Lei Cheng Uk	329	32	48	64	13	39	9	534	46%
Lei Muk Shue	849	126	166	232	69	104	24	1 570	15%
Lei Tung	373	54	61	79	12	37	12	628	30%
Lei Yue Mun	407	29	67	92	27	43	8	673	21%
Lek Yuen	283	30	67	85	15	20	15	515	16%
Leung King	493	60	96	86	14	56	14	819	33%
Lok Fu	371	51	81	80	20	43	5	651	18%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	322	11	40	25	15	23	2	438	13%
Lok Wah (North)	143	17	34	44	10	26	6	280	9%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Lok Wah (South)	1 341	41	106	161	8	59	14	1 730	25%
Long Bin IH	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	6	60%
Long Ping	530	45	98	131	17	64	21	906	26%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	358	18	79	115	20	64	9	663	15%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	465	60	93	100	28	45	15	806	53%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	404	56	103	122	28	69	8	790	12%
Lung Hang	243	15	64	78	21	17	11	449	10%
Lung Tin	64	10	6	11	2	11	-	104	24%
Lung Yat	62	5	11	45	5	14	5	147	15%
Ma Hang	42	6	10	9	4	5	3	79	9%
Ma Tau Wai	188	28	29	78	9	28	3	363	18%
Mei Lam	387	31	78	98	10	30	12	646	16%
Mei Tin	545	66	172	314	55	87	15	1 254	19%
Mei Tung	257	25	36	86	22	34	9	469	19%
Ming Tak	162	13	24	21	8	9	5	242	17%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	160	14	9	8	5	10	1	207	10%
Model Housing	43	11	10	11	6	7	1	89	13%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	4	7	7	2	2	1	114	12%
Nam Cheong	156	16	25	20	8	17	-	242	37%
Nam Shan	323	28	59	109	7	42	2	570	21%
Nga Ning Court	22	1	4	6	4	6	3	46	11%
Ngan Wan	28	4	4	16	5	3	-	60	14%
Oi Man	387	50	87	114	32	41	9	720	11%
Oi Tung	708	99	83	79	23	42	9	1 043	27%
On Tin	16	2	9	34	11	6	3	81	11%
On Ting	626	62	73	127	15	56	6	965	19%
On Yam	403	55	71	85	56	46	12	728	14%
Pak Tin	1 204	70	199	170	43	121	19	1 826	25%
Ping Shek	385	21	48	50	17	38	4	563	12%
Ping Tin	794	57	120	127	32	67	13	1 210	22%
Po Lam	268	37	62	68	15	18	4	472	29%
Po Tat	978	71	144	168	79	149	18	1 607	22%
Po Tin	1 283	144	302	140	17	277	18	2 181	27%
Pok Hong	257	16	48	48	9	13	8	399	36%
Prosperous	87	-	2	2	1	-	1	93	14%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Garden									
Sai Wan	22	3	7	7	5	6	1	51	8%
Sam Shing	131	20	14	27	7	19	6	224	13%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	448	23	70	148	32	69	12	802	20%
Sau Mau Ping	1 643	132	245	242	106	204	33	2 605	22%
Sha Kok	746	61	152	189	12	51	20	1 231	20%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	30	3	9	5	2	5	-	54	8%
Shan King	788	87	126	161	23	75	17	1 277	22%
Shatin Pass	99	10	27	45	9	20	1	211	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 304	63	214	314	51	138	19	2 103	24%
Shek Lei (I)	583	69	67	118	37	48	9	931	19%
Shek Lei (II)	960	111	142	244	97	140	27	1 721	19%
Shek Mun	145	15	59	90	17	21	8	355	18%
Shek Pai Wan	461	59	79	86	36	43	20	784	15%
Shek Wai Kok	535	55	79	130	27	42	8	876	14%
Shek Yam (East)	334	39	29	25	16	19	2	464	20%
Shek Yam	352	40	38	57	18	29	6	540	20%
Sheung Lok	128	6	4	11	-	2	-	151	44%
Sheung Tak	531	51	107	87	44	68	10	898	16%
Shin Ming	198	20	45	76	13	23	2	377	19%
Shui Chuen O	150	14	39	107	25	28	6	369	13%
Shui Pin Wai	440	21	50	67	10	34	5	627	27%
Shun Lee	443	25	54	73	14	52	8	669	15%
Shun On	393	25	35	59	13	39	2	566	19%
Shun Tin	789	39	104	119	32	93	16	1 192	17%
Siu Sai Wan	310	79	76	109	23	53	3	653	11%
Sun Chui	547	51	98	128	31	41	19	915	14%
Sun Tin Wai	250	35	34	67	12	11	3	412	12%
Tai Hang Tung	408	24	59	46	11	36	3	587	29%
Tai Hing	1 157	81	148	192	36	87	18	1 719	20%
Tai Ping	33	6	12	11	-	11	2	75	31%
Tai Wo	502	39	79	55	12	27	15	729	43%
Tai Wo Hau	730	98	110	158	31	73	11	1 211	16%
Tai Yuen	295	60	141	85	26	64	22	693	15%
Tak Long	565	60	108	292	38	104	11	1 178	15%
Tak Tin	658	34	112	45	14	29	9	901	46%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Tin Chak	420	47	109	120	27	88	18	829	21%
Tin Ching	713	59	142	364	46	140	28	1 492	24%
Tin Heng	167	32	116	202	96	143	13	769	13%
Tin King	78	18	23	43	6	18	7	193	23%
Tin Ping	196	19	48	37	12	23	6	341	34%
Tin Shui	518	51	124	139	42	88	22	984	13%
Tin Tsz	462	37	95	55	16	44	10	719	22%
Tin Wah	486	48	109	77	14	56	12	802	22%
Tin Wan	373	55	72	42	26	24	11	603	20%
Tin Yan	931	65	184	239	22	166	18	1 625	29%
Tin Yat	130	18	63	119	47	71	10	458	14%
Tin Yiu	606	55	160	158	37	72	21	1 109	13%
Tin Yuet	465	42	124	113	55	115	10	924	22%
Tsing Yi	168	17	19	22	5	18	4	253	40%
Tsui Lam	133	16	36	66	9	16	7	283	19%
Tsui Lok	98	6	5	10	2	5	-	126	40%
Tsui Ping (South)	399	23	49	51	27	32	4	585	13%
Tsui Ping (North)	904	56	162	143	32	88	11	1 396	44%
Tsui Wan	114	23	13	19	2	11	2	184	35%
Tsz Ching	1 228	81	169	139	62	95	7	1 781	22%
Tsz Hong	96	15	32	67	35	35	1	281	14%
Tsz Lok	752	56	92	98	31	83	13	1 125	18%
Tsz Man	193	14	36	45	17	30	4	339	17%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	11	2	5	3	1	1	-	23	9%
Tung Tau	580	49	75	89	27	58	8	886	41%
Tung Wui	317	11	26	31	4	10	4	403	31%
Un Chau	1 173	86	153	133	48	100	9	1 702	23%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 271	75	158	90	36	83	13	1 726	26%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	734	76	111	102	30	67	5	1 125	23%
Verbena Heights	143	5	15	2	-	13	2	180	19%
Wah Fu	542	102	91	139	46	54	16	990	11%
Wah Kwai	257	27	35	22	8	12	3	364	36%
Wah Lai	97	17	29	29	14	13	1	200	14%
Wah Ming	328	59	55	55	15	31	19	562	39%
Wah Sum	170	31	22	13	12	20	2	270	18%

PHE	Case nature								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total	Percentage to all households in the PHE
Wan Hon	398	5	9	33	3	4	2	454	46%
Wan Tau Tong	173	27	30	16	3	12	3	264	47%
Wan Tsui	287	60	44	92	19	33	4	539	15%
Wang Tau Hom	371	64	73	95	26	58	12	699	12%
Wing Cheong	158	10	22	72	10	35	2	309	21%
Wo Che	386	55	126	117	43	38	17	782	13%
Wo Lok	224	16	41	44	6	18	6	355	18%
Wu King	174	25	53	76	22	44	9	403	9%
Yan On	206	16	56	101	5	41	9	434	17%
Yat Tung	605	79	216	408	191	225	33	1 757	15%
Yau Lai	955	34	148	350	63	106	13	1 669	20%
Yau Oi	720	71	131	170	52	89	19	1 252	14%
Yau Tong	466	37	98	82	50	48	7	788	22%
Yee Ming	126	5	34	61	15	25	4	270	13%
Yiu On	175	28	57	38	6	19	8	331	35%
Yiu Tung	472	66	67	50	18	40	6	719	14%
Yue Kwong Chuen	39	8	6	4	2	3	2	64	7%
Yue Wan	189	34	25	83	7	25	1	364	17%
Yung Shing Court	223	32	35	24	16	25	3	358	21%
Total	86 152	8 064	14 984	19 001	4 885	9 839	1 827	144 752	

The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature for 2011-12 to 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1212

(Question Serial No. 5263)

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 state clearly the details about the funding provided to the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) for their family services for the past 5 years and the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 328)

Reply:

The total expenditure for Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) run by the non-governmental organisations, including IFSCs run by ISS-HK, in 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Actual), 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) and 2016-17 (Estimate) is \$220 million, \$240 million, \$270 million, \$290 million, \$300 million and \$300 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1213

(Question Serial No. 5264)

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 state clearly the details about the funding provided to the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) for the provision of refugee services for the past 5 years and the coming year (details of funding for wages and food must be included).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 329)

Reply:

The expenditure for ISS-HK to provide humanitarian assistance services for non-refoulement claimants in 2011-12 (Actual), 2012-13 (Actual), 2013-14 (Actual), 2014-15 (Actual), 2015-16 (Revised Estimate) and 2016-17 (Estimate) is \$143 million, \$191 million, \$204 million, \$254 million, \$418 million and \$651 million respectively. The proportions of direct assistance (including food) and administrative expenses (including staff emoluments) are about 77% and 23% respectively under the current service contract which commenced in May 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1214****(Question Serial No. 5265)**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 state clearly the respective numbers of social workers and non-social workers at the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK) engaged in the provision of refugee services for the past 5 years and the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 330)Reply:

The number of professionals and supporting workers employed by ISS-HK for providing humanitarian assistance services for non-refoulement claimants over the past 5 years (i.e. the period covered by the recent 3 service contracts) is as follows –

Contract Period		Professional Workers [Note 1]	Supporting Workers
1 August 2010 to 11 September 2012		47	70
12 September 2012 to 25 May 2015		54	73
26 May 2015 to present [Note 2]	Hong Kong Island and Outlying Islands	7	6
	Kowloon	31	28
	New Territories	25	23

[Note 1] Professional workers include social workers, counsellors, senior social workers and senior counsellors.

[Note 2] Service contract is split into 3 contracts by region, namely Hong Kong Island and Outlying Islands, Kowloon and the New Territories.

The current service contract covers the coming year. ISS-HK will employ the same number of professional and supporting workers as it has currently employed in accordance with the current contract requirements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1215****(Question Serial No. 5266)**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 2011-2016 –

2015-16

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2014-15

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2013-14

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2012-13

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

Name of family service centre	Number of CR cases recommended	Number of CT cases recommended	Number of household splitting cases recommended

2011-12

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. 331)

Reply:

The number of relevant cases handled by SWD and NGOs in the past 5 years (from 2011-12 to 2015-16) is tabulated below –

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at December 2015)
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT)	2 103	1 863	1 661	1 340	986
Number of CT cases recommended to HD	385	308	302	198	111

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)1216****(Question Serial No. 5649)**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 to 15, 16 to 30, 31 to 45, 46 to 60 and over 60).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 332)Reply:

Among the 1 251 CLEIC applications from 2011-12 to 2015-16, 36 cases had involved domestic violence. The number of victims broken down by gender and age group is provided as follows –

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	Age group										
	Aged 0 to 15		Aged 16 to 30		Aged 31 to 45		Aged 46 to 60		Aged above 60		
Gender	Male (M)	Female (F)	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Total
Year											
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	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
Total	1	1	1	5	3	9	2	6	1	7	36

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1217

(Question Serial No. 5650)

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 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.

