

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in Programme (2) that the Administration would formulate and co-ordinate welfare policies and programmes to:

- (a) preserve and strengthen the family;
- (b) help young people develop into responsible and contributing members of the community and facilitate the rehabilitation of young offenders;
- (c) monitor and co-ordinate the Government's efforts in poverty alleviation.

Would the Administration advise: What are the details of the above three subjects in 2011-12? What are their medium and long-term goals? How much expenditure will be earmarked for these three subjects?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply :

- (a) In support of our welfare policy, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of family and child welfare services including integrated family service, family and child protective service, family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care service for children, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support families in need.

In 2011-12, SWD will regularise the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project and extend its service coverage from 11 administrative districts of SWD to all 18 districts. Besides, the Comprehensive Child Development Service which makes use of Maternal and Child Health Centres and other service units to identify needy children, mothers and their families for early intervention will also be extended to all 18 districts. The total provision for family and child welfare services in the 2011-12 estimate is \$1,853 million.

- (b) To assist and encourage young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of the society, SWD subvents non-governmental

organisations (NGOs) to deliver a wide range of preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial services through integrated children and youth services centres, children and youth centres, outreaching social work service and school social work service. In 2011-12, SWD will commission NGOs to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund to reach out through the internet to youths in need, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden. Besides, the school social work service for secondary schools will be enhanced to help prevent and tackle student drug abuse and related problems. The total provision for services for young people in the 2011-12 estimate is \$1,587 million.

To help young offenders re-integrate into the community and lead a law-abiding life, SWD provides both community-based and residential services for them through a social work approach, including probation and aftercare services, operates remand home and residential training institution, and administers the Community Service Orders Scheme, the Community Support Service Scheme, the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme and the Young Offender Assessment Panel. SWD also subvents NGOs to provide counselling, group activities, residential services and employment assistance for ex-offenders. In 2011-12, SWD will continue to run the pilot project on enhanced probation service to provide more focused, structured and intensive treatment programmes for young offenders aged below 21 and convicted of drug-related offences. The total provision for services for offenders in the 2011-12 estimate, including those for young offenders, is \$304 million.

- (c) After the Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Government set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up CoP's recommendations and coordinate the Government's efforts in alleviating poverty.

Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been or are being implemented. In 2011-12, TFP will continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of CoP and the poverty situation in Hong Kong, and explore if there is any effective new initiative/measure which can help alleviate poverty.

The Poverty Team under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) provides secretariat support to TFP and is also responsible for overseeing/implementing certain initiatives on poverty alleviation under LWB (e.g. the Child Development Fund, short-term food assistance, etc.). The provision for the Poverty Team in 2011-12 is \$3.88 million, covering the cost of six staff comprising two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer, two secretarial and clerical support staff as well as one contract executive staff.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)002

Question Serial No.

2620

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The revised estimated provision for Programme (2) in 2010-11 represents a decrease of about \$55 million against the original estimate for 2010-11. What are the reduced items or measures causing such revision? What are the reasons for the reduction in provision?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The revised estimate for 2010-11 for Programme (2) Social Welfare is \$54.7 million less than the original estimate. It is attributable to –

- (a) lower than expected expenditure on various initiatives/programme (\$28.3 million), including:
- financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others;
 - enhanced public education on rehabilitation; and
 - legal representation scheme for children/juveniles involved in care or protection proceedings.
- (b) deferred cash flow requirements for various projects (\$14.8 million), including:
- re-organisation of accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre;
 - Child Development Fund; and
 - visiting pharmacist services for residential care home for the elderly.

- (c) underspending of miscellaneous expenses (\$11.6 million), including:
 - staff cost relating to unfilled vacancies; and
 - departmental expenses.

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
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Question :

There will be an increase of about \$120 million in the provision for 2011-12. This is mainly due to additional requirements for the full implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme). In this regard, please give details of the expenditure distribution of the provision, the administrative expenses involved and the timetable for implementation.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

Under the Programme, each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team (DPT) which will collaborate with a Home Support Team (HST) to be operated by a non-governmental organisation commissioned by the Hospital Authority to jointly provide the services. The breakdown of the estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is as follows:

Item	Estimated full-year expenditure (in \$ million)
Discharge planning services	75.6
Home support services	72.7
Total	148.3

The coverage of the Programme will be extended from the current three districts to all districts within 2011-12.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)004

Question Serial No.

2622

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in paragraph 150 of the Budget Speech that the Government will allocate \$1 billion to extend the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme for another three years. However, many elderly were unable to benefit from the Scheme for lack of knowledge of the Scheme details. Although the pilot scheme does not belong to the policy area of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, will the Administration allocate resources to support the Scheme to ensure its successful implementation?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Department of Health (DH) has been promoting the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme (the Scheme) through Announcements in the Public Interest on television and radio, pamphlets, posters, website and DVDs. A campaign was also mounted to assist elderly people with registration under the Scheme. DH will continue to monitor the situation and further enhance promotional activities when necessary. Following the interim review, DH will also step up promotion among healthcare providers.

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LWB(WW)005

Question Serial No.

2625

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Bureau will “examine the feasibility of providing maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of the work? When will the study be completed? When will the conclusions be reported to the Legislative Council?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

We are examining the feasibility of introducing a maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. The legal, financial and technical implications of the proposal will need to be carefully considered. These are complex issues. We aim to complete the study in the second half of 2011.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)006

Question Serial No.

2626

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will “take forward the recommendations in the study by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) on the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong”. Please advise this Committee of the details of the provision and the staff establishment for the related work in 2010-11, as well as the anticipated outcome.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned SWAC to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. Having concluded consultation in end-July 2010 and thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC’s report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The expenditure and manpower involved in the welfare planning exercise in 2010-11 were absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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LWB(WW)007

Question Serial No.

2627

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Concerning the feasibility study of universal retirement protection in Hong Kong being conducted by the Central Policy Unit, has the Administration allocated any resources in 2011-12 for the follow-up actions? If yes, what are the details? When will the Administration report its conclusion to the Legislative Council in relation to the implementation of the universal retirement protection?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The three-pillar model for retirement protection being implemented in Hong Kong, which is made up of the non-contributory social security system, the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) system and voluntary private savings, was adopted in the 1990's after lengthy discussion by different sectors of the community.

The Administration has been monitoring closely the operation of the model in the light of Hong Kong's changing socio-economic circumstances and will introduce changes as appropriate and necessary. An example is the increase in the level of Old Age Allowance to \$1,000 with effect from January 2009. The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority will also continue to review and improve the operation of the MPF system.

The Central Policy Unit (CPU) is refining its study on the sustainability of the three-pillar model of retirement protection in Hong Kong having regard to the latest developments. In the course of refining the study, CPU will take into account the latest opinions in the community on retirement protection for the elderly and tap the views of academics, professionals, think tanks and interested parties as appropriate through its established channels. The Administration has allocated resources in 2011-12 for the above study. Preliminary findings of the refined study are expected to be available next year.

The findings of the study will serve as internal reference for the Government. In deciding on the course of action, we will consider the findings of the study and other pertinent factors (such as how to safeguard traditional family values, maintain our overall economic competitiveness and simple tax system, ensure the sustainable development of the social security system, etc.).

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LWB(WW)008

Question Serial No.

3784

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

With regard to matters requiring special attention in 2011-12, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will take forward the recommendations in the study by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) on the long-term development for social welfare in Hong Kong. Please advise on the details of provision and the establishment for and the anticipated results of such work in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned SWAC to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. Having concluded consultation in end-July 2010 and thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC's report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The expenditure and manpower involved in taking forward SWAC's recommendations will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)009

Question Serial No.

1956

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will promote the implementation of the “Gender Mainstreaming Checklist” and the concept of gender mainstreaming to more policy areas. a) What is the provision in this aspect? b) How will the provision be used (Please list out the expenditure items and estimated amount of provision)? c) Will resources be earmarked for reviewing the above initiative? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. The Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account the comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant

guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights. In 2011-12, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) will continue to promote the Checklist and the concept of gender mainstreaming to bureaux and departments. To facilitate the application of gender mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook on gender mainstreaming for reference by all bureaux and departments.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)010

Question Serial No.

1957

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will monitor the progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee: (a) what is the provision for the above programme; (b) how will the provision be used; (Please list out the items of expenditure and estimated amount of provision) (c) are there any relevant initiatives to encourage and subsidise women to participate in the programme; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and (d) will the Administration earmark any resources to review the above programme; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) is a large-scale learning programme with a women-focus. It was launched by the Women's Commission (WoC) in 2004 and is implemented by the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) in collaboration with the Commercial Radio (CR) and nearly 70 women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). CBMP is delivered through radio broadcasting and offered courses which are face-to-face and on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. The courses include subjects such as building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance, and other practical issues in daily life.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration allocated in March 2007 around \$9.8 million to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that CBMP course fee could continue to be maintained at an affordable level. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million to expand CBMP and provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty for three years. The provision for CBMP in 2011-12 is about \$8.5 million.

With the provision of the additional funding, we have expanded the bursary scheme of CBMP since November 2009. Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and women from low-income families can now apply for bursary for a maximum of nine courses, instead of four courses as before, and the bursary ceiling per semester has also been increased from one to three courses for each student. Free courses have also been offered to new students to attract more women to join CBMP. Starting from July 2010, a new e-learning mode for CBMP has been introduced. Since then, students can study selected CBMP courses via an online learning platform. We will continue with these measures and develop more online courses in 2011-12.

Since its launch, CBMP has encouraged women of different backgrounds and educational levels to pursue life-long learning and self-development. Up to November 2010, CBMP has a cumulative enrolment of over 44 000. These have not included the large network of audience reached through the radio programme. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by OUHK in 2008, it was estimated that about 720 000 people had listened to the radio programme in the preceding year of the survey.

To monitor and supervise the progress of CBMP, a Steering Committee has been set up under WoC to provide strategic input and guidance to CBMP's development and implementation. The Steering Committee comprises representatives of WoC, OUHK and CR. A Programme Management Committee has also been set up by OUHK to oversee course development and programme management of CBMP.

Moreover, evaluation questionnaires are collected from students after their completion of each CBMP course. Feedback from students was that they benefited from the programme in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. A large-scale forum will be also held by OUHK in March 2011 to gather stakeholders' views for the future development of CBMP. The resources required for carrying out these evaluation are absorbed within the existing provision for CBMP.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)011

Question Serial No.

1958

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies. Please advise: (a) what is the amount of provision for the above work? (b) what are the implementation details of the above work (please list out the programmes and estimated expenditure)? (c) which local women's groups and service agencies will be invited to participate in the meetings and exchanges? What are the criteria for inviting such groups and agencies?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meets with these organisations to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2010-11, we supported WoC in arranging five exchange sessions to meet with representatives from women's groups and related NGOs. Issues discussed included women's safety, women's health, economic development, education for women, and the work of WoC. We also supported WoC in arranging meetings and discussion sessions with individual women's groups and related organisations. We will continue with these efforts in 2011-12.

To facilitate our communication with the stakeholders, LWB and WoC maintain a contact list of women's groups as well as organisations or agencies providing services to women or with an interest in women matters. Invitations to meetings, exchange sessions, seminars and conferences are sent to the organisations on the contact list. To ensure that our contact list is up-to-date, we keep a close watch on the establishment of new women's groups or women-related organisations and establish contact with them. An information update form is also available on the WoC website so that organisations can keep us posted of any changes in relation to their contact information. Such efforts will continue in 2011-12.

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

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Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will participate in key international fora related to women. a) What is the provision for the above work? b) How will the provision for the above work be used? (Please list the various expenditure items and the estimated amount of provision) c) Which key international fora will be attended by representatives of the Administration? d) What criteria will be adopted in deciding which fora to be attended?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Women's Commission (WoC) maintains close liaison with women's organisations on the Mainland and abroad through participation in regional and international conferences. Participation in such conferences enables WoC to keep abreast of the latest development on issues outside the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) that are of concern to women, to showcase HKSAR's progress and achievements in advancing women's status and to share experience on good practices.

In 2011-12, WoC will continue to field representatives to attend similar conferences, including the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders Network meeting. Consideration will also be given to attending other regional and international conferences, taking into account the nature, scale and topic of the relevant conferences. The resources required will be absorbed within the existing provision of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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Question Serial No.

1960

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will review policies and services related to women. (a) What is the provision in this aspect? (b) How will the provision be used (Please list out the items of expenditure and estimated amount of provision)? (c) What policies and services related to women will come under review? (d) What are the details of the review process and approach?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2010-11, key policies and programmes reviewed by WoC included the third report of Hong Kong on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the development of mediation in Hong Kong, minimum wage legislation, the second stage of healthcare reform, promotion of breast awareness and healthcare services for women, services provided by the Integrated Family Service Centres and its latest development, and the Victim Support Programmes for Victims of Family Violence. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments such as Food and Health Bureau, Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, Department of Justice and Department of Health were invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provided advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and updated WoC on progress from time to time. If necessary, WoC would invite the relevant bureaux and departments for further discussion.

In 2011-12, we will keep up our efforts and work with WoC on policies/programmes to be covered in the review, including support services for new arrival women, protection and assistance for victims of domestic/sexual violence, and gender education, etc.. The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other bureaux and departments.

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LWB(WW)014

Question Serial No.

1961

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies. Please advise, a) what is the amount of provision for the above work? b) How will the provision for the above work be used? (Please list out the expenditure items and the estimated expenditure) c) What are the details of the above work?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau for ASBs matters, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

These measures will continue in 2011-12. The Administration will also keep monitoring the situation and reminding bureaux and departments of the importance of further enhancing women's participation in ASBs under their respective purview.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB set a gender benchmark of 25% in 2004 as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's

participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. In July 2010, WoC issued a letter to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. In the coming year, we will continue to work with WoC to keep track of the progress in promoting women's participation in ASBs, expand the pool of women leaders available for appointments through initiatives to empower women, and encourage more women from professional bodies, women's groups, non-governmental organisations, etc. to participate in ASBs.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

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LWB(WW)015

Question Serial No.

1962

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will conduct public education and publicity programmes on gender-related issues. a) What is the provision in this aspect? b) How will the provision be used (Please list out the expenditure items and estimated amount of provision)? c) What are the details of the work above?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Over the years, the Administration has worked closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) to organise various publicity and public education programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These included open forums and seminars, producing announcements of public interest on television, radio and posters, as well as organising various types of competitions and celebration events for the International Women's Day on 8 March every year. In 2011-12, in addition to on-going efforts in organising these publicity and public education programmes, we will assist WoC in producing a 10-episode TV drama series and another 10-episode 5-minuter TV series as well as organising publicity programmes to promote gender awareness and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of WoC. The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed within the existing provisions of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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LWB(WW)016

Question Serial No.

2577

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

What is/are the reason(s) for the reduction of \$26,000 in funding to the Skills Centres in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Provision for recurrent subvention to Skills Centres is reduced by \$26,000 in 2011-12 as compared with the revised estimate in 2010-11. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement for repair and maintenance of the Skills Centres which is partly offset by increased provision in other operating expenses, leading to a net reduction of \$26,000 in 2011-12.

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LWB(WW)017

Question Serial No.

2770

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary announced that \$148 million had been earmarked for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) and its coverage would be extended from the current three districts to all districts in Hong Kong.

- (a) How will the Administration use the \$148 million earmarked? Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure items (including administration fees, medical expenses, and other charges, etc.) and the amount of the estimated expenditures.
- (b) What is the fund allocation for each district?
- (c) What services will be provided to the participating elders? What are the differences between the Programme and the pilot one?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

- (a)&(c) Under the Programme, each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team (DPT) which will collaborate with a Home Support Team (HST) to be operated by a non-governmental organisation commissioned by the Hospital Authority (HA) to jointly provide services for elderly discharges and their carers. These services include formulation of discharge care plans, rehabilitation treatment after hospital discharge, home support services and carer training. As compared to the pilot project, the Programme has included an additional service element of transitional residential care which is designed to assist elders who cannot return home immediately after hospital discharge.

The breakdown of the estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is as follows:

Item	Estimated full-year expenditure (in \$ million)
Discharge planning services	75.6
Home support services	72.7
Total	148.3

- (b) Funding for the Programme will be allocated to the 15 participating hospitals under HA. The estimated full-year funding allocation for each HA cluster is as follows:

HA cluster	Funding allocation (in \$ million)
Hong Kong East	18.1
Hong Kong West	11.6
Kowloon Central	15.4
Kowloon East	23.2
Kowloon West	39.2
New Territories East	23.1
New Territories West	17.7
Total	148.3

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)018

Question Serial No.