Year	S/Es	NECs	DECCs
2015-2016			
2014-2015			
2013-2014			
2012-2013			
2011-2012			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 333)

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)1218****(Question Serial No. 5685)**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 for the financial year 2016-17? How many centres are providing such services? What is the waiting time for such services by district?

	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council district)	Waiting time
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. 372)Reply:

The Government supports frail elderly persons, including those with dementia, living in the community and their families through 72 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 resource centres, as well as demonstration and loan of rehabilitation equipment, etc. The estimated expenditure for the subsidised community care and support services for the elderly in 2016-17 is \$2,218.1 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 2016-17, the estimated expenditure on DS to DEs/DCUs will be about \$18.7 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, a full-year expenditure of some \$22 million has been provided to 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers.

Apart from the above provisions and measures, it is stated in the 2016 Policy Address that the Hospital Authority and Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite the Community Care Fund to launch a two-year pilot scheme on dementia care services to provide suitable services for elderly persons with mild or mild to moderate dementia through medical-social collaboration model at DECCs in the community, so as to enhance community care services for demented elderly persons at the community level.

The average waiting time for subsidised day care services and home-based care services was about 6 months (average from the past 3 months) as at end-December 2015. SWD does not have the information regarding demented elderly persons waiting for services by district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1219****(Question Serial No. 5686)**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 Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) for 2016-17? What is the difference in the funding allocation regarding "food ingredients" as compared with 2015-16? What are the utilisation rate of IHCS and the waiting time for meal delivery service and household cleansing service by district?

	Number of cases requiring follow-up actions (by District Council district)	Waiting time	
		Meal delivery service	Household cleansing service
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. 373)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for IHCS for 2016-17 is about \$600 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of expenditure item “food ingredients”.

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(Frail Cases (FC)) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. As at end-December 2015, the utilisation rate of IHCS(FC) (including meal delivery and household cleansing) was 99.1% and the average waiting time was about 6 months (average from the past 3 months). SWD does not have the statistics on the waiting time for meal delivery and household cleansing services under IHCS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1220

(Question Serial No. 4772)

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), would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) inform this Committee of the following –

- a. the numbers of participating elderly persons, service vouchers and the expenditure in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme;
- b. the types of services used by elderly persons and the relevant breakdown figures in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme;
- c. whether the evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme has been completed. If yes, what are the results of the evaluation? What follow-up measures will be taken by SWD?
- d. the anticipated numbers of participating elderly persons, service vouchers and expenditure in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme; and
- e. whether the Government has considered expanding the target groups of beneficiaries and extending the services covered by the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in September 2013. While the service capacity under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme was set at 1 200 service vouchers, SWD could issue slightly more than 1 200 service vouchers owing to the natural turnover of voucher holders and for better utilisation of resources. As at end-December 2015, a total of 2 794 elderly persons, including 1 388 existing voucher holders, had at different times participated in the Pilot Scheme. An amount of \$380 million has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund for implementing the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, covering the Government subsidy on voucher value and a

seed money grant to recognised service providers (RSPs) to purchase vehicle and/or furniture and equipment they need under the Pilot Scheme. As at end-March 2015, the cumulative expenditure of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme was about \$74 million. The revised estimate for 2015-16 is about \$79 million.

- b. There are 2 modes of service under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme –
 - i mixed mode: day care service (part-time) and home-based care service; or
 - ii single mode: day care service (part-time)

As at end-December 2015, 1 178 of the 1 388 existing voucher holders were using the services, among whom 818 were using the single mode and 360 the mixed mode.

- c. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme. The mid-term evaluation has been completed. According to the key findings, the Pilot Scheme has promoted greater choice, enabled service users to select their preferred RSPs and services that best fit their needs, and has been effective in elevating frail elderly persons' self-perceived health and quality of life as well as significantly reducing their caregivers' stress and burden. The mid-term evaluation report also recommends the introduction of enhancements into the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. Having taken into account the mid-term evaluation findings and the recommendations of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme as well as other relevant views, SWD has worked out the implementation details of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. The second phase will provide greater flexibility to meet elderly persons' diverse needs. Preparation is underway for the Second Phase which is expected to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- d. In the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, an additional 1 800 vouchers will be issued, up to a maximum of 3 000 if the existing 1 200 voucher holders of the first phase choose to migrate to the second phase. The Lotteries Fund has allocated some \$640 million for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. The funding 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.
- e. SWD will introduce a series of enhancements in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme. The scope of the second phase will be expanded to include not only elderly persons who are moderately impaired as assessed under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services but also those who are assessed as severely impaired. In the second phase, the coverage will be extended from 8 districts to all the 18 districts in the territory and service vouchers at 5 different values will be provided to meet individual needs. Besides, the service will offer increased choices and greater flexibility. In addition to centre-based and home-based community care service, service voucher holders may purchase residential respite service with the voucher value in order to further promote ageing-in-place.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1221

(Question Serial No. 4773)

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 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) introduced a pilot scheme, under which residential care places are purchased from elderly homes run by 2 Hong Kong non-governmental organisations in the Mainland to provide an option for eligible elderly people. Please advise us of the following –

- a. the number of elderly people on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised residential care places in 2015-16;
- b. the number of enrolments in these 2 elderly homes since the implementation of the scheme;
- c. if any elderly people had opted out of the scheme and returned to Hong Kong after enrolment in the 2 elderly homes since the implementation of the scheme? If yes, what are the number and reasons?
- d. the expenditure on implementation of the scheme in 2015-16;
- e. the estimated expenditure on implementation of the scheme in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. In 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015), there were 27 050 elderly persons ^[Note] on the CWL for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places.
- b. to d. SWD launched the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (Pilot Scheme) in June 2014. As at end-December 2015, 272 elderly persons had expressed interest in joining the Pilot Scheme, among whom 84 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 14 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. Of these elderly

persons, 6 admitted to the Shenzhen Home and 2 admitted to the Zhaoqing Home had left the Scheme owing to death or health or family reasons. The revised estimate for the Pilot Scheme was about \$7.6 million in 2015-16.

- e. 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.

[Note] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged since 1 January 2003. Currently subsidised residential care services for the elderly available for application include C&A places and nursing home places. The figure does not include 8 171 elderly persons on the CWL classified as inactive cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4774)

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:

Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please inform this Committee of the following –

- a. the number of places and the number of applicants on the waiting list for rehabilitation services provided for pre-school children by Special Child Care Centres (SCCC), Early Education and Training Centres (EETC), Integrated Programme (IP) in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres (KG-cum-CCCs) under SWD in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (with a breakdown by 18 districts)?
- b. the average waiting time for the above services in 2014-15?
- c. whether, pursuant to a reply (LWB(WW)1120) provided during the examination of the Estimates last year in which SWD indicated that “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”, the above plan is completed and if no, please provide this Committee with an implementation timetable;
- d. whether SWD has any plans to provide additional places in the financial year 2016-17? 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. 78)

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 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The numbers of applicants waiting for respective services are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

- b. SWD operates a central referral system (CRS) for the waitlisting and matching of applicants for the aforementioned services. Since the applicants can choose more than 1 centre (i.e. they may be on the waiting list of more than 1 district), the CRS does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The average waiting time for EETC, SCCC and IP in 2014-15 is as follows –

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2014-15 (in months)
EETC	19.6
SCCC	17.3
IP	13.0

- c. In 2015-16, SWD would add 109 EETC places and 54 SCCC places. The remaining places will commence service in 2016-17. Some planned places could not commence service in 2015-16 as scheduled mainly because of the longer than expected time for the building works involved in some new projects.

In September 2014, SWD invited subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) running non-profit-making KG-cum-CCCs to apply to provide IP service. SWD received applications to operate a total of 126 IP places. All applications were approved after the approval process was completed in December 2014. In line with the admission and commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCCs in the new school year, the additional IP places commenced service in September 2015. In the same year, 1 KG-cum-CCC providing 6 IP places applied to withdraw from service. As a result, additional IP places in 2015-16 numbered 120.

- d. The estimated expenditure for pre-school rehabilitation services in 2016-17 is about \$712 million. The Government will provide 287 additional EETC places in Kwun Tong, Tai Po/North District, Sham Shui Po and through in-situ expansion, and provide 142 additional SCCC places in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po and through in-situ expansion.

The Government launched the two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) in 2015 with a funding of \$422 million from the Lotteries Fund. Experienced in implementing subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, 16 NGOs have coordinated inter-disciplinary teams (which comprise occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers) to provide 2 925 training places for children with special needs who are enrolled in KGs or KG-cum-CCCs and waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. The programmes under the Pilot Scheme were rolled out in phases between November 2015 and January 2016.

Table 1: Number of Places for Pre-school Rehabilitation Services

District	EETC		SCCC		IP	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	205	205	199	199	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	216	216	174	186
Kwun Tong	262	262	66	66	204	228
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	416	416	333	333	234	240
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	216	231	30	30	192	210
Sham Shui Po	274	274	205	205	84	108
Sha Tin	291	291	138	138	156	168
Tai Po/North	205	205	192	192	168	168
Yuen Long	172	172	108	108	186	186
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	384	384	168	168	192	198
Tuen Mun	165	229	120	120	138	156
Total	2 991	3 070	1 775	1 775	1 860	1 980

Table 2: Number of Applicants Waiting for Pre-school Rehabilitation Services

District	EETC		SCCC		IP	
	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	2014-15 (as at end-March 2015)	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	355	307	99	98	109	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	400	402	110	96	83	97
Kwun Tong	310	327	118	143	161	168
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	506	484	172	150	204	183
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	478	453	167	135	148	145
Sham Shui Po	250	226	85	101	87	71
Sha Tin	409	414	156	161	240	214
Tai Po/North	321	337	138	147	240	243
Yuen Long	193	219	131	130	190	199
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	459	460	172	167	135	128
Tuen Mun	172	194	89	91	167	114
Total	3 853	3 823	1 437	1 419	1 764	1 643

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1223

(Question Serial No. 4916)

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, the elderly persons served, the persons on the waiting list, and the average waiting time of IHCS in respect of both ordinary and frail cases by District Council districts last year;
2. whether there are adequate places reserved in each district to provide urgent services for the elderly persons with short-term and emergency needs? If yes, how many places are there in each district and what is the utilisation rate? If such figures are not available, please provide the number of extra cases handled by the service teams in various districts last year for reference.
3. though there is the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, it is not fully interfaced with IHCS. In this connection, how will the Government strengthen the interface and increase the number of such places so that no elderly person will be neglected? Why doesn't the Government consider setting up an emergency home care service team to provide time-limited care services for elderly persons with urgent needs?
4. the cost per case served per month next year will only increase by \$7. What are the reasons? Has the Government considered such factors as the actual needs, wages and costs?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places under IHCS Ordinary Cases (OC) and Frail Cases (FC) as at end-December 2015 and the number of cases served in the year by District Council district are set out at Annex.

There were 2 704 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) as at end-December 2015, excluding 83 elderly persons being classified as inactive cases after participating in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. The average waiting time was about 6 months (average from the past 3 months). Moreover, according to the record of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing the services, there were 4 051 persons waiting for IHCS(OC) as at end-December 2015. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the number of applicants or the average waiting time for IHCS(OC), IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS by District Council district.