3109

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

On identifying the needs and concerns of women, what has been done by the Government in collecting and analysing the relevant data over the past 5 years? What are the breakdown of the work done and the expenditures involved? In 2011-12, what will be the breakdown of the work, their results and the expected expenditures?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Administration attaches much importance to the collection and compilation of sex-disaggregated data which are important for gender analysis and gender sensitive policy-making. In this respect, the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) has since 2001 compiled annually a comprehensive statistical publication on gender statistics entitled "Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics". This annual publication provides handy sex-disaggregated statistics from a wide variety of sources, which helps reflect the social and economic situation of women and men in Hong Kong including their demographic characteristics, educational levels, employment situation, health conditions, and participation in public affairs, etc.. Bureaux and departments may make reference to the gender statistics collected by C&SD for policy analysis or research purposes as necessary. Besides, a thematic webpage on gender statistics under C&SD's website was launched in early 2010 to further facilitate the use of gender statistics by the general public.

With reference to C&SD's annual publication and supplemented by other useful data collected through various sources, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) also provides support to the Women's Commission (WoC) in publishing regularly statistical booklets on key figures about women and men in Hong Kong. The booklets serve as a handy and useful reference for women's groups, the general public and the international community in understanding the progress and development of women in Hong Kong. The Administration and WoC will continue with the above efforts with regard to compiling relevant sex-disaggregated statistics.

Resources required for undertaking the above measures are absorbed within the existing provision for LWB, C&SD and other relevant bureaux and departments.

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Question Serial No.

3110

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

On empowering women and enabling them to participate more fully in the community, has the Government conducted any policy studies over the past 5 years? If yes, what are the breakdown of the work done, their results and the expenditures involved? In 2011-12, what will be the breakdown of the work and the expected expenditures? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Empowering women and enabling them to participate more fully in community is an important work of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and Women's Commission (WoC). To this end, we have assisted WoC in implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) since 2004. In planning for CBMP, WoC had examined the training and education programmes available to women, and discovered that many of these programmes were vocational in nature and might not fully address women's needs or interests in terms of timing of classes, location, academic prerequisites and choices of subject. To provide flexible learning opportunities tailored to the needs and interests of women, CBMP was launched in 2004 by WoC as a means to empower women.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration allocated in March 2007 around \$9.8 million to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that CBMP course fee could continue to be maintained at an affordable level. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million to expand CBMP and provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty for three years. The provision for CBMP in 2011-12 is about \$8.5 million.

CBMP is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. Courses provided include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life. Up to November 2010, the cumulative number of enrollment exceeded 44 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by OUHK in 2008, it was estimated that about 720 000 people had listened to the radio programme in the preceding year of the survey.

Evaluation questionnaires are collected from students after their completion of each CBMP course. Feedback from students was that they benefitted from the programme in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts.

To enhance women's participation in public decision-making, LWB has been working closely with WoC in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau for ASBs matters, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB set a gender benchmark of 25% in 2004 as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. According to HAB, women's participation in ASBs reached the target of 25% in December 2005. As at the end of 2010, 29.1% of the appointed members were women. In July 2010, WoC issued a letter to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. We will continue to work with WoC to encourage more women to participate in ASBs, and keep in view the need to adjust the gender benchmark target as appropriate.

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

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

On the monitoring and co-ordination of Government's efforts in poverty alleviation, what has been done by the Government in collecting data on poor households in Hong Kong over the past 5 years? What are the breakdown of the work done and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The former Commission on Poverty (CoP) was of the view that in an affluent city like Hong Kong, poverty could not be understood simply by the concept of absolute poverty or the lack of ability to afford minimum subsistence, nor could we rely upon a single poverty line to measure income poverty. We must take into consideration the actual situation and needs of the disadvantaged groups, including their access to essential services and opportunities such as housing, health care, education and employment, etc.. The Government agrees with CoP, and has all along been adopting a set of 24 multi-dimensional indicators as recommended by CoP to monitor the poverty situation in Hong Kong from different perspectives and identify the needs of different disadvantaged groups and people across different districts. These indicators are updated regularly and uploaded onto the website of the Labour and Welfare Bureau for public reference.

The poverty indicators are updated and analysed by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit through deployment of existing resources.

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Question Serial No.

3115

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In the past five years, has the Government conducted any analysis and study on the percentage of the income of the lowest 50% income households to the total household income in Hong Kong? If yes, what were the results and the expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Government has not conducted any study on the percentage of the income of the lowest 50% income households to the total household income in Hong Kong in the past five years. Instead, the Government adopts a set of 24 multi-dimensional indicators as recommended by the Commission on Poverty to monitor the poverty situation in Hong Kong from different perspectives and identify the needs of different disadvantaged groups and people across different districts. These indicators are updated regularly and uploaded onto the website of the Labour and Welfare Bureau for public reference.

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3116

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

What has been done under the study by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) on the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong? What are the details of work and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned SWAC to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. SWAC issued a consultation paper entitled “Long-term Social Welfare Planning in Hong Kong” in mid-April 2010 and invited views from stakeholders on SWAC’s analysis of the circumstantial factors affecting the provision of welfare services, the mission and values of social welfare, as well as its initial recommendations on the guiding principles and strategic directions for welfare planning. For direct communication with different sectors of the community, SWAC organised six consultation sessions in May and July 2010 for representatives of organisations and interested members of the public to directly exchange views with SWAC members. SWAC also accepted the invitation from individual organisations and agencies and attended meetings with them to exchange views.

SWAC concluded consultation in end-July 2010. Having thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC’s report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The expenditure involved in the welfare planning exercise has been and will continue to be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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LWB(WW)023

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3117

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

What are the work items to be undertaken by the Government in 2011-12 in order to take forward the recommendations in the study by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) on the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong? What are the details of such work items and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned SWAC to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. Having concluded consultation in end-July 2010 and thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC's report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The expenditure involved in taking forward SWAC's recommendations will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)024

Question Serial No.

3118

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

- (a) Please advise on the work done by the Government in supporting child care and protecting children in need of care during the past five years between 2006-07 and 2010-11. Please provide details and the expenditure involved.
- (b) Please advise on the work planned by the Government in the above respects for 2011-12. Please provide details and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

- (a) To support families who are unable to take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has all along been providing subventions/subsidy to non-governmental organisations to run a variety of child care services. Apart from providing regular child care service, occasional child care service and extended hours service at child care centres, SWD has introduced a series of enhancement measures in recent years in response to the changing demands for child care services. An example is the three-year pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) launched in October 2008. During the three-year pilot stage, the NSCCP could at the same time provide a total of at least 440 service places, consisting of 286 home-based child care places and 154 centre-based care group places.

From 2006-07 to 2009-10, the actual expenditure of SWD on the subvention/subsidy for the child care services for children aged below six (excluding the NSCCP) was \$27.7 million, \$29.4 million, \$31.5 million, and \$31.5 million respectively. The revised estimate for the same expenditure item in 2010-11 is \$33.1 million. In addition, SWD has reserved a total of \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP for three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

(b) In 2011-12, the Administration will regularise the pilot NSCCP and extend its service coverage from the current 11 administrative districts of SWD to all 18 districts. Upon the extension, the NSCCPs will provide at least 720 places, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places. The estimated expenditure of SWD on the subvention/subsidy for the child care services for children aged below six in 2011-12 will be around \$66.6 million, of which \$33 million is for the regularisation and extension of the NSCCP.

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LWB(WW)025

Question Serial No.

3119

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

- (a) Please advise on the policy research conducted by the Government on preserving and strengthening the family during the past decade between 2001-02 and 2010-11. Please provide details and the expenditure involved.
- (b) Please advise on the policy research planned by the Government on preserving and strengthening the family for 2011-12. Please provide details and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Consultancy studies relating to preserving and strengthening the family commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB)/Social Welfare Department between 2001-02 and 2010-11 are listed below –

Period	Study	Purpose	Organisation conducting the study	Expenditure (\$million)
August 2000 to March 2001	Review of Family Services in Hong Kong – Meeting the Challenge: Strengthening Families	To review the family welfare services in Hong Kong and map out the future direction for the provision of the services.	The University of Hong Kong	1.12
April 2002	Evaluative Study	To assess the	The University of	1.28

Period	Study	Purpose	Organisation conducting the study	Expenditure (\$million)
to March 2004	of the Pilot Projects on the Implementation of the Review of Family Services in Hong Kong – The Steps Forward: The Formation of Integrated Family Service Centres	effectiveness of the pilot integrated family service centre service model with a view to recommending the most effective approach for the provision of family welfare services in future.	Hong Kong	
April 2003 to April 2005	Study on Child Abuse and Spouse Battering	To identify the essential elements contributing to effective prevention and intervention of child abuse and spouse battering	The University of Hong Kong	1.20
October 2008 to October 2009	Review on the Implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre Service Mode – Building Effective Family Services	To review the implementation of the integrated family service centre service mode and consider whether, and if so, what improvements should be made to refine the service mode.	The University of Hong Kong	2.04

LWB currently has no plan to commission any consultancy study relating to preserving and strengthening the family in 2011-12.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)026

Question Serial No.