2. & 3. If applicants waiting for IHCS(FC) have proven needs for urgent 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. The above service arrangements also apply to those applicants referred under the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients.
4. The subvention for emoluments in the 2016-17 Estimate is based on the level of Civil Service Pay Scale in 2015 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 is to be adjusted in 2016-17, the adjustment in the unit cost will be reflected in the 2016-17 Revised Estimate.

**Number of Places under IHCS and
Number of Cases Served in the year by District
(as at end-December 2015)**

District	No. of places		No. of cases served in the year	
	FC	OC ^[Note 1]	FC ^[Note 2]	OC ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	40	595	51	679
Eastern	80	1 491	102	1 760
Wan Chai	30	518	44	602
Southern	80	1 012	100	1 204
Islands	20	248	25	309
Kwun Tong	150	1 939	194	2 234
Wong Tai Sin	100	1 477	126	1 634
Sai Kung	30	398	35	455
Kowloon City	30	1 291	32	1 489
Yau Tsim Mong	40	916	48	1 112
Sham Shui Po	90	1 675	107	1 902
Sha Tin	120	1 419	147	1 559
Tai Po	30	685	41	785
North	30	1 127	39	1 376
Yuen Long	90	1 292	101	1 397
Tuen Mun	30	1 270	32	1 431
Tsuen Wan	40	378	49	482
Kwai Tsing	90	1 097	101	1 421
Total	1 120	18 828	1 374	21 831

[Note 1] IHCS(OC) service providers set their individual service capacity.

[Note 2] The number of cases served in the year 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.

[Note 3] The number of cases served in the year under IHCS(OC) only includes cases of elderly persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1224****(Question Serial No. 4917)**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 enquiries received by and the number of new cases in 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. the expenditure to be incurred by ICCMWs and community mental health services in the coming year;
4. the resources and events for the promotion and education of mental wellness, the prevention of mental illness, and the encouragement of integration of ex-mentally ill persons with the community.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 53)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of new cases served by the 24 ICCMWs by district in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is provided in the table below. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture information about enquiries received by ICCMWs.

District	New cases in 2013-14	New cases in 2014-15
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	644	631
Eastern/Wan Chai	835	838
Kwun Tong	614	657
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	800	813
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	626	637

District	New cases in 2013-14	New cases in 2014-15
Sham Shui Po	517	421
Sha Tin	547	702
Tai Po/North	534	582
Yuen Long	618	648
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	911	976
Tuen Mun	434	542
Total	7 080	7 447

2. The number of members who are ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems in the 24 ICCMWs in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is provided in the table below –

Age	2013-14 Membership	2014-15 Membership
15 to 29	3 586	3 641
30 to 59	16 386	17 273
60 and above	4 211	4 670
Others (age unknown or not given)	111	78
Total	24 294	25 662

3. The provision allocated for ICCMWs by SWD in the estimate for 2016-17 is some \$287 million. Other community mental rehabilitation services, like vocational rehabilitation, residential care and community support etc, may target persons with different types of disability. SWD does not have a breakdown of expenditure on services for individual disability groups (including ex-mentally ill persons).
4. The 24 ICCMWs across the territory organise various types of community public education programmes, with a view to raising public awareness of mental health. In addition, SWD implemented the two-year “Pilot Project on Peer Support Service for Ex-mentally Ill Persons in Community Psychiatric Service Units” in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund, with the aim of equipping suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters for speeding up their own recovery and supporting other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery. They will also assist in organising groups and mental health public education activities to enhance the public’s proper and positive understanding of the ex-mentally ill.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1225

(Question Serial No. 4918)

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 age distribution of users of various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities (PwDs) under this programme in the past 3 years.
2. What is average age of PwDs now using various types of residential care services? What is their average length of stay? How does the Government keep track of the ageing of PwDs if such figures are unavailable?
3. Given the ageing of various types of PwDs (including the mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, moderately and severely disabled), what measures does the Government have in the coming year to meet their needs and how many places and how much expenditure are involved?
4. Has the Government assessed the additional impact of the ageing of PwDs on government spending and on the carers and if no, is there a need to examine it in the future?

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

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Information on service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services by age range in the past 3 years is set out at the Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the average age or the average length of stay of service users residing at residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). SWD has been paying attention to the needs of ageing rehabilitation service users. Based on information on the service users of various residential rehabilitation services by age range, SWD has continuously provided an additional full-year provision of about \$189 million in total in the past 3 financial years, covering the increase in the care and nursing

manpower of rehabilitation service units with a view to strengthening the care and support for ageing service users and addressing the needs of the ageing PwDs.

3. & 4. The Working Group on Ageing of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Working Group) under the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has completed a study on persons with intellectual disabilities using day training centres, vocational rehabilitation services and residential services. To enhance the transport services provided for ageing service users, SWD will, in 2016-17, apply for funding of about \$66 million from the Lotteries Fund for providing an additional 73 centre buses to 58 day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons and 4 community rehabilitation day centres, and allocate an additional full-year funding of about \$18 million for the service operators to hire motor drivers and cover other related expenses. In addition, SWD has also proposed that an additional full-year funding of about \$9.5 million be provided for increasing the subvention for the Visiting Medical Practitioner Scheme to enhance the primary medical and support services for ageing service users at RCHDs. The Government will continue to consider the implementation of other improvement measures recommended in the report of the Working Group.

Table 1: The number and age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2013 (as at 31 December 2013)

Type of Service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs)	11	416	968	929	756	233	26	1
Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs)	4	192	575	706	615	189	6	1
Supported hostels (SHOSs)	5	98	142	198	129	20	-	-
Halfway houses (HWHs)	2	206	409	450	315	64	2	-
Long stay care homes (LSCHs)	-	3	48	185	487	506	180	84
Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs)	-	68	199	136	119	42	2	-
Care and attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs)	19	232	150	164	186	135	31	3
C&A homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs)	-	-	-	-	-	46	137	608

Table 2: The number and age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2014 (as at 31 December 2014)

Type of Service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMHs	18	386	968	916	807	275	26	3
HMMHs	21	179	584	680	669	223	9	-
SHOSs	2	87	142	190	137	28	-	-
HWHs	8	207	391	481	315	65	2	-
LSCHs	-	6	43	185	523	553	170	85
HSPHs	1	57	192	130	132	51	3	-
C&A/SDs	12	252	159	157	199	141	32	3
C&A/ABs	-	-	-	-	-	52	134	613

**Table 3: The number and age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2015
(as at 31 December 2015)**

Type of Service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMHs	19	398	1 004	935	838	319	36	3
HMMHs	26	155	556	671	703	249	15	-
SHOSs	1	76	141	189	151	34	-	-
HWHs	13	202	368	458	344	61	3	-
LSCHs	-	5	42	160	520	558	177	94
HSPHs	1	52	180	137	133	59	4	-
C&A/SDs	15	260	165	151	208	146	31	4
C&A/ABs	-	-	-	-	-	55	135	593

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1226

(Question Serial No. 4919)

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 Indicators under this Programme that the enrolment rate of day activity centres (DACs) has reached 99%. In this connection, will the Government please advise –

1. How many DACs are there at present and what is the average waiting time?
2. Is there a limit on the number of years for the places at the centres? How many handicapped persons have withdrawn from the centres in the past 3 years?
3. Will the Government continue to increase the number of such places in the next few years so that the enrolment rate and the waiting time could fall back to a reasonable level? If yes, what are the timetable and distribution of the additional places?
4. What are the measures in place to support the moderately mentally handicapped and severely mentally handicapped persons who have not been provided with the services at the centres? Are the services provided at the centres, in particular, living skills training, health care, personal and family counselling, occupational therapy service and respite service, also available in the community? If yes, what are the details, number of places and expenditures?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Currently, there are a total of 85 DACs in Hong Kong. The average waiting time for DACs in 2014-15 was 61.8 months.
2. In general, service users may receive services from DACs according to their needs with no limit on the number of years. The number of service users having withdrawn from DACs over the past 3 years is provided in the following table –

Year	Number of service users having withdrawn from DACs
2013-14	153
2014-15	142
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	102

3. In 2016-17, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide an additional 42 DAC places in Tai Po and North District. SWD also plans to provide an additional 1 041 DAC places in Pok Fu Lam, Sha Tin, Tung Chung, Tai Po, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Sai Kung and Tuen Mun in the coming 5 years.
4. SWD is committed to providing various subvented community care services to persons with disabilities (PWDs) living in the community (including moderately to severely mentally handicapped persons), regardless of whether they are waiting for residential care homes for persons with disabilities and/or relevant services such as day training. SWD provides a series of community support services to help PWDs develop their potential and enhance their skills and ability to live in the community so that they can continue to live at home and fully integrate into the community. These community care services include Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities, District Support Centre for PWDs, Day and Residential Respite Services, Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled, Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, Community-based Support Projects for PWDs, etc. These services cover training in social and living skills, personal and nursing care, day care, emotional and network support, etc. Apart from serving PWDs, community care services will also be provided for their relatives/carers with training programmes, education courses, talks or workshops to improve their skills in taking care of PWDs. Most of the above services do not have quota set on the number of places. In 2016-17, SWD's estimated expenditure for community support services for PWDs is about \$859 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1227****(Question Serial No. 4920)**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 Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) –

1. Please indicate 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.)
2. How many elderly persons have had their applications rejected since its implementation? Please group by reasons for rejection or ineligibility.
3. What is the difference between the expected number of eligible elderly persons and the actual number of recipients? Has the Government conducted any study or survey to find out the reasons for not receiving OALA?
4. What are the details of the Government's timetable for the OALA review next year and the estimated expenditure and manpower involved; and whether it has estimated the expenditure incurred by the extension of the coverage of OALA to Hong Kong elderly persons living in the Mainland?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 56)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of OALA cases by type of accommodation in 2015-16 is provided as follows –

Type of accommodation		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Public housing estate		241 587
Private housing	Self-owned	146 038
	Rented	25 221
Residential care home		9 281
Others		7 117
Total		429 244

2. In 2013-14, 29 139 applications for OALA were not approved (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), applicants’ assets being over limit, and applicants not meeting the age/residence requirement, etc. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a detailed breakdown by reasons of rejecting applications in the year.

The reasons for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdowns in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Reasons	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Excess in assets	130	107
Excess in income	120	87
Not meeting the age requirement	24	10
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 753	1 473
Absence from Hong Kong ^[Note]	98	48
Withdrawal	1 036	728
Lost contact ^[Note]	180	118
Deceased ^[Note]	69	76
Converted to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	43	42
Other reasons	55	64
Total	3 508	2 753

^[Note] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, their eligibility could not be verified.

3. There were 429 244 cases of OALA as at end-December 2015. SWD does not have the other information sought.
4. The Government will continue to monitor the implementation of OALA which was launched in April 2013. At this stage, there is no plan to extend OALA to Guangdong province (or any other places outside Hong Kong).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1228****(Question Serial No. 4921)**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 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 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										
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										
Total										

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 57)Reply:

The number of CSSA unemployed recipients who had been on CSSA for over 12 months as

at end-December 2015 with a breakdown by selected profiles was 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	79	40	119
Eastern	227	378	605
Islands	93	313	406
Kowloon City	304	379	683
Kwai Tsing	475	720	1 195
Kwun Tong	642	1 404	2 046
North	201	437	638
Sai Kung	149	352	501
Sha Tin	213	494	707
Sham Shui Po	797	789	1 586
Southern	94	199	293
Tai Po	99	234	333
Tsuen Wan	132	187	319
Tuen Mun	362	492	854
Wan Chai	65	24	89
Wong Tai Sin	411	750	1 161
Yau Tsim Mong	586	270	856
Yuen Long	569	1 328	1 897
Total	5 498	8 790	14 288

Table 2: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by gender

District	Number of recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Central & Western	76	43	119
Eastern	293	312	605
Islands	223	183	406
Kowloon City	357	326	683
Kwai Tsing	556	639	1 195
Kwun Tong	985	1 061	2 046
North	301	337	638
Sai Kung	244	257	501
Sha Tin	279	428	707
Sham Shui Po	873	713	1 586
Southern	134	159	293
Tai Po	151	182	333
Tsuen Wan	154	165	319
Tuen Mun	440	414	854
Wan Chai	73	16	89
Wong Tai Sin	534	627	1 161
Yau Tsim Mong	588	268	856
Yuen Long	967	930	1 897
Total	7 228	7 060	14 288

Table 3: The number of CSSA unemployed recipients by age

District	Number of recipients					
	Age group					Total
	15 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	
Central & Western	1	1	17	33	67	119
Eastern	21	34	47	225	278	605
Islands	24	22	46	139	175	406
Kowloon City	10	34	80	229	330	683
Kwai Tsing	44	70	93	325	663	1 195
Kwun Tong	87	165	137	607	1 050	2 046
North	19	41	41	201	336	638
Sai Kung	24	51	34	125	267	501
Sha Tin	26	25	61	222	373	707
Sham Shui Po	51	82	130	460	863	1 586
Southern	9	23	20	109	132	293
Tai Po	17	27	34	105	150	333
Tsuen Wan	15	17	37	103	147	319
Tuen Mun	32	53	78	244	447	854
Wan Chai	1	3	10	22	53	89
Wong Tai Sin	40	74	67	334	646	1 161
Yau Tsim Mong	22	35	130	230	439	856
Yuen Long	112	148	184	547	906	1 897
Total	555	905	1 246	4 260	7 322	14 288

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 parent) 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

LWB(WW)1229

(Question Serial No. 4922)

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 residential respite services for persons with disabilities (PWDs)” 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 PWDs by constituency in the past 2 years; if relevant information is not available, how does the Government assess the demand and utilisation of respite services places in the district;
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;
4. in the long run, whether the Government will consider setting a ratio of PWDs to respite services places for various districts, so that there will be an adequate provision of places in the districts?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The number of places of short-term day and residential respite services for PWDs by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out at Annex. At present, day or residential respite service users are not required to wait for the services through the central referral 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. Non-governmental organisations operating residential respite services are required to submit to SWD regularly the latest

information about the vacancies of residential respite services, through which SWD assess the provision of respite services in the districts.

2. No report was received by SWD about not being able to receive respite services immediately or having to go to other districts for the services in 2014-15 and 2015-16.
3. In 2014-15, SWD has increased the allocation of resources for additional places for day and residential respite services for PWDs at the age of 6 or above. The number of places of day respite service has increased to 156 in 2014-15, whereas those of residential respite service will be increased to 285 in 2015-16. In 2016-17, SWD will continue to provide places of respite services in new rehabilitation services units, having regard to the demand from PWDs for residential respite service.
4. SWD does not have demographic information about the persons with different types of disabilities (including persons with intellectual disabilities) in each district. Places of day and residential respite services are currently distributed across all districts in Hong Kong. SWD has no plan to set a ratio of population of PWDs to respite services places for each district for the time being.

**Number of places of short-term day and
residential respite services for PWDs in 2014-15 and 2015-16**

District	Number of places			
	2014-15		2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service	Day respite service	Residential respite service
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	44	4	44
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	8	6	10
Kwun Tong	15	23	15	23
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	14	31	14	31
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	13	6	13
Sham Shui Po	12	11	12	11 ^[Note]
Sha Tin	24	20	24	29
Tai Po/North	26	20	26	22
Yuen Long	6	16	6	19
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	32	45	32	46
Tuen Mun	11	33	11	35
Total	156	264	156	283

^[Note] 2 of the places will be offered by the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons which will commence service in the fourth quarter of 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1230

(Question Serial No. 4923)

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 give a breakdown of the number of applicants under the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (the Pilot Scheme) so far by the social welfare benefits (such as public housing or Disability Allowance (DA)) that the applicants' families are also receiving?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

Carers participating in the Pilot Scheme cannot be recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, Old Age Living Allowance or DA at the same time. The Social Welfare Department does not capture information on the applicants or their family members being recipients of other social welfare benefits at the same time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1231

(Question Serial No. 4924)

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 details of enhancing family support services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) for the families/carers of persons with mental health problems in the current year. What is the additional funding to be provided by the Government for this item? What is the additional amount of subsidy for each ICCMW on average?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided additional social workers for ICCMWs since 2015-16 to provide more intensive counselling and support for families/carers of ex-mentally ill persons through casework, group activities, etc, with a view to alleviating their caregiver stress and consolidating their mutual help network. The full-year expenditure involved is about \$12.7 million. As the additional funding has been allocated according to the ICCMW team size, the 24 ICCMWs receive different amounts.

In addition, SWD launched the two-year "Pilot Project on Peer Support Service for Ex-Mentally Ill Persons in Community Psychiatric Service Units" in March 2016 with an allocation of about \$10 million from the Lotteries Fund, with the aim of equipping suitable ex-mentally ill persons as peer supporters for speeding up their own recovery. They also provide support to other mentally-ill patients on their way to recovery as well as their families and carers and enhance public acceptance of ex-mentally ill persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1232

(Question Serial No. 4925)

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 latest development of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (the Special Scheme), please advise –

1. the names and locations, as well as the types of services and the number of places of participating organisations by district; and
2. the floor area and the estimated time of service commencement by location.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The Government has received some 60 preliminary proposals from a total of about 40 applicant organisations under the Special Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of additional places by districts under the proposals are set out in the Annex.

Among the some 60 project proposals under the Special Scheme, 5 are expected to be completed by 2017-18, providing a total of about 240 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 450 additional subvented rehabilitation service places. The remaining proposals are at different planning stages. Most of the proposals are subject to further review, and the organisations concerned will have to conduct technical feasibility studies and local consultation on the projects in due course before the proposed scope and types of services and the number of service places could be further confirmed. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department is not able to provide at this stage any concrete information on the floor area and the estimated time of service commencement of the proposed projects. Subject to smooth implementation, the proposed projects are expected to be completed and commence service in phases after 2017-18.

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
Hong Kong												
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
Kowloon												
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
New Territories												
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
Total	63	5 254	1 704	2 009	465	607	612	473	1 227	1 201	1 302	2 540

Legend

CoC Home	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a 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**LWB(WW)1233****(Question Serial No. 4125)**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:

	2015-16 (the latest position)
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	
● \$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 outsourced 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 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 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. 106)

Reply:

Relevant information for 2015-16 is provided as follows –

	2015-16
Number of outsourced service contracts	190 ^[Note 1] (+61.0%)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$81.85 million ^[Note 2] (+26.6%)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	1 to 4 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"> ● \$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 	Not available

	2015-16
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 15 years • 10 to 15 years • 5 to 10 years • 3 to 5 years • 1 to 3 years • under 1 year 	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	2.9% (+19.2%)
Number of 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 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 workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	Not available
Number of workers working 5 days per week Number of workers working 6 days per week	Not available

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease as compared with 2014-15.

[Note 1] These refer to outsourced service contracts (cleansing, security guard, telecommunications and information technology, training) with contract value over \$50,000 awarded during the year, excluding social welfare services.

[Note 2] Payment made in 2015-16 include payment for contracts awarded before 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1234****(Question Serial No. 4126)**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 –

	2015-16 (the latest position)
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	()
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. 107)

Reply:

SWD has not engaged any agency worker in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1235****(Question Serial No. 4127)**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 –

	2015-16 (the latest position)
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	()

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. 108)

Reply:

The information on the employment of full-time NCSC staff ^[Note 1] in 2015-16 (as at end-December 2015) for SWD is as follows –

	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
Number of NCSC staff	131	(-11%)
Breakdown of the positions held by NCSC staff		
● Executive support and project management	43	(+2%)
● General and clerical support services	72	(-11%)
● IT support services	3	(0%)
● Customer services and marketing work	8	(-20%)
● Health care and welfare services	5	(-58%)
Salary expenditure of NCSC staff (in \$ million)	23.9	(-4%)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff		
● \$30,001 or above	12	(+140%)
● \$16,001 to \$30,000	47	(-20%)
● \$8,001 to \$16,000	72	(-14%)
● \$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	-	(N.A.)
● 10 to 15 years	8	(-53%)
● 5 to 10 years	15	(-29%)
● 3 to 5 years	18	(+20%)
● 1 to 3 years	34	(0%)
● under 1 year	56	(-8%)

	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	SWD has not collected any information on NCSC staff's applications for various civil service posts. The requested figures are not available.	
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in SWD	2.2%	(-12%)
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of SWD	1.1%	(-15%)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	45	(+5%)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid ^[Note 2] (in \$ million)	1.3	(+18%)
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 ^[Note 3]	45	(+5%)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF ^[Note 4] (in \$ million)	0.8	(+14%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	95	(-23%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	36	(+50%)
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 2014-15 (position as at end-December 2014).

[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

LWB(WW)1236

(Question Serial No. 7215)

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 in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016–17 about continuing to oversee the implementation of the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme (the Pilot Scheme) in Guangdong, would the Government provide the following information –

1. Please provide the number of elderly persons who have participated in the Pilot Scheme by year, residential care home and the level of care required.
2. Among the elderly persons who have applied and been admitted, how many of them were originally residing on the Mainland?
3. What percentage of the places of the Pilot Scheme and of the residential care places are being taken up by elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme?
4. When will the Government conduct a review on the Pilot Scheme?
5. Will there be new strategies to encourage wider participation of elderly persons?
6. How much expenditure will be incurred under the Pilot Scheme in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. to 3. The Pilot Scheme was rolled out in June 2014. As at end-December 2015, 272 elderly persons had expressed interest in joining the Pilot Scheme, among whom 84 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen, while 14 chose to reside in Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home in Zhaoqing. Among these elderly persons, 58 were originally residing on the Mainland. According to the figures on the number of places provided by the residential care homes concerned to the Social Welfare Department, the number of participants under the Pilot Scheme accounted for about 17% of the total number of places provided by the 2 residential care homes.

4. & 5. The Government will conduct a review on the Pilot Scheme after 2 years of implementation. The review will enable the Government to actually know how the elderly persons are choosing to retire on the Mainland, including the factors they consider, 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.
6. 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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1237

(Question Serial No. 7219)

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 2016-17” 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 advise this Committee of the following –

1. a breakdown, by District Council district, of the number of sites for subsidised housing and of 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; the percentage of such projects out of the total; and the number of projects eventually implemented last year.
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.
3. whether the Government will require public residential developments, private residential developments and community facility projects to reserve a certain percentage of floor area at the planning stage for the construction of various kinds of residential care homes in the future, with a view to shortening the waiting time? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

SWD has always adopted a multi-pronged approach in planning the provision of welfare facilities. Apart from making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, SWD also maintains liaison and collaborates with relevant government departments (including the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing

Department and the Government Property Agency, etc.) to identify/reserve suitable sites or premises (e.g. public housing estates, government properties and vacant school premises, etc.) in different districts for the provision of welfare facilities, and review the service needs on a regular basis, with a view to providing appropriate welfare facilities for the service users in different districts. According to the said mechanism, SWD will, based on the planning proposals of individual development projects, explore whether it is suitable to provide welfare facilities within the development projects, having regard to the location, surrounding environment, floor area available for provision of welfare facilities, local service provision and demand, etc. For the above reasons, at this stage SWD has no plans to require public/private residential development projects or community facility projects to reserve a certain percentage of floor area for the construction of various kinds of residential care homes.

Under the above planning mechanism, 2 new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) commenced service in 2015-16. Information on the new contract RCHEs, contract RCHEs with day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) which will commence service in or after 2016-17 is set out at the Annex.