3377

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In order to implement the provisions regarding the wider use of sign language under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Government has set up a working group on promotion of sign language under the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee in March 2010 and affirmed the importance of sign language to persons with hearing impairment. In view of the acute shortage of sign language interpreters, why has the Government not earmarked additional resources in the 2011-12 Budget to employ more sign language interpreters? Has the Government drawn up a long-term plan for the provision of sign language interpretation services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

With subvention of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), rehabilitation non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently provide sign language interpretation service not only to persons with hearing impairment, but also to the Judiciary and Government departments such as the Police, Correctional Services Department, SWD, Immigration Department and other public organisations such as Hospital Authority, etc. to facilitate their communication and effective delivery of services to persons with hearing impairment. Rehabilitation NGOs, in collaboration with Government departments, local communities and groups of persons with hearing impairment, also regularly conduct sign language training for persons with hearing impairment, sign language interpreters, staff of Government departments and public organisations and members of the public. They also publish training manuals on Hong Kong Sign Language and organise publicity activities to promote the use of sign language. Apart from Government subvention, NGOs can also apply for financial subsidies to implement their proposed service programmes from other funding sources, for example, the SK Yee Fund for the Disabled, the Community Chest and the Jockey Club Charities Trust.

To promote the wider use of sign language and enhance inclusion, the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has set up a Working Group with a view to advising the Government on ways to promote the use of sign language. The Working Group is mapping out a work plan for promoting the use of sign language (including appropriate measures to enhance sign language interpretation training and support for persons with hearing impairment) in consultation with persons with hearing impairment, relevant government departments and stakeholders. The Government will consider the allocation of resources for the provision of sign language interpretation services having regard to the recommendations made by the Working Group.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)027

Question Serial No.

3379

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Government will spend more than \$120 million to improve the existing barrier-free facilities at 3 300 government properties. Given the small proportion of government properties among the tens of thousands of buildings across the territory, how will the Government address the problem of accessibility at private properties? Will resources be allocated to promote the provision of barrier-free facilities in Hong Kong? If yes, how many resources are planned to be allocated for this purpose? Is there a specific strategy?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

It is the Government's established policy objective to provide a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities with a view to enabling them to access to premises and make use of the facilities on equal basis with others, thereby facilitating them to live independently and integrate into society. To this end, the Government has put in place various legislative and administrative measures.

Under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) (DDO) which applies both to existing and new buildings, it is unlawful to discriminate against persons with disabilities in relation to the provision of means of access to any premises that the public is entitled to enter or use. The Equal Opportunities Commission, being the statutory body to enforce DDO, will follow up on complaints regarding provision of reasonable barrier-free access for persons with disabilities in premises, including the private properties.

Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R) 72 under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap 123)(BO) prescribe the design requirements on the provision of barrier-free access and facilities for persons with disabilities in private buildings to ensure that reasonable barrier-free access and facilities are provided in premises to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. B(P)R 72 is applicable to new private buildings or alterations and

additions to existing private buildings. To supplement the B(P)R 72, a Design Manual (DM) was issued by the Buildings Department (BD) to provide guidelines on barrier-free access and facilities. Hence, all new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings will have to comply with the latest barrier-free design standards as set out in the current version of B(P)R and DM.

BD will take appropriate enforcement actions under the BO in accordance with the enforcement policy on unauthorised removal or alteration of approved access or facilities for persons with disabilities in private buildings. If an owner does not carry out the rectification works upon the service of a statutory order under the BO, he may be liable on conviction to imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$200,000. For continuing offences, there is a further daily fine of \$20,000.

To provide financial assistance to private building owners wishing to improve the safety of their buildings, various financial assistance schemes are provided by BD, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority. Applications to these schemes for works involving barrier-free access and facilities would also be considered.

Public awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities and advantages of universal design is also important in encouraging private property owners to join hands in upgrading the barrier-free facilities in existing buildings. In this regard, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has since 2009-10 substantially increased the relevant allocation for public education activities from about \$2 million in the past years to more than \$12 million, so as to enhance public understanding of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities. LWB has been making proactive efforts in mobilising cross-sectoral collaboration in building an equal and inclusive society through organising territory-wide public education activities, including launching an Announcement in the Public Interest to raise general awareness of accessibility. LWB has also increased funding for subsidising 18 District Councils, non-governmental organisations and public organisations for organising district-based public education activities, such as seminars and roving exhibitions on universal design and accessibility check-walks, to bring across the message of barrier-free and inclusiveness to the community at large.

As an on-going public education initiative, LWB continues to earmark \$12.5 million in 2011-12 for organising territory-wide and local public education activities to promote a barrier-free and inclusive society.

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LWB(WW)028

Question Serial No.

3771

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech that the Government will increase annual recurrent funding by \$148 million to make the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts. The number of elders expected to benefit from the Programme each year will increase from the current 8 000 to around 33 000.

- (a) Will the Administration advise on the numbers of beneficiaries in Kowloon East, Kowloon West and New Territories West under the pilot project in 2010-11; the distribution of 30 000 additional subsidised service places in 2011-12 by district; and the estimated numbers of hospitals and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) which will provide the service?

The numbers of beneficiaries in Kowloon East, Kowloon West and New Territories West under the pilot project in 2010-11; the distribution of 30 000 additional subsidised service places in 2011-12 by district; and the estimated numbers of hospitals and NGOs which will provide the service

District	No. of beneficiaries in 2010-11	No. of additional subsidised service places in 2011-12	Estimated no. of hospitals which will provide the service	Estimated no. of NGOs which will provide the service
Hong Kong East				
Hong Kong West				
Kowloon Central				
Kowloon East				
Kowloon West				
New Territories East				
New Territories West				

(b) In addition, what were the numbers of beneficiaries, the average expenditure on each service place and the total expenditure in 2009-10 and 2010-11?

	No. of beneficiaries	Expenditure per case	Total expenditure
2009-10			
2010-11			

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

(a) The number of beneficiaries in 2010-11 under the pilot project; the estimated number of elders to be served in 2011-12, and the estimated number of hospitals and NGOs which will provide the services under the Programme are as follows:

District	No. of beneficiaries in 2010-11 ¹	Estimated no. of elders to be served in 2011-12 ²	Estimated no. of hospitals which will provide the services	Estimated no. of NGOs which will provide the services
Hong Kong East		4 000	2	1
Hong Kong West		2 700	1	1
Kowloon Central		3 800	1	1
Kowloon East	2 160	4 900	2	2
Kowloon West	2 141	8 700	4	4
New Territories East		5 100	3	2
New Territories West	1 174	4 200	2	1

¹ These are 9-month figures showing the total no. of beneficiaries from April to December 2010.

² There is no service quota under the Programme. The number of elders expected to be served each year is projected based on the statistics gathered from the pilot project.

(b) The numbers of beneficiaries, the average cost for each service place and the total expenditure of the pilot project in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

Year	No. of beneficiaries	Average cost per service place (\$)	Total full-year expenditure (in \$ million)
2009-10	7 346	4,900	35.98
2010-11 ³	5 475	Not available	37.79

³ The number of beneficiaries in 2010-11 is a 9-month figure up to December 2010 while the total expenditure is a full-year figure for the period from April 2010 to March 2011. Thus, the average cost per service place in 2010-11 is currently not available.

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LWB(WW)029

Question Serial No.

0005

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “provision for 2011-12 is \$2.9 million (33.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to the provision required for filling the position of Under Secretary.” Will the Administration inform this Committee of the progress of the recruitment of the Under Secretary and the timing of the appointment of the new Under Secretary? As the current-term Government has only a year or so left in its term, the chance of successful recruitment of the said position is getting slim. In this connection, will the Administration consider suspending the provision earmarked for the purpose?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Regarding the filling of the outstanding positions of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants in the Government, it is Government position that, if there are suitable candidates, such positions will be filled. We consider it appropriate to make provision for the position of Under Secretary in 2011-12.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)030

Question Serial No.

0815

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Will the Administration advise this Committee of why the 2010-11 revised estimate of the above Programme is lower than the original estimate by 13%? Does it involve any reduction in services or manpower? Will the implementation of any projects be affected? Please specify the details.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The difference between the original and revised estimates for 2010-11 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in organising public education and publicity activities by the Women's Commission (WoC), the savings achieved in participating in regional and international conferences, as well as the carrying forward of expenditure for some WoC initiatives from 2010-11 to 2011-12. The reduced expenditure did not involve any reduction in manpower or services.