Out of the total number of places in new contract RCHEs mentioned above, about 49% are planned to be provided by contract RCHEs in public rental housing (PRH), about 16% in private residential projects, about 16% in former school sites, about 14% in URA development projects, and about 5% in Government joint-user complex projects. Regarding day care services for the elderly, about 37% of the total number of day care service places are planned to be provided in PRH, about 31% in private residential projects, about 13% in former school sites, about 11% in Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) projects, about 6% in Government joint-user complex projects and about 2% in URA development projects.

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) ^[Note]	Estimated number of places of DEs/DCUs ^[Note]
1	Eastern Lei King Wan, Sai Wan Ho	Government joint-user complex	100	-
2	Wan Chai Cross Street	URA development	93	DCUs: 20
3	Islands Tung Chung Area 56	PRH development	100	-
4	Kwun Tong Anderson Road	PRH development	100	DCUs: 20
5	Sham Shui Po Pratas Street	URA development	100	-
6	Sham Shui Po Un Chau Street/Hing Wah Street/Fuk Wing Street	URA development	100	-
7	Sham Shui Po Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6	PRH development	100	-
8	Sham Shui Po Cheung Sha Wan Government joint-user Treasury Building	Government joint-user complex	-	DEs: 40
9	Sai Kung Site of former Sai Kung Central Primary School	Ex-school site	100	DCUs: 30
10	Sha Tin Shui Chuen O	PRH development	100	-
11	Sha Tin Shek Mun Estate Phase 2	PRH development	150	DCUs: 30
12	Sha Tin Area 16 and 58D, Fo Tan	PRH development	100	DEs: 60
13	Tai Po Site of former C.C.C. Kei Ching Primary School, Fu Shin Estate	Ex-school site	130	DEs: 60
14	North Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	PRH development	100	DEs: 40
15	North Queen's Hill, Fanling	PRH development	100	DEs: 60
16	Yuen Long West Rail Long Ping Station (North), Long Ping	Private residential development	125	DEs: 60 DCUs: 20

	District and location	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places) ^[Note]	Estimated number of places of DEs/DCUs ^[Note]
17	Tuen Mun Ex-Kwong Choi Market	Private residential development	100	DEs: 60
18	Tuen Mun Area 29 West	PRH development	100	-
19	Tuen Mun Area 44	Private residential development	-	DEs: 60
20	Tuen Mun Area 54	PRH development	-	DEs: 38
21	Tuen Mun Site of former C.C.C. Kei Leung Primary School, Leung King Estate	Ex-school site	100	-
22	Kwai Tsing Ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters	PRH development	100	DCUs: 20
23	Tsuen Wan Wing Shun Street (Ex-West Rail Tsuen Wan Station West)	Private residential development	120	DCUs: 20
24	Tsuen Wan Former factory site in Tai Wo Hau	HOS development	-	DEs: 80
	Total	-	2 118	718

^[Note] The number of residential and service places as indicated is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change pending the details of the projects to be worked out subsequently.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1238****(Question Serial No. 7220)**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) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee –

1. of the number of elderly persons who received OALA in the last 3 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 3 years;
3. of the number of random checks of OALA cases conducted last year and of the number of such cases requiring in-depth investigation as well as the manpower and expenditure involved;
4. of the number of reports concerning OALA and other SSA Schemes the Government received in the last 2 years and among them, how many were followed up by the Department and how many of the cases investigated involved cross-border assets; and
5. whether elderly persons residing in Guangdong of the Mainland can apply for OALA next year; what is the timetable; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 27)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The numbers of OALA cases and additional cases from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are provided as follows –

Year	Number of cases (Percentage among elderly persons over the age of 65)	Number of additional cases ^[Note]
2013-14	416 166 (39%)	47 104
2014-15	417 593 (37%)	39 961
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	429 244 (37%)	29 316

[Note] The number of additional cases 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.

2. In 2013-14, 29 139 applications for OALA were rejected (including cases of “auto-conversion”, “postal submission” and “new application”) for reasons including applicants withdrawing the applications/opting not to receive OALA (applicable to “auto-conversion” only), applicants’ assets being over limit, and applicants not meeting the age/residence requirement, etc. SWD does not have a detailed breakdown by reasons of rejecting the applications in the year.

The reasons for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdown for 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows –

Reason	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Excess in assets	130	107
Excess in income	120	87
Not meeting the age requirement	24	10
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 753	1 473
Absence from Hong Kong ^[Note]	98	48
Withdrawal	1 036	728
Lost contact ^[Note]	180	118
Deceased ^[Note]	69	76
Converted to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	43	42
Other reasons	55	64
Total	3 508	2 753

[Note] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, SWD could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

3. SWD conducted reviews for about 128 000 OALA recipients in 2015-16 to verify their continuous eligibility for the allowance.

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 any breakdown on the number of social security staff for handling OALA cases, nor the expenditure involved.

4. The numbers of SSA fraud cases in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are provided in the table below –

	2014-15	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)
Number of suspected fraud reports received	771	665
Number of cases requiring follow-up investigations	317	411

SWD does not have the other information sought.

5. The Government will keep in view the implementation of OALA which was launched in April 2013. At this stage, there are no plans to extend OALA to Guangdong province (or any other places outside Hong Kong).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1239****(Question Serial No. 4562)**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 projects are currently under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme)? How many applications were received last year? How many residential care places for the elderly have been provided? Please give the locations of the projects and the numbers of service places.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 73)Reply:

The Government had received some 60 preliminary proposals under the Special Scheme from about 40 applicant organisations by 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. Based on the rough estimate of the applicant organisations, if all the proposed projects under the Special Scheme could be implemented smoothly, about 7 000 additional residential care places for the elderly could be provided. Details of the number of proposed additional residential care places for the elderly and their distribution by district are as follows –

District	Proposed additional residential care places for the elderly	District	Proposed additional residential care places for the elderly
Central & Western	-	Islands	107
Eastern	150	Kwai Tsing	200
Southern	1 073	North	429
Wan Chai	-	Sai Kung	250
Kowloon City	355	Sha Tin	-
Kwun Tong	932	Tai Po	120
Sham Shui Po	100	Tsuen Wan	393
Wong Tai Sin	200	Tuen Mun	2 130
Yau Tsim Mong	-	Yuen Long	519
		Total	6 958

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1240****(Question Serial No. 4563)**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 estimated numbers of additional subsidised residential care places and places of community care services for the elderly to be provided this year? Please give the numbers and the geographical distribution of the places.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 74)Reply:

In 2016-17, the number of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Type of residential care services for the elderly	No. of residential care places for the elderly ^[Note]
Nursing home places	228
Care-and-attention places	465
Total	693

^[Note] 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 will be in Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan districts.

In 2016-17, the 70 additional day care places for the elderly will be provided for applicants living in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1241

(Question Serial No. 4564)

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 number of places provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Pilot Scheme) in the past year? What is the estimated expenditure for this year? How are food safety and service quality of the residential care services being assured?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Pilot Scheme in June 2014. As at end-December 2015, 272 elderly persons had expressed their interest to join the Pilot Scheme, among whom 84 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 14 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.

SWD has entered into legally binding service agreements with the 2 abovementioned homes. The agreements specify the service requirements, monitoring mechanism and operators' obligations, etc. On service provision, the 2 homes have also obtained accreditation under the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme of the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology. This ensures the homes concerned reach service standards to the satisfaction of the certification body. The ongoing accreditation process will help to ensure that the quality of the residential care services of the 2 homes is maintained at acceptable levels. Moreover, the fact that the 2 homes are also subject to relevant laws of the Mainland ensures that their service standards meet relevant requirements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1242

(Question Serial No. 6775)

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:

It is stated in the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report on Ethnic Minorities 2014 that the Low-income Working Family Allowance “should be able to provide focused support to ethnic minority (EM) households in need” and co-operation of various government departments will be enlisted with the aim of “serving better those in need”. Does the Working Family Allowance Office have any measures of focused support in place for EM people who speak neither English nor Chinese to help them (1) get to know about the scheme; (2) understand the application procedures; (3) fill out application forms; (4) make enquiries with the staff of the Office; and (5) respond to enquiries from the Office during eligibility vetting? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 382)

Reply:

To help ethnic minorities applicants understand the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme and the application details, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency has translated promotional leaflets and posters into 6 ethnic languages (including Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Bahasa Indonesia, Tagalog and Thai) and promoted the scheme through radio broadcasts in ethnic languages so that the ethnic minorities are aware of the scheme. A number of briefing sessions are organised specifically for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) supporting the ethnic minorities, and joint efforts are made with some of the NGOs operating the support service centres for the ethnic minorities (such as the HOME Centre of the New Home Association, the HOPE Centre of the International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch, the TOUCH Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council and the LINK Centre of the Hong Kong Community Network) in distributing promotional leaflets to the ethnic minorities and answering general enquiries on the scheme.

Furthermore, briefing sessions on the scheme details have been held for the ethnic

minorities with interpretation services. As the scheme rolls out, the WFAO will arrange more such sessions with interpretation services on how to fill out the application form. Assistance will be given to participants as to completing the application form and their questions answered at the briefings.

In addition, the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) has started to help the WFAO handle telephone enquiries made in ethnic languages and answer general enquiries from the ethnic minorities on the LIFA Scheme. With the implementation of the scheme and as an effective support measure, the CHEER will assist further by providing free telephone interpretation and on-sight interpretation services for the ethnic minorities applying for LIFA to facilitate their communication with the WFAO.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1243

(Question Serial No. 6776)

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:

The Working Family Allowance Office will recruit 372 civil service staff and 159 time-limited non-civil service contract staff for the implementation of its scheme. To handle the applications from ethnic minorities which are expected to be large in number, will the Office plan to require that applicants to speak ethnic languages as one of the conditions of some of the said civil service or non-civil service contract posts? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 383)

Reply:

The Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) adheres to the principle of open and fair competition in staff recruitment under the civil service appointment policy. Job seekers meeting the basic entry requirements (including the language proficiency requirement) are welcome to apply.

To help ethnic minorities apply for the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA), the WFAO has translated promotional leaflets and posters into 6 ethnic languages (including Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Bahasa Indonesia, Tagalog and Thai) and promoted the scheme through radio broadcasts in ethnic languages so that the ethnic minorities are aware of the scheme. A number of briefing sessions are organised for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) supporting ethnic minorities, and joint efforts are made with some of the NGOs operating the support service centres for the ethnic minorities (such as the HOME Centre of the New Home Association, the HOPE Centre of the International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch, the TOUCH Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council and the LINK Centre of the Hong Kong Community Network) in distributing promotional leaflets to the ethnic minorities and answering general enquiries on the scheme.

Furthermore, briefing sessions on the scheme details have been held for the ethnic minorities with interpretation services. As the scheme rolls out, the WFAO will arrange more such sessions with interpretation services on how to fill out the application form. Assistance will be given to participants as to completing the application form and their questions answered at the briefings.

In addition, the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) has started to help the WFAO handle telephone enquiries made in ethnic languages and answer general enquiries from the ethnic minorities on the Scheme. With the implementation of the scheme and as an effective support measure, the CHEER will assist further by providing free telephone interpretation and on-sight interpretation services for the ethnic minorities applying for LIFA to facilitate their communication with the WFAO.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6777)

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:

The Working Family Allowance Office has indicated that it will ask various support service centres for ethnic minorities to handle some of the applications from ethnic minorities. What are the duties of these support centres under the scheme? Will the Office adopt any measures to monitor whether and how these support centres will carry out the said duties? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Regarding the above, will the Office or the Home Affairs Department allocate additional funding to these support centres? If yes, what is the amount of funding allocated to each centre and what is the designated purpose of the funding? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 384)

Reply:

To help ethnic minority applicants understand the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme and the application details, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) organises a number of briefing sessions for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) supporting the ethnic minorities. Joint efforts are made with some of the NGOs operating the support service centres for the ethnic minorities (such as the HOME Centre of the New Home Association, the HOPE Centre of the International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch, the TOUCH Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council and the LINK Centre of the Hong Kong Community Network) in distributing promotional leaflets to ethnic minorities on the LIFA, which have been translated into 6 ethnic languages (including Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Bahasa Indonesia, Tagalog and Thai), and answering general enquiries on the scheme.

In addition, the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) has started to help the WFAO handle telephone enquiries made in ethnic languages and answer general enquiries from the ethnic minorities on the Scheme. With

the implementation of the scheme and as an effective support measure, the CHEER will assist further by providing free telephone interpretation and on-sight interpretation services for the ethnic minorities applying for LIFA to facilitate their communication with the WFAO.

The WFAO will continue to work with these support service centres in supporting ethnic minority applicants and no additional funding is involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 7095)

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:

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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 656)

Reply:

The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme is implemented by the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. The Office will create 375 civil service posts (including 3 time-limited posts) and employ about 160 time-limited non-civil service contract staff to handle the applications and provide relevant support with the estimated expenditure of \$153.7 million in 2016-17. A sum of \$92.85 million has also been earmarked for other departmental expenses, including one-off expenses for setting up the offices and employing short-term non-civil service contract staff to cope with the possible influx of applications at the launch of the Scheme.

There are income and asset limits under the LIFA Scheme. In addition, working hour requirements are set to encourage applicants to stay in employment, be self-reliant and work more for a higher allowance. Low-income working families with children will receive an additional child allowance to ease inter-generational poverty. The Government considers it an appropriate arrangement for the Office to implement the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4064)

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:

The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will implement the Low Income Family Allowance Scheme in 2016-17 to provide a means-tested allowance to eligible low-income working families, in particular those with children and youth. In this connection, please provide the following information :

- (a) the number of staff that will be deployed for administering the Scheme, as well as their rank and salary;
- (b) the reason for which the revised estimate in 2015-16 decreased by 31.8%;
- (c) whether it had set the target processing time for each application; if yes, of the details?

Asked by: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him (Member Question No. 80)

Reply:

- (a) To process the applications under the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme and provide the relevant support, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will create 375 civil service posts (including 3 time-limited posts) and employ about 160 time-limited non-civil service contract staff. The civil service posts cover: (i) 37 Executive Officer Grade posts and 317 Clerical Grade posts, mainly responsible for implementing the LIFA Scheme; and (ii) about 21 posts of other grades, mainly responsible for providing support services. The notional annual mid-point salary value of the above posts ranges from \$151,200 to \$1,663,200.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 covered mainly the manpower and operational expenses required for taking forward the LIFA Scheme. Funding approval for the LIFA Scheme was obtained in January 2015 and the Scheme is scheduled to start receiving applications from May 2016 onwards. The original estimate of expenditure was made with December 2014 as the reference point and comprised mainly the

expenses on staffing and office rentals. As the relevant expenses were incurred at a later time in 2015-16, the revised estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is reduced by 31.8%.

- (c) The LIFA Scheme is a brand new initiative. To ensure proper use of public funds, it is necessary for the Office to process applications prudently by verifying the monthly financial positions of an applicant and his/her family members as well as the working hours of the applicant, before determining his/her eligibility. As the verification process involves a number of application parameters and the interface with other assistance schemes, it takes some steps to process the applications. It is only upon the implementation of the Scheme when the Agency will be able to determine the processing time of an application on a more accurate and reasonable basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1247

(Question Serial No. 4541)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimated provision for this Programme this year is \$1.2328 billion, which is \$247.7 million higher than the revised estimate for the previous year. In this connection, will the Government advise on the following:

- (1) What are the reasons for the sharp increase in the estimated provision?
- (2) Please list the amount of reimbursement various franchised bus companies received under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2015-16.
- (3) Please list the amount of reimbursement the MTR Corporation Limited (the MTRCL) received under the Scheme in 2015-16.
- (4) In recent years, there have been news reports on some parallel traders abusing the Scheme for parallel trading activities. Are there any measures in place to effectively eradicate the abuse of the Scheme for such activities?
- (5) Please provide the operating expenses, establishment and annual salary expenses involved under the Programme in 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (Member Question No. 73)

Reply:

- (1) The estimated provision of Programme (5) for 2016-17 is about \$247.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16. This is mainly due to, among others, an increase in the estimated expenditure of the Scheme for 2016-17 of

about \$235.3 million as compared with the revised estimate for 2015-16, for the reasons of continued raise in the estimated number of beneficiaries under the Scheme, i.e. elderly people aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities, and the extension of the Scheme to cover green minibuses in phases from March 2015, resulting in an increase of about \$227.4 million and \$11.2 million respectively in the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to public transport operators and the relevant administrative costs in 2016-17. The increase in the estimated provision is partly offset by a decrease of about \$3.2 million in non-recurrent expenditure. Moreover, the estimated provision for transport services for persons with disabilities for 2016-17 is about \$12.4 million higher than the revised estimate for 2015-16, mainly due to an increase in subventions of about \$4.6 million to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and about \$7.8 million for procurement and replacement of rehabuses.

- (2)&(3) The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the MTRCL and franchised bus operators under the Scheme in 2015-16 is estimated to be about \$204.6 million and \$418.4 million respectively.
- (4) Under the Scheme, elderly people aged 65 or above are required to use Elder Octopus or their Personalised Octopus whereas eligible persons with disabilities (recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group) to use a Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status". Elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities may enjoy the Scheme by using the Octopus card corresponding to their eligibility.
- (5) In 2016-17, the estimated establishment of Programme (5) is 18 posts and the estimated requirement for operational expenses is about \$100.5 million, including about \$10.2 million on personal emoluments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1248

(Question Serial No. 6032)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise on:

- (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: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 686)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1)&(2) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme each year between 2012 and 2015 are listed below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme ^(Note 1)	
		Elderly ^(Note 2)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities ^(Note 3)
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2012	209 000	33 700
	2013	229 000	36 000
	2014	263 000	42 000
	2015	290 000	46 000
Franchised bus operators	2012	355 400	40 900
	2013	393 000	50 000
	2014	422 000	57 000
	2015	437 000	60 000
Ferry operators	2012	Not yet implemented	
	2013	5 300	500
	2014	5 400	600
	2015	5 900	700
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2012	Not yet implemented	
	2013		
	2014		
	2015	160 000	22 000

(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 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. The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015.

(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 the participating public transport operators under the Scheme up to 29 February 2016 is as follows:

Public transport operator	Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to operators (up to 29 February 2016) (\$'000)
MTRCL	595,050
Franchised bus operators	1,252,018
Ferry operators	61,221
GMB operators	196,526
Total	2,104,815

- (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

LWB(WW)1249

(Question Serial No. 6417)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the fleet size of Rehabus in the past five years?
2. What is the total number of orders entertained each quarter (with breakdown by intended purpose of appointment)?
3. What is the total number of orders not entertained each quarter (with breakdown by intended purpose of appointment)?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 165)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The fleet size of Rehabus in the past five years is provided below:

	Year (as at end December)				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*
Total number of rehabuses	119	123	129	135	147

* Including 12 additional rehabuses procured in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

2. The number of orders for dial-a-ride (DAR) services entertained each quarter between 2011 and 2015 with breakdown by intended purpose of appointment is provided below:

Intended purpose of using DAR Services			Number of orders for DAR services entertained				
			Year				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
First quarter January to March	1.	Receiving medical treatment	6 106	5 128	5 192	3 714	4 180
	2.	Attending social activities	5 430	5 429	5 246	4 768	5 063
	3.	Attending school/ training	3 564	4 529	4 506	5 507	6 135
	4.	Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	3 672	3 754	3 227	2 862	3 117
	5.	Going to work	670	659	636	703	393
	6.	Others	529	455	339	323	411
Second quarter April to June	1.	Receiving medical treatment	6 411	5 196	5 358	4 101	4 353
	2.	Attending social activities	5 129	5 060	5 108	4 738	4 858
	3.	Attending school/ training	3 793	4 527	4 546	5 835	5 952
	4.	Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	3 932	3 890	3 448	2 960	3 359
	5.	Going to work	681	736	605	685	484
	6.	Others	574	398	356	383	478
Third quarter July to September	1.	Receiving medical treatment	6 942	6 221	5 374	4 926	4 242
	2.	Attending social activities	5 637	5 674	5 196	4 875	5 140
	3.	Attending school/ training	3 805	4 628	4 159	5 681	6 784
	4.	Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	4 086	3 977	3 196	3 140	3 216
	5.	Going to work	675	694	626	684	542
	6.	Others	604	351	370	380	561
Fourth quarter October to December	1.	Receiving medical treatment	5 899	5 039	4 294	4 760	4 113
	2.	Attending social activities	5 860	5 669	5 188	5 435	5 564
	3.	Attending school/ training	4 136	4 965	4 979	6 210	7 531
	4.	Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	4 024	3 630	2 902	3 248	3 288
	5.	Going to work	681	681	644	525	370
	6.	Others	519	424	336	430	616
Total number of cases:			83 359	81 714	75 831	76 873	80 750

3. The number of orders for DAR services not entertained each quarter between 2011 and 2015 with breakdown by intended purpose of appointment is provided below:

Intended purpose of using DAR Services			Number of orders for DAR services not entertained				
			Year				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
First quarter January to March	1.	Receiving medical treatment	2 050	2 137	1 866	1 626	1 521
	2.	Attending social activities	863	889	705	751	479
	3.	Attending school/ training	180	350	279	274	197
	4.	Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	620	906	560	506	603
	5.	Going to work	14	12	17	103	19
	6.	Others	119	118	78	80	139

Intended purpose of using DAR Services		Number of orders for DAR services not entertained				
		Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Second quarter April to June	1. Receiving medical treatment	2 114	1 766	1 655	1 460	1 201
	2. Attending social activities	721	595	412	466	220
	3. Attending school/ training	263	256	274	288	116
	4. Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	587	591	292	413	418
	5. Going to work	11	27	19	81	25
	6. Others	106	75	83	85	59
Third quarter July to September	1. Receiving medical treatment	2 034	1 493	1 822	1 195	1 220
	2. Attending social activities	868	600	573	357	255
	3. Attending school/ training	329	293	277	220	106
	4. Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	558	485	411	416	351
	5. Going to work	30	24	75	75	25
	6. Others	77	64	85	102	56
Fourth quarter October to December	1. Receiving medical treatment	2 619	2 399	2 087	1 403	1 230
	2. Attending social activities	1 249	814	844	580	359
	3. Attending school/ training	359	441	465	278	174
	4. Going home/ to rehabilitation centre	907	648	555	529	385
	5. Going to work	85	18	97	69	11
	6. Others	76	104	104	129	73
Total number of cases:		16 839	15 105	13 635	11 486	9 242

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1250****(Question Serial No. 4347)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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 rebus dial-a-ride services, what are the average daily passenger trips, numbers of vehicles, orders received and orders not entertained in each year between 2014 and 2016? What are the reasons for not entertaining orders?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 232)Reply:

Rebus 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 dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

Regarding DAR services, the average daily number of passenger trips, number of vehicles, number of orders received and number of orders not entertained each year in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are tabulated below:

DAR services	Year		
	2014	2015	2016 (estimate)
Average daily number of passenger trips	1 267	1 295	1 301
Number of vehicles available each day ^(Note)	39	43	48
Average daily number of orders received	312	336	No such information
Average daily number of orders not entertained	31	25	No such information

Note: During off peak periods, rehabuses intended for provision of SR services will be flexibly deployed for provision of DAR services. Such rehabuses are not counted towards this number.