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LWB(WW)031

Question Serial No.

1228

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau seeks to “monitor and co-ordinate the overall progress of Government’s efforts in poverty alleviation”. Would the Administration provide details of the progress of this initiative in the past year (i.e. 2010-11), and the manpower and resources involved in the relevant work; advise whether it has assessed the effectiveness of its efforts in poverty alleviation; and give an account of the change in manpower and resources and the resources expected to be allocated for poverty alleviation in the coming year? Has the Administration considered the allocation of resources, in the light of widening wealth disparity between the rich and the poor, to conduct a comprehensive review on the patterns of Hong Kong’s development in various areas so as to devise comprehensive and feasible solutions to address the problem? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

After the Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Government set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up CoP’s recommendations and coordinate the Government’s efforts in alleviating poverty.

One of the key tasks of the TFP in 2010-11 was to continue to monitor the progress of the Government in implementing the recommendations of CoP. Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been or are being implemented, including establishing the \$300 million Child Development Fund (CDF) and rolling out projects on a trial basis; strengthening training and retraining to enhance the skills and competitiveness of young people as well as the middle-aged and low-income earners; and preparing to set up the pioneer one-stop employment and training centre to streamline and integrate the employment services provided by the Labour Department, the Social Welfare Department and the Employees Retraining Board.

Poverty alleviation is the shared responsibility of the entire Government. Although we do not have the detailed breakdown, various bureaux and departments have their manpower and resources contributing to this cause.

Insofar as the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) is concerned, a Poverty Team provides secretariat support to TFP and is also responsible for overseeing/implementing certain initiatives on poverty alleviation under LWB (e.g. CDF, short-term food assistance, etc.). The provision for the Poverty Team in 2010-11 was \$3.71 million and is \$3.88 million in 2011-12. The amounts cover the cost of six staff comprising two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer, two secretarial and clerical support staff as well as one contract executive staff.

The Administration adopts a pragmatic and multi-pronged approach to poverty alleviation. Of paramount importance is promoting economic growth, thereby enabling the community to share the fruits of prosperity. At the same time, we invest heavily in education, training and retraining to enhance social mobility. We also provide employment support, which includes enhancing the quality of the workforce and setting a reasonable wage level for workers. For those who cannot be self-reliant, our social security system can help them meet basic needs. TFP will continue to monitor poverty situation in Hong Kong, and explore if there is any effective new initiative/measure which can help alleviate poverty.

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LWB(WW)032

Question Serial No.

1230

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

With respect to the studies conducted for welfare-related policies, could the Administration advise this Committee on the details of the studies conducted, the expenditure incurred for each study and the organisation(s) responsible for the studies in the past year (i.e. 2010-11), and the studies to be conducted in the coming two years and the estimated expenditure of each study?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

(1) The studies conducted and the expenditure incurred for each study in the past year (i.e. 2010-11) were as follows –

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Name of Consultant	Expenditure in 2010-11 (\$'000)
A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitalisation	Commenced in 2007 and completed in late 2010	Accident and Emergency Medicine Academic Unit, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	209
Consultancy Study on Community Care Services for the Elderly	Commenced in 2010 and expected to be completed in mid-2011	Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong	420

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Name of Consultant	Expenditure in 2010-11 (\$'000)
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and expected to be completed in 2012	Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	700
Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) (Phase 2)	Commenced in 2010 and expected to be completed in 2012	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the City University of Hong Kong	362

- (2) The studies to be conducted in the coming two years from 2011-12 to 2012-13 and the financial provision for each study are as follows –

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Financial provision (\$'000)
Consultancy Study on Community Care Services for the Elderly	Commenced in 2010 and expected to be completed in mid-2011	978
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and expected to be completed in 2012	1,925
Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) (Phase 2)	Commenced in 2010 and expected to be completed in 2012	846
Drawing on the findings of the second evaluation study on the CIIF, a third study may be commissioned to recommend the future development of social capital in Hong Kong	Under planning	To be confirmed

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LWB(WW)033

Question Serial No.

1606

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The 2010-11 revised estimate for this programme is 29.7% less than the original estimate. Would the Administration please advise the Committee on the reasons for the reduction? Will this involve any reduction in manpower or services? If so, which specific areas of service will be reduced?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The revised estimate for 2010-11 for Programme (2) Social Welfare is 29.7% less than the original estimate. It is attributable to –

- (a) lower than expected expenditure on various initiatives/programme (15.4%), including:
- financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others;
 - enhanced public education on rehabilitation; and
 - legal representation scheme for children/juveniles involved in care or protection proceedings.
- (b) deferred cash flow requirements for various projects (8%), including:
- re-organisation of accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre;
 - Child Development Fund; and
 - visiting pharmacist services for residential care home for the elderly.
- (c) underspending of miscellaneous expenses (6.3%), including:
- staff cost relating to unfilled vacancies; and
 - departmental expenses.

The change in estimate does not involve any reduction in manpower or scaling down of services.

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LWB(WW)034

Question Serial No.

1607

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “provision for 2011-12 is \$123.8 million (95.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to additional requirements for the full implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients in 2011-12”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the estimated expenditure and manpower involved for the full implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients; and the number of elders expected to benefit from the programme?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Government, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA), launched the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) on a trial basis in 2008 to provide “one-stop” support services for elderly patients discharged from hospitals and also for their carers (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support services and carer training), with a view to reducing the chance of unplanned hospital re-admission, enabling the elders to continue to age in the community and providing further support to their carers. As the response to the Programme has been positive, the Government will make it a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts within 2011-12.

Under the Programme, each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team which will collaborate with a Home Support Team to be operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by HA to jointly provide the services. Taking into account the actual circumstances of individual districts, the hospitals and NGOs concerned will recruit staff (including doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers and care workers, etc.) to meet the service needs.

The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is about \$148 million. The number of elders expected to be served each year is about 33 000.

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LWB(WW)035

Question Serial No.

1608

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the statement “examine the feasibility of providing maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong” mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, would the Administration advise this Committee of the latest progress and the preliminary findings of the study on the above allowance, the considerations and the difficulties encountered during the study, the expenditures and manpower involved in the study, and the expected time for introduction of the scheme?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

We are examining the feasibility of introducing a maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. The legal, financial and technical implications of the proposal will need to be carefully considered. These are complex issues. We aim to complete the study in the second half of 2011. As the above study is being conducted internally within the Administration, no additional manpower requirement or other expenditure is involved.

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Question Serial No.

1609

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, will the Administration inform this Committee whether it will consider conducting a full and thorough review of the scheme, include reviewing the expenditure weights, proportions and component items of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices, to ensure that the scheme can meet the basic needs of recipient families and children? If yes, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme is a safety net of last resort provided by the Government for those who cannot support themselves financially, and is designed to help them meet their basic needs. The CSSA Scheme addresses the special needs of children in various ways. For instance, the standard rates for children are higher than those for able-bodied adults, and there are special grants to support children's studies (e.g. subsidy for paying school fees, meal allowance, subsidy for travelling to/from school, grants for school-related expenses, etc.) as well as further assistance on a discretionary basis (e.g. subsidy of up to \$500 for buying spectacles).

The CSSA Scheme is a non-contributory social security scheme and CSSA expenditure is fully borne by taxpayers. We must act with prudence and caution in considering any changes to the Scheme, and ensure the proper use of public funds and the sustainability of the CSSA system.

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts CSSA standard payment rates (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). Accordingly, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) adjusted CSSA standard payment rates upward by 3.4% with effect from 1 February 2011. Following the adjustment, the average

monthly CSSA payment to a four-member CSSA family without any income is \$10,371.

Furthermore, SWD updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every five years with reference to the Household Expenditure Survey (HES) on CSSA Households so that the index can more accurately reflect the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households. SWD is conducting the 2009-10 round of the HES on CSSA Households in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department, and has completed the data collection work. Report preparation and the work for updating the expenditure weights of the SSAIP will take place between March and October 2011.

The current mechanism described above is well-established. We will continue to monitor the movements of the SSAIP to ensure that the purchasing power of CSSA payments is maintained.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)037

Question Serial No.

1611

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

As stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, the Bureau will “continue to oversee the implementation of the Child Development Fund projects”. In this regard, will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest situation on the implementation of the Child Development Fund projects; the number of children assisted under the projects since their introduction; and the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in implementing the projects in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Child Development Fund (CDF) was established in December 2008. Two batches involving 22 projects, operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), were rolled out in April 2009 and October 2010 respectively.