DAR services are operated on a first-come-first-served basis and may be booked in advance without time restriction. As the overall demand for DAR varies on a daily basis and between different time slots, whether orders are entertained depends on the positions of individual cases, including the date and time slot requiring services, the overall demand on a particular day and the time of placing service orders, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1251

(Question Serial No. 4348)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1187 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “the Government has been conducting reviews on the fleet size, routeings and mode of operation of Rehabus on a regular basis for service enhancement. Over the past ten years (2005-2014), the number of rehabuses has increased from 87 to 141, with number of SR services from 59 to 86.”

That said, while the numbers of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rebus drivers each year between 2010 and 2014 were 101 559, 100 939, 98 839, 89 942 and 98 567 hours respectively, the average working hours of part-time rebus drivers in each quarter between 2010 and 2014 were 2 927, 3 796, 3 852, 4 978 and 6 497 hours respectively. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. How was the shortage problem of rebus drivers in the past 5 years?
- b. Has the Government examined the relationship between shortage of rebus drivers and service provision? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- c. What were the resources the Government put in place each year in recruiting rebus drivers in the past 5 years?
- d. Will an extra 5 to 10% increase in resources be spent on recruiting an adequate number of rebus drivers to alleviate the problem of not having enough rebus drivers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 233)

Reply:

- a.&b. Over the past 5 years, the ratio between the strength and establishment of rebus drivers averaged between 92% and 100%. The Hong Kong Society for

Rehabilitation (HKSR) has implemented various management measures as and when necessary, such as the employment of part-time drivers, extending the retirement age of drivers and inviting retired drivers to continue to work as part-time drivers to enhance the fleet efficiency.

According to the records of the HKSR, Rehabus scheduled route services have operated smoothly and the number of telephone orders not entertained dropped gradually from 16 839 in 2011 to 9 242 in 2015.

- c.&d. The Government allocates additional provision to the HKSR according to actual needs each year for enhancement of Rehabus service. The amounts of additional recurrent provisions provided for the rehabuses procured during the year in the past five years are listed below:

2011-12: about \$0.74 million

2012-13: about \$1.20 million (year-on-year increase of about 62%)

2013-14: about \$1.28 million (year-on-year increase of about 7%)

2014-15: about \$1.35 million (year-on-year increase of about 5%)

2015-16: about \$2.17 million (year-on-year increase of about 61%)

The additional provisions were spent on the operation of the newly-procured rehabuses, including expenditure on employment of drivers.

Moreover, to enhance Rehabus service, the Government allocated an additional recurrent provision of \$1.76 million to the HKSR in 2014-15 for employment of 9 drivers.

Since 2015-16, of the additional recurrent provision allocated to Rehabus service, the proportion of drivers' remuneration has increased from the previous 40% to the current 70% to enable the HKSR to recruit more drivers and improve the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers for enhancement of the fleet efficiency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1252

(Question Serial No. 4349)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1185 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “to encourage users of the Rehabus dial-a-ride (DAR) services to jointly use a rehabus, the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) introduced in June 2014 a trial scheme on Shared DAR Services for Hospital to and from six public hospitals.” Please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. Regarding the trial scheme, what are the monthly numbers of successful orders, service applications and service trips?
- b. There were about 20 orders for the months between July and September 2014, but the number dropped to about 11 for the months between October and December 2014. What were the reasons?
- c. Will the trial scheme on Hospital Shared DAR Services to and from six public hospitals be regularised and extended to cover all public hospitals in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 234)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. Rehabus operated by the HKSAR provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rehabus offers scheduled route 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.

In providing shared Rehabus service, the HKSAR introduced in June 2014 a trial scheme on Hospital Shared DAR Services 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 the Hong Kong Island, and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kwong Wah Hospital and Kowloon Hospital in Kowloon. Its objective was to facilitate and encourage persons with disabilities requiring DAR services to share use a vehicle for attending medical appointments at public hospitals.

The monthly numbers of service applications, successful orders, and service trips of the trial scheme on Hospital Shared DAR Services, as well as telephone orders for non-shared use of Rehabus to and from six public hospitals are tabulated below:

Month	Number of service applications and successful orders for Shared DAR Service for Hospital ^(note)	Service trips of Shared DAR Service
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
January 2015	19	8
February 2015	19	8
March 2015	19	8
April 2015	24	11
May 2015	17	7
June 2015	23	9
July 2015	18	9
August 2015	12	6
September 2015	13	6
October 2015	6	3
November 2015	26	11
December 2015	31	14
Total	453	204

Note: All service applications for Hospital Shared DAR Services are successful orders.

- b. The number of service trips of Hospital Shared DAR Services will depend on whether Rehabus can arrange appropriate bookings with the same or similar routings and time slots for shared use of vehicles. It also depends on whether individual service users accept the arrangements of Shared DAR Services.
- c. When launching the trial scheme, there were 453 successful orders for Hospital Shared DAR Services , accounting for about 9% of the total number of successful telephone orders (5 165) for access to and from six public hospitals. Having considered the effectiveness of the trial scheme, the HKSR terminated the service on 1 January 2016. On the other hand, given that receiving medical treatment at hospitals was the intended purpose of a majority of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained, the HKSR introduced two hospital feeder services in 2013 and 2015 respectively and has achieved substantial results. To address the demand of DAR service users for receiving medical treatment at hospitals more effectively and to better utilise resources, the HKSR plans to introduce additional feeder services serving more hospitals in 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1253****(Question Serial No. 4350)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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:

What is the number of full-time rebus drivers of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) and their ranks, salaries, number of working days per week, number of working hours per day, number of hours for performing overtime work, and number of total working hours in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 235)Reply:

The number of full-time rebus drivers of the HKSR and their ranks, salaries, number of working days per week, number of working hours per day and total working hours in 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Full-time drivers	2015-16 (as at end February 2016)
Number of drivers	143
Basic monthly salary	\$14,000 to \$18,000
Number of working days per week	6 days
Number of working hours per day	8 hours (a maximum of 2 hours of overtime work per day when necessary)
Total working hours	A maximum of 10 hours per day

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1254

(Question Serial No. 4351)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1187 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “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.” Please advise on whether such feeder services will be regularised and extended to cover all public hospitals in Hong Kong? What is the effectiveness of the services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 236)

Reply:

Rehabus 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. 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.

To effectively address the demand of service users for receiving medical treatment at hospitals, which was the intended purpose of a majority of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained, and to better utilise resources, the HKSR has introduced two hospital feeder services on a trial basis. These two feeder services have operated smoothly and have been well received since introduction, with the total number of passenger trips standing at 5 728 and 4 820 respectively in 2015 (from its introduction in February 2015 to December 2015). These two feeder services have now been regularised and the HKSR plans to introduce additional hospital feeder services in 2016-17 to address the passenger demand for receiving medical treatment at hospitals more effectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1255

(Question Serial No. 4352)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1187 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “the Government plans to allocate another funding to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (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.” In other words, there were only six additional rehabuses in 2015-16 and an additional recurrent provision of \$2.17 million was allocated for meeting the operating costs of the six new rehabuses. In this connection, please advise on the use of the recurrent provision of \$2.17 million, such as drivers, vehicle retrofitting, maintenance, parking expenses and fuel charges, etc.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 237)

Reply:

The Government allocated an additional recurrent provision of \$2.17 million in 2015-16 to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the six additional rehabuses. While about 70% of the sum went to drivers' remuneration, the remaining 30% were spent on meeting other recurrent expenditure, including fuel charges of vehicles, vehicle repair and maintenance costs, parking fees and insurance premiums for vehicles.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1256

(Question Serial No. 5106)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on the capital subventions and recurrent subventions the Government provided to Rehabus services in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 222)

Reply:

The actual capital subventions and recurrent subventions the Government provided to Rehabus services in 2014-15 were \$11.73 million and \$57.42 million respectively. For 2015-16, the revised estimated capital subventions and recurrent subventions were \$11 million and \$63.32 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1257

(Question Serial No. 5107)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1185 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “the average working hours of part-time rebus drivers in each quarter between 2010 and 2014 were 2 927, 3 796, 3 852, 4 978 and 6 497 hours respectively.” As operators are facing difficulties in recruiting rebus drivers, please advise on whether the Government will raise the salary point of rebus drivers to maintain the service level. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 223)

Reply:

The Government has all along processed funding applications in the annual resource allocation exercise in accordance with established mechanism. The expenditure on remuneration of rebus drivers is estimated by reference to the mid-point salary (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value) of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service. The practice is in line with that of the preparation of estimated provision on remuneration of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service.

In 2015-16, the revised recurrent subvention allocated to Rebus service was \$63.32 million. The estimated recurrent subventions to be allocated in 2016-17 will be \$67.85 million, a year-on-year increase of about 7.2%. The subvention will include an additional recurrent provision of \$2.89 million (year-on-year increase of about 33%) to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the nine additional rebus and recruiting more drivers. Of the additional estimated expenditure, 70% will go to drivers' remuneration to enable the HKSR to recruit more drivers and improve the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers for enhancement of the fleet efficiency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1258

(Question Serial No. 5108)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1185 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that “to meet the demands for rebus services, overtime work is required for full-time rebus drivers throughout the whole year. The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (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 numbers of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rebus drivers each year between 2010 and 2014 were 101 559, 100 939, 98 839, 89 942 and 98 567 hours respectively. While the above numbers of hours for performing overtime work indicate that there is a huge manpower demand for rebus drivers, operators are facing difficulties in recruiting such drivers. Please advise on whether the Government will raise the salary point of rebus drivers to maintain the service level? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 224)

Reply:

The Government has all along processed funding applications in the annual resource allocation exercise in accordance with established mechanism. The expenditure on remuneration of rebus drivers is estimated by reference to the mid-point salary (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value) of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service. The practice is in line with that of the preparation of estimated provision on remuneration of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service.

In 2015-16, the revised recurrent subvention allocated to Rebus service was \$63.32 million. The estimated recurrent subventions to be allocated in 2016-17 will be \$67.85 million, a year-on-year increase of about 7.2%. The subvention will include an additional

recurrent provision of \$2.89 million (year-on-year increase of about 33%) to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the nine additional rehabuses and recruiting more drivers. Of the additional estimated expenditure, 70% will go to drivers' remuneration to enable the HKSR to recruit more drivers and improve the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers for enhancement of the fleet efficiency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1259

(Question Serial No. 5109)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1185 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that the numbers of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rebus drivers each year between 2010 and 2014 were 101 559, 100 939, 98 839, 89 942 and 98 567 hours respectively. Prolonged overtime work will adversely affect the health of rebus drivers. In this connection, has the Government considered the health conditions of rebus drivers? If yes, what were the details? If no, what were the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 225)

Reply:

The Government attaches great importance to the working hours of rebus drivers. It has provided the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) with the guidelines on working hours of drivers of public light buses¹ for reference and urged the HKSR to follow relevant arrangements when fixing the working schedule of rebus drivers.

Apart from actively taking forward recruitment exercises to fill vacancies due to retirement and resignation of drivers and provision of new services, the HKSR also continues to implement other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, extending the retirement age of drivers and inviting retired drivers to continue to work as part-time drivers, with a view to improving the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers.

¹ The guidelines on working hours stipulate that:

(i) each shift period of drivers, including all rest breaks, should not exceed 14 hours at the maximum per day; and
(ii) the driving hours of drivers (i.e. the maximum hours of a shift period less all rest breaks that last for 15 minutes or more) should not exceed 11 hours per day.