All these projects are in good progress. A total of 2 270 children have been recruited to the projects. The drop-out rate is less than 1%, and the majority of the participating children can meet the target of the savings programme. The operating NGOs have also secured sufficient funding from the private sector for matching the children’s savings and have recruited sufficient mentors to guide the children. On-going training programmes and activities are organised for the participating children, their parents and mentors.

The participating children of the first batch pioneer projects will have completed the two-year savings programme and drawn up their personal development plans (PDPs) by April 2011. They will make use of the accumulated savings (including the matching funds contributed by the private sector and the special financial incentive of \$3,000 per child provided by the CDF) to implement their PDPs in the coming year.

To benefit more needy children from a disadvantaged background, the Government is planning to roll out the third batch CDF projects in the second half of 2011.

The provision for the CDF in the 2011-12 Draft Estimates is \$20.305 million, covering the cost of training programmes for the participants, administrative cost for the operating NGOs and the consultancy fee for a longitudinal study to evaluate the effectiveness of the first batch of pioneer projects. One Senior Executive Officer and four non-civil service contract staff are provided for supporting and monitoring the implementation of CDF projects.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)038

Question Serial No.

1612

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It was mentioned in the 2009-10 Budget Speech that the spending situation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) would be monitored and that an injection would be made when necessary to ensure that the Fund could continue to perform its social function. However, no action had been taken over the past two years. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the latest situation regarding the utilisation of the CIIF; the estimated time for injection; and the expenditure and manpower arrangement of the CIIF Secretariat in the past two years, i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11, as well as those estimated for the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects that create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. By end-February 2011, CIIF had allocated about \$230 million to support over 220 projects. To have a more comprehensive understanding of CIIF's effectiveness in promoting social capital development, we have commissioned independent consultants to conduct an evaluation study on CIIF. The study commenced in October 2010 and is expected to conclude in early 2012. We will follow up on the results of the evaluation study and consider the future development of and injection into CIIF in due course.

The expenditure and establishment of the CIIF Secretariat in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Financial year	Expenditure	Establishment
2009-10 Actual Expenditure	Around \$5.63 million	10 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff
2010-11 Revised Estimate	Around \$5.11 million	10 NCSC staff
2011-12 Estimate	Around \$ 8.78 million	12 NCSC staff

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)039

Question Serial No.

1613

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat Subhead (No. &
Labour and Welfare Bureau title) :

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau will “enhance tripartite partnership among the business community, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Government”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the specific details of the work involved and the progress made in the previous year? Has the Administration conducted any review on the effectiveness of the work? If so, what are the findings? What are the specific plans for the enhancement of tripartite partnership in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has launched various initiatives to promote tripartite partnership that emphasises the collaboration among the business sector, NGOs and the Government in recent years. The initiatives and their latest progress are as follows –

(a) Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects which create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. By end-February 2011, CIIF had allocated about \$230 million to support over 220 projects. We have commissioned two independent consultants to conduct a Phase 2 evaluation study of the CIIF in 2010. The study is expected to be completed in 2012.

(b) Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)

The PFD was set up in 2005 with \$200 million to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support NGOs to run welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million

was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2011, more than \$144 million had been approved under PFD for implementing over 350 welfare projects. The Social Welfare Department has commissioned a local university to conduct an evaluation study of PFD in 2010. The study is expected to be completed in 2011.

(c) Child Development Fund (CDF)

The \$300 million CDF was established in 2008. It draws on and consolidates resources from the family, the private sector, the community and the Government in support of the longer-term development of children from a disadvantaged background, with a view to reducing intergenerational poverty. Two batches of projects have been launched since December 2008, benefiting a total of 2 270 children. We have commissioned a consultancy study to evaluate the effectiveness of the pioneer projects. The feedback from both the private sector and NGOs has been positive so far. We plan to roll out the third batch of projects in the second half of 2011. We expect that CDF will eventually benefit about 13 600 children.

The Administration will continue to promote the development of tripartite partnership through the above initiatives.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)040

Question Serial No.

1614

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Bureau formulates and co-ordinates policies and programmes to “facilitate the incorporation of women’s needs and perspectives into the process of policy making where appropriate.” Will the Administration advise this Committee in the past year (i.e. 2010-11), what policies have incorporated women’s needs and perspectives into the process of policy making? Please state precisely. In the coming 2 years, what policies are expected to go through the above process before their implementation?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women’s needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women’s Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society’s resources and opportunities. The Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine

policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights. In 2011-12, Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to promote the Checklist and the concept of gender mainstreaming to bureaux and departments. To facilitate the application of gender mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook on gender mainstreaming for reference by all bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)041

Question Serial No.

1615

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding “to empower women and enable them to participate more fully in the community” mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of : what specific work has been undertaken by the Administration to enable women to participate in the community, what indicators does the Government have to assess the effectiveness of the work mentioned above and to gauge women's level of participation in the community; what is the women's participation rate in advisory and statutory bodies in the past two years; whether the Government has any plans to enhance women's participation rate in the bodies mentioned above; and whether a percentage target for women's participation has been set? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Empowering women and enabling them to participate more fully in the community is an important task of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and Women's Commission (WoC). To this end, we have assisted WoC in implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) since 2004. CBMP provides flexible learning opportunities tailored to the needs and interests of women. It is delivered through radio broadcasting and courses offered face-to-face and on the internet, supplemented by optional learning activities. The courses include building harmonious families, parenting, family health, women leadership, management of personal finance and other practical issues in daily life.

Up to November 2010, the cumulative number of enrolment exceeded 44 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. Feedback from students was that they benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. In March 2010, e-learning courses were launched to provide more flexible learning opportunities for students.

To promote gender mainstreaming and women's participation in community affairs, we assisted WoC in establishing a gender focal point (GFP) network in District Councils (DCs) in late 2008. Each of the 18 DCs has now designated a Member as GFP to facilitate communication and collaboration between DCs and WoC. In 2010-11, we assisted WoC in visiting the Kwai Tsing, Sai Kung, Shatin, North, and Yuen Long DCs. Feedbacks from the relevant DCs were positive, with clear undertaking to support worthy projects conducive to women's development and well-being in their respective districts where appropriate. With the assistance of GFPs, Yau Tsim Mong, Yuen Long and Shatin DCs have already set up dedicated working groups on women affairs to organise activities with women focus in the districts. In 2010-11, Tsuen Wan, Sai Kung, Shatin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong and Southern DCs also allocated resources to organise gender-related activities, such as seminars on gender mainstreaming and programmes on women leadership training.

LWB has been working closely with WoC in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau for ASB matters, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB set a gender benchmark of 25% in 2004 as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. According to HAB, women's participation in ASBs reached the target of 25% in December 2005. As at the end of December 2009 and 2010, 27.3 and 29.1% of the appointed members were women respectively. In July 2010, WoC issued a letter to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. We will continue to work with WoC to encourage more women to participate in ASBs, and keep in view the need to adjust the gender benchmark as appropriate.

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LWB(WW)042

Question Serial No.

1616

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “Provision for 2011-12 is \$6.0 million (29.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to increased support for the work of the Women's Commission.” Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the increased support for the work of the Women's Commission, the breakdown of the expenditure incurred, and the manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The increase in the provision for 2011-12 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for undertaking new or enhanced initiatives by the Women's Commission (WoC) this year as well as for continuing with some of the initiatives which have been carried forward from 2010-11 to 2011-12. In 2011-12, we will enhance our support to the work of WoC, including providing increased provision for the implementation of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; producing a 10-episode TV drama series and another 10-episode 5-minuter TV series as well as organising publicity programmes to promote gender awareness and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of WoC; and assisting WoC in conducting study on women's development and producing various publications, etc..

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)043

Question Serial No.

1617

Head : 141 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Bureau will “oversee the extension of the Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) to all 18 districts”. Would the Administration inform this Committee about the details of the above service extension plan, the timetable for its implementation, and the projected recurrent expenditure and staffing establishment involved in the eventual extension of the service to all 18 districts?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

CCDS is a joint initiative of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, Education Bureau, Department of Health (DH), Hospital Authority (HA) and Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched in 2005. The service makes use of Maternal and Child Health Centres and other service units (e.g. specialist services operated by HA, integrated family service centres operated/subvented by SWD and pre-primary institutions, etc.) as platforms for early identification of at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychological needs and pre-primary children with health, developmental or behavioural problems, etc.. Children and families so identified are referred to the appropriate health and welfare service units for early intervention.

CCDS currently covers about half of the target population in Hong Kong. To enhance the support for needy children and their families, the Administration will extend CCDS to all 18 districts by phase from mid-2011.

Additional recurrent resources of more than \$48 million per annum in total will be provided to DH, SWD and HA to strengthen their medical, nursing, paramedical, research and administrative manpower for the extension of CCDS. The total annual provision for CCDS will amount to around \$91 million after the extension to all 18 districts.

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LWB(WW)044

Question Serial No.

2237

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

As regards the efforts to “improve communication and facilitate collaboration between the Government and NGOs and strengthen liaison with relevant international bodies on women’s matters” as mentioned under the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the matters and working details in its communication and collaboration with the NGOs as well as its liaison with relevant international bodies in the past year? What were the staffing provision and expenditures for the above work?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women’s groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women’s Commission (WoC), regularly meets with these organisations to exchange views on issues of concern to women. Last year, we supported WoC in arranging five exchange sessions to meet with representatives from women’s groups and related NGOs. Issues discussed included women’s safety, women’s health, economic development, education for women, and the work of WoC. We also supported WoC in arranging meetings and discussion sessions with individual women’s groups and related organisations.

Moreover, LWB assisted WoC to organise large-scale conferences from time to time to enable stakeholders to share and exchange views on issues related to the advancement of women’s interests and well-being. In March 2010, WoC organised a luncheon talk entitled "Women's Participation – An Economic Development Imperative" to celebrate International Women’s Day. Over 300 participants attended the talk and guests from the political and business sectors were invited to speak on women’s role in economic development. In September 2010, WoC organised the "Beijing+15 Forum: Progress and Prospects of Women's Development - the International and Hong Kong Experience". The Forum provided a platform for participants to review Hong Kong’s progress in implementing the "Beijing Platform for Action" as well as the international

experience on this front. The Forum was attended by more than 150 Gender Focal Points and representatives from women’s groups and relevant NGOs.

Over the year, WoC continued to field representatives to participate in key international fora, including the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders Network meeting. In September 2010, a 25-strong delegation comprising officers from LWB, representatives from WoC, the Equal Opportunities Commission and local women’s groups participated in the “International Forum on Women and Urban Development cum the Fifteenth Anniversary Commemoration of the Fourth World Conference on Women” organised by the All-China Women’s Federation in Shanghai.

In addition to participation in international fora, visits to and meetings with women’s organisations from overseas and the Mainland of China are organised from time to time to foster better understanding of the work involved in promoting women’s interests and well-being in different places. In the past year, a total of six meetings and exchange sessions were held among LWB, WoC and representatives of women’s organisations from overseas and the Mainland.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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Question Serial No.

2238

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will “promote the implementation of the ‘Gender Mainstreaming Checklist’ and the concept of gender mainstreaming to more policy areas through the ‘Gender Focal Points Network’ within the Government.” Would the Administration inform this Committee of the number of specific policy or programme areas where the Checklist has been applied in the past year and since the Checklist was introduced? Please list out the policy areas involved. Is there any example which can illustrate the application of concept of gender mainstreaming in the process of policy-making in the past year? Please provide specific details.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. With the assistance of the Gender Focal Points (GFPs), the Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights. In addition to the application of the Checklist, bureaux and departments have also applied the concept of gender mainstreaming to their daily work. This includes the provision of sports and leisure facilities and programmes in community and the compilation of sex-disaggregated statistics within the Government, to which the concept of gender mainstreaming has been applied by the relevant departments on an on-going basis.

In 2011-12, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to work with the GFPs to promote the Checklist and the concept of gender mainstreaming to bureaux and departments. To facilitate the application of gender mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook on gender mainstreaming for reference by all bureaux and departments.

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Question Serial No.

2239

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in "Matters Requiring Special Attention" that the Bureau will "provide gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation". In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of : the number of civil servants who received gender-related training in each of the past two years; the broad distribution of departments/bureaux they belonged to or the policy areas they were responsible for; and the annual expenditure and manpower required by the related training over the past two years and in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and gender mainstreaming. Altogether 272 and 686 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended various classroom gender-related training in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. In particular, seven seminars were organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute and were attended by 492 civil servants of all grades and ranks. We have also collaborated with various bureaux and departments including the Buildings Department, Architectural Services Department, Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Civil Service Bureau and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for 241 staff over the past two years. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. Regular gender-related training has also been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010.

LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming amongst civil servants. It contains information about gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. To further enhance gender awareness of civil servants in a more flexible manner, we launched an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues in March 2010. An article on gender mainstreaming was published in the Civil Service Newsletter in early 2011 for reference by all civil servants.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)047

Question Serial No.

2009

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
 Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the consultancy studies (if any) commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and its departments for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information in the following format.

- (a) Using the table below, please provide information on studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated between 2008-09 and 2010-11:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (b) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy studies in 2011-12? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For the projects that are expected to be completed in 2011-12, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (c) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

(a) The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and its departments between 2008-09 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Evaluative study on the design and effectiveness of the New Dawn (ND) Project for single parents/ child carers under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	1,250	2006	Completed	With the positive findings of the consultancy study, the Social Welfare Department has launched the new phase of ND Project from 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2011.	The study report and findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 14 December 2009.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open for applications (Note)	A study to investigate factors that affect long-term care use in Hong Kong	437	2007	Completed	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report was uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Open for applications (Note)	A study about the preference of old age home residents in receiving end-of-life care	754	2007	Completed	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report was uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open for applications (Note)	A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitalisation	1,208	2007	Completed	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	The final report will be uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	1,575	2008	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy study on residential care services for the elderly	1,289	2008	Completed	The findings would be used as reference in formulating relevant policies. In view of the study recommendations, the Elderly Commission (EC) has initiated another study on how to strengthen community care services for the elderly.	The study report and findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 January 2010. The study report was uploaded onto the website of the EC for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy study on community care services for the elderly	420	2010	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Mercado Solutions Associates Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Establishment Survey for the Manpower Projection	946	2010	In progress	Taking into account the findings of the study, the Government will complete	Not applicable.

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						the Manpower Projection, the findings of which will be publicised.	
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (Phase 2)	362	2010	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
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	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Note: Applications were received and processed by the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau.

(b) Funds have been reserved in 2011-12 for conducting the following consultancy studies –

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For the projects that are expected to be completed in 2011-12, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Tender	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	700	2008	In progress	Not applicable.
The City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Invitation of quotations	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) (Phase 2)	846	2010	In progress	The final report will be uploaded onto the website of the CIIF for public information.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For the projects that are expected to be completed in 2011-12, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy study on community care services for the elderly	978	2010	In progress	The study findings will be presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services. The study report will be uploaded onto the website of the Elderly Commission for public information.
Not yet commissioned	To be confirmed	Evaluative study of the Pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Projects to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the pilot projects and recommend the way forward.	To be confirmed	2011-12	Under planning	Not applicable.

- (c) The criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects include technical assessment of the proposals (such as the knowledge and experience of the research institutions in the subject area, the proposed approach, methodology and work programme in conducting the studies and the past performance of the institutions) and the fee proposal.

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21.3.2011

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)048

Question Serial No.

2754

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
 Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In regard to the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) and growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which the Labour and Welfare Bureau and departments under its purview are or have been involved.

(a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes from 2008-09 to 2010-11, please provide information in the following format:

Project/ programme title	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipate completion date)	Have the details, objective, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

(b) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in 2011-12, please provide information in the following format:

Project/ programme title	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipate completion date)	Will the details, objective, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

- (c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of cross-boundary co-operation? If yes, what are they? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past 3 years, and how much financial and manpower resources are earmarked in the 2011-12 estimate?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau and departments under its purview do not have any Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in the financial years in question.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)049

Question Serial No.

2799

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

At present, what is the total number of persons with Down's syndrome in Hong Kong? Please provide information on their distribution by district and age; their waitlisting situation for various services (e.g. community support services; open employment services; and services provided by day activity centres, workshops and residential care homes, etc.). If detailed statistics are not available, does the Administration plan to compile such statistics in the coming population census?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Statistics on persons with disabilities

To facilitate formulation of policies and planning for services for persons with disabilities by the respective Government bureaux and departments and servicing agencies, the Census and Statistics Department conducts a territory-wide "Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases" (the Survey) periodically. The latest round of Survey was conducted in 2006-07.