Furthermore, to promote safe driving and health awareness of commercial vehicle drivers, the Transport Department has been conducting annual Safe Driving and Health Campaign (the Campaign) for commercial vehicle drivers since 2009-10. A wide range of activities are held, including dissemination of safe driving and health messages through radios and other publicity channels, and provision of free health checks to commercial vehicle drivers, including rebus drivers. With the help of the transport trade and public transport operators, commercial vehicle drivers are encouraged to take part in the Campaign.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1260

(Question Serial No. 5110)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1185 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that the numbers of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rehabus drivers each year between 2010 and 2014 were 101 559, 100 939, 98 839, 89 942 and 98 567 hours respectively. Prolonged overtime work will adversely affect the health of rehabus drivers. In this connection, will the Government increase the benefits and medical allowance of rehabus drivers so as to maintain the essential service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 226)

Reply:

The Government attaches great importance to the working hours of rehabus drivers. It has provided the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) with the guidelines on working hours of drivers of public light buses¹ for reference and urged the HKSR to follow relevant arrangements when fixing the working schedule of rehabus drivers.

Apart from actively taking forward recruitment exercises to fill vacancies due to retirement and resignation of drivers and provision of new services, the HKSR also continues to implement other management measures, such as the employment of part-time drivers, extending the retirement age of drivers and inviting retired drivers to continue to work as part-time drivers, with a view to improving the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers.

¹ The guidelines on working hours stipulate that:

(i) each shift period of drivers, including all rest breaks, should not exceed 14 hours at the maximum per day; and
(ii) the driving hours of drivers (i.e. the maximum hours of a shift period less all rest breaks that last for 15 minutes or more) should not exceed 11 hours per day.

Furthermore, the Government has all along processed funding applications in the annual resource allocation exercise in accordance with established mechanism. The expenditure on remuneration of rebus drivers is estimated by reference to the mid-point salary (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value) of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service. The practice is in line with that of the preparation of estimated provision on remuneration of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service. The HKSR also provides all eligible rebus drivers with such benefits and medical allowance as rest days, paid annual leave, sickness allowance, severance payment and long service payment under the Employment Ordinance.

In 2015-16, the revised recurrent subvention allocated to Rebus service was \$63.32 million. The estimated recurrent subventions to be allocated in 2016-17 will be \$67.85 million, a year-on-year increase of about 7.2%. The subvention will include an additional recurrent provision of \$2.89 million (year-on-year increase of about 33%) to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the nine additional rebus and recruiting more drivers. Of the additional estimated expenditure, 70% will go to drivers' remuneration to enable the HKSR to recruit more drivers and improve the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers for enhancement of the fleet efficiency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1261

(Question Serial No. 5111)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on the shortage of rebus drivers and the reasons for and number of staff loss each year between 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 227)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

The numbers of rebus drivers of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) retired and resigned each year between 2013 and 2015 are tabulated below:

Year	No. of drivers retired	No. of drivers resigned
2013	6	24
2014	7	13
2015	9	20

The HKSAR does not keep records of the reasons of resignation of rebus drivers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1262

(Question Serial No. 5112)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Reply serial number LWB(WW)1186 of 2015-16 Estimates of Expenditure states that there were 138 full-time rebus drivers at the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) as at end December 2014. These drivers worked 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, with basic salary ranging between \$15,100 and \$17,200 (a maximum of 2 hours of overtime per day when necessary). At the same time, the number of hours for performing overtime work by full-time rebus drivers in 2014 was 98 567 hours. By simple calculation, the number of working hours per day for each full-time rebus driver was about 10 hours. In this connection, please advise on the measures to be in place to address the serious shortage of rebus drivers.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 228)

Reply:

The Government has all along processed funding applications in the annual resource allocation exercise in accordance with established mechanism. The expenditure on remuneration of rebus drivers is estimated by reference to the mid-point salary (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value) of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service. The practice is in line with that of the preparation of estimated provision on remuneration of the Motor Driver grade in the civil service.

In 2015-16, the revised recurrent subvention allocated to Rebus service was \$63.32 million. The estimated recurrent subventions to be allocated in 2016-17 will be \$67.85 million, a year-on-year increase of about 7.2%. The subvention will include an additional recurrent provision of \$2.89 million (year-on-year increase of about 33%) to the HKSR for meeting the recurrent expenditure of the nine additional rebuses and recruiting more drivers. Of the additional estimated expenditure, 70% will go to drivers' remuneration to

enable the HKSR to recruit more drivers and improve the shift arrangements and working conditions of drivers for enhancement of the fleet efficiency.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1263****(Question Serial No. 5113)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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 Rehabus services, please advise on the average daily number of passenger trips for scheduled route (SR) services, the fleet size and the number of people on the waiting list at year-end between 2014 and 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 229)Reply:

Rehabus provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. It offers SR services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation. The average daily number of passenger trips, the fleet size and the number of people on the waiting list regarding SR services of Rehabus in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are tabulated below:

SR services	Year		
	2014	2015	2016 (estimate)
Average daily number of passenger trips	1 214	1 239	1 312
Fleet size (Note)	87	95	99
Number of people on the waiting list (Note)	58	33	33

Note: As at end of the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1264****(Question Serial No. 5114)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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 Rehabus services, please advise on the time slots with provision of scheduled route (SR) services, the utilisation in different time slots and service demand of different districts between 2014 and 2016.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 230)Reply:

Rehabus provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties using normal modes of transport. Rehabus offers SR services to carry persons with disabilities to office, schools and places of rehabilitation.

The time slots with provision of Rehabus SR services are 6.30 am to 10.00 am and 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm during weekdays (Mondays to Fridays)¹. The utilisation rates of SR services during the two weekday time slots in 2014 and 2015 are tabulated below:

Utilisation rates of SR services during weekdays	Year (up to end December)	
	2014	2015
6.30 am to 10.00 am	94%	95%
3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	94%	96%

The numbers of users of SR services with breakdown by districts in 2014 and 2015 are tabulated below:

¹ During non-peak periods, rehabuses intended for provision of SR services will be flexibly deployed for provision of dial-a-ride services.

Number of users using SR services	Year (up to end December)	
	2014	2015
Hong Kong Island	214	199
Kowloon	584	638
The New Territories	304	311
Total:	1 102	1 148

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1265

(Question Serial No. 5115)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Rehabus services, there were 60 people on the waiting list for scheduled route (SR) services at year-end of 2014-15. Please advise on whether these people on the waiting list at year-end will receive service. How will the Government address such service demand?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (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 dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

As at end December 2014, the number of people on the waiting list for SR services was 58. Of the six rehabuses procured in 2014-15, three have been used for provision of SR services since early 2015. For the six rehabuses procured in 2015-16, five have also been used for provision of SR services since end 2015. In 2015, Rehabus successfully arranged SR services for 272 new service users. As at end December 2015, the number of people on the waiting list for SR services was 33.

The Government plans to allocate additional provision of about \$18.8 million to the HKSR in 2016-17 to cover the capital cost of procurement of nine rehabuses and replacement of ten rehabuses with higher vehicle age. Four of the nine rehabuses to be procured will be deployed on SR services. If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the

four additional rehabuses should be able to cater for all of the applicants currently on the waiting list for SR services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1266

(Question Serial No. 6523)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) What was 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) What was the total number of rebus drivers in Hong Kong in each of the past three years?
- (3) What was the daily average number and percentage of rehabuses which were not in service in each of the past three years?
- (4) What was the turnover number and rate of rebus drivers in the past three years?
- (5) What will be 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. 1103)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) The total numbers of rehabuses operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSAR) from 2013 to 2015, broken down by vehicle age, are tabulated below:

Vehicle age	Year (as at end December)		
	2013	2014	2015*
5 years or less	98	59	66
6 to 10 years	31	76	80
11 to 15 years	0	0	1
Total	129	135	147

* Including 12 additional rehabuses procured in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

- (2) The total numbers of rebus drivers of the HKSR from 2013 to 2015 (as at end-December) were 127, 138 and 139 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 2013 to 2015 were 25.1 (19.5%), 27.9 (20.7%) and 26.3 (18.8%) respectively.
- (4) The total numbers of rebus drivers retired and resigned from 2013 to 2015 were 22 and 57 respectively, and the respective yearly wastage rates were 23.6%, 14.5% and 20.8%.
- (5) The Government plans to allocate provision to the HKSR to procure 19 additional rebus in 2016-17, with nine for the provision of additional services and the remaining ten for the replacement of rebus with higher vehicle age. The capital costs involved are \$9.82 million and \$8.97 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1267****(Question Serial No. 3987)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with DisabilitiesProgramme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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:

Please provide the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities Scheme (the Scheme) in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Member Question No. 83)Reply:

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 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. The Scheme was extended to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases from 29 March 2015. The revised estimate of the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Scheme in 2015-16 is provided below:

Public transport operators	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
MTR Corporation Limited	204,579
Franchised bus operators	418,427
Ferry operators	28,293
GMB operators	238,907
Total	890,206

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1268

(Question Serial No. 3410)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the extension of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) to green minibuses (GMBs), please advise on:

1. the government expenditure incurred for the Scheme and the amount of reimbursement the Government has made to each public transport operator over the past 3 years; and
2. the expected implications on the government expenditure after the extension of the Scheme to GMBs.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 60)

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 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. The Scheme was extended to GMBs in phases from 29 March 2015. In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the government expenditure in each financial year is tabulated below:

	2013-14 Actual \$'000	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
(a) Reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators			
MTR Corporation Limited	148,371	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	340,725	385,961	418,427
Ferry operators	16,918	21,087	28,293
GMB operators	-	492	238,907
Sub-total	506,014	581,169	890,206
(b) Operating expenses	13,076	16,240	19,373
(c) Expenditure for setting up the centralised settlement platform and related system enhancement for the Scheme	2,727	4,081	4,497
Total	521,817	601,490	914,076

2. The 2016-17 estimate for reimbursing the GMB operators their revenue forgone as a result of implementing the Scheme is about \$331 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)1269

(Question Serial No. 4518)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Mrs Ingrid YEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many additional rehabuses and replacement rehabuses will be procured in 2016-17? 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 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 233)

Reply:

Rebus operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities (including disabled elders) 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 procure nine rehabuses and replace ten rehabuses with higher vehicle age in 2016-17. Four of the nine rehabuses procured will be deployed on SR services and the remaining five on DAR services. During non-peak periods, rehabuses intended for provision of SR services will be flexibly deployed for provision of DAR services.

The average waiting time for SR services by new applicants was about two months in 2015. If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the four additional rehabuses to be deployed on SR services 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 not possible to give a precise estimate on the time required in advance to secure the provision of DAR services. The five additional rehabuses to be deployed on DAR services should be able to further reduce the number of DAR booking orders that cannot be entertained.

The total number of passenger trips and utilisation rate for SR and DAR services in 2015 are tabulated below:

Rehabus service	2015	
	Total number of passenger trips	Utilisation rate of services
SR services	366 800	44%
DAR services	472 800	56%
Total:	839 600	100%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)1270****(Question Serial No. 4748)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government 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:

Please provide the amount of reimbursement under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) in 2014-15 and 2015-16, with breakdown by transport operators and fare levels (less than \$5, \$5 to \$9.9, \$10 to \$14.9).

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 177)Reply:

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 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. The Scheme was extended to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases from 29 March 2015. The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to participating public transport operators under the Scheme in the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 is tabulated below:

Public transport operator	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
MTR Corporation Limited	173,629	204,579
Franchised bus operators	385,961	418,427

Public transport operator	2014-15 Actual \$'000	2015-16 Revised estimate \$'000
Ferry operators	21,087	28,293
GMB operators	492	238,907
Total	581,169	890,206

The Government does not maintain any information by fare levels of participating public transport operators regarding the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to these public transport operators under the Scheme.

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