The Survey covered persons with intellectual disabilities (including Down's syndrome) residing in institutions and in households, but admittedly there was under-reporting in respect of the number of persons with intellectual disabilities in households as derived from the survey findings. Intellectual disability is a sensitive issue to some respondents and the information collected from these respondents may be subject to a larger margin of error. Hence, the survey may have underestimated the number of persons with intellectual disabilities. In view of such practical constraint, the Survey could only provide a crude statistical assessment on the number of persons with intellectual disabilities. The statistical assessment indicated that the total number of persons with intellectual disabilities in Hong Kong was likely to be in the region of 67 000 – 87 000. Breakdown by district, age and causes of intellectual disabilities (such as Down's syndrome) is not available.

The next Survey is tentatively scheduled for around 2013. Data on persons with intellectual disabilities will be collected having regard to the latest international development in the definition of disability and relevant experience of other countries.

Waitlisting situation for various services

The waiting lists for places in various types of rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at the end of December 2010 were as follows -

Type of rehabilitation services	Day Activity Centre	Sheltered Workshop	Residential care services
Number of persons with disabilities (including persons with Down's syndrome) ^{Note} on the waiting list	1 094	2 603	7 354

Note: As service users may have more than one type of disabilities, SWD does not have the exhaustive categorisation by their disabilities.

Persons with disabilities in need may apply to the operating units directly or through referral for community support services. Hence, there is no central waiting list for these services.

The Selective Placement Division (SPD) of the Labour Department provides personalised employment service to persons with disabilities, including those with Down's syndrome, to seek employment in the open labour market. Persons with disabilities who are fit for open employment may contact the branch offices of SPD. Registration for employment services can be made instantly.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)050

Question Serial No.

2800

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)051

Question Serial No.

2801

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

At present, what is the total number of persons with Autism in Hong Kong? Please provide information on their distribution by district and age; their waitlisting situation for various services (e.g. community support services; open employment services; and services provided by day activity centres, workshops and residential care homes, etc.). If detailed statistics are not available, does the Administration plan to compile such statistics in the coming population census?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Statistics on persons with disabilities

To facilitate formulation of policies and planning for services for persons with disabilities by the respective Government bureaux and departments and servicing agencies, the Census and Statistics Department conducts a territory-wide “Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases” (the Survey) periodically. The latest round of Survey was conducted in 2006-07.

According to the Survey, there were 3 800 persons with Autism, constituting about 0.1% of the total population. A breakdown by area of residence and age group is as follows -

Table 1 Persons with Autism by area of residence

Area of residence	No. of persons with Autism ('000)
Hong Kong Island	1.0
Kowloon East	0.9
Kowloon West	0.3
New Territories East	0.6
New Territories West	0.9

Total	3.8
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Table 2 Persons with Autism by age group

Age group	No. of persons with Autism ('000)
< 15	2.5
15 – 29	0.9
≥ 30	0.3
Total	3.8

Waitlisting situation for various services

The waiting lists for places in various types of rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at the end of December 2010 were as follows -

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

At present, what is the total number of persons with visual impairment in Hong Kong? Please provide information on their distribution by district and age; their waitlisting situation for various services (e.g. community support services; open employment services; and services provided by day activity centres, workshops and residential care homes, etc.). If detailed statistics are not available, does the Administration plan to compile such statistics in the coming population census?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Statistics on persons with disabilities

To facilitate formulation of policies and planning for services for persons with disabilities by the respective Government bureaux and departments and servicing agencies, the Census and Statistics Department conducts a territory-wide “Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases” (the Survey) periodically. The latest round of Survey was conducted in 2006-07.

According to the Survey, there were 122 600 persons with seeing difficulty (including those perceived themselves as having long-term difficulty in seeing but without diagnosed by qualified health personnel), constituting about 1.8% of the total population. The breakdown by area of residence and age group are as follows -

Table 1 Persons with seeing difficulty by area of residence

Area of residence	No. of persons with seeing difficulty ('000)
Hong Kong Island	27.7
Kowloon East	34.3
Kowloon West	10.6
New Territories East	19.0
New Territories West	31.0
Total	122.6

Table 2 Persons with seeing difficulty by age group

Age group	No. of persons with seeing difficulty ('000)
< 15	1.5
15 – 29	1.5
30 – 39	1.7
40 – 49	4.1
50 – 59	7.7
≥ 60	106.0
Total	122.6

Waitlisting situation for various services

The waiting lists for places in various types of rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at the end of December 2010 were as follows -

Type of rehabilitation services	Day Activity Centre	Sheltered Workshop	Residential care services
Number of persons with disabilities (including persons with visual impairment) ^{Note} on the waiting list	1 094	2 603	7 354

Note : As service users may have more than one type of disabilities, SWD does not have the exhaustive categorisation by their disabilities.

Persons with disabilities in need may apply to the operating units directly or through referral for community support services. Hence, there is no central waiting list for these services.

The Selective Placement Division (SPD) of the Labour Department provides personalised employment service to persons with disabilities, including those with visual impairment, to seek employment in the open labour market. Persons with disabilities who are fit for open employment can contact the branch offices of SPD. Registration for employment services can be made instantly.

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

At present, what is the total number of persons with hearing impairment in Hong Kong? Please provide information on their distribution by district and age; their waitlisting situation for various services (e.g. community support services; open employment services; and services provided by day activity centres, workshops and residential care homes, etc.). If detailed statistics are not available, does the Administration plan to compile such statistics in the coming population census?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Statistics on persons with disabilities

To facilitate formulation of policies and planning for services for persons with disabilities by the respective Government bureaux and departments and servicing agencies, the Census and Statistics Department conducts a territory-wide “Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases” (the Survey) periodically. The latest round of Survey was conducted in 2006-07.

According to the Survey, there were 92 200 persons with hearing difficulty (including those perceived themselves as having long-term difficulty in hearing but without diagnosed by qualified health personnel), constituting about 1.3% of the total population. The breakdown by area of residence and age group is as follows -

Table 1 Persons with hearing difficulty by area of residence

Area of residence	No. of persons with hearing difficulty ('000)
Hong Kong Island	20.6
Kowloon East	26.1
Kowloon West	8.7
New Territories East	15.8
New Territories West	21.0
Total	92.2

Table 2 Persons with hearing difficulty by age group

Age group	No. of persons with hearing difficulty('000)
< 15	1.5
15 – 29	2.1
30 – 39	3.1
40 – 49	5.9
50 – 59	9.3
≥ 60	70.2
Total	92.2

Waitlisting situation for various services

The waiting lists for places in various types of rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) at the end of December 2010 were as follows -

Type of rehabilitation services	Day Activity Centre	Sheltered Workshop	Residential care services
Number of persons with disabilities (including persons with hearing impairment) ^{Note} on the waiting list	1 094	2 603	7 354

Note : As service users may have more than one type of disabilities, SWD does not have the exhaustive categorisation by their disabilities.

Persons with disabilities in need may apply to the operating units directly or through referral for community support services. Hence, there is no central waiting list for these services.

The Selective Placement Division (SPD) of the Labour Department provides personalised employment service to persons with disabilities, including those with hearing impairment, to seek employment in the open labour market. Persons with disabilities who are fit for open employment can contact the branch offices of SPD. Registration for employment services can be made instantly.

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

At present, what is the total number of persons with physical disabilities in Hong Kong? Please provide information on their distribution by district and age; their waitlisting situation for various services (e.g. community support services; open employment services; and services provided by day activity centres, workshops and residential care homes, etc.). If detailed statistics are not available, does the Administration plan to compile such statistics in the coming population census?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Statistics on persons with disabilities

To facilitate formulation of policies and planning for services for persons with disabilities by the respective Government bureaux and departments and servicing agencies, the Census and Statistics Department conducts a territory-wide “Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases” (the Survey) periodically. The latest round of Survey was conducted in 2006-07.

According to the Survey, there were 187 800 persons with restriction in body movement (including those perceived themselves as having long-term difficulty in movement of upper/lower limb or other parts of the body but without diagnosed by qualified health personnel), constituting about 2.7% of the total population. A breakdown by area of residence and age group is as follows -

Table 1 Persons with restriction in body movement by area of residence

Area of residence	No. of persons with restriction in body movement ('000)
Hong Kong Island	37.6
Kowloon East	51.3
Kowloon West	19.7
New Territories East	31.2
New Territories West	48.0
Total	187.8

Table 2 Persons with restriction in body movement by age group

Age group	No. of persons with restriction in body movement ('000)
< 15	1.5
15 – 29	2.7
30 – 39	2.2
40 – 49	7.8
50 – 59	13.0
≥ 60	160.4
Total	187.8

Waitlisting situation for various services

The waiting lists for places in various types of rehabilitation services provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as at the end of December 2010 were as follows -

Type of rehabilitation services	Day Activity Centre	Sheltered Workshop	Residential care services
Number of persons with disabilities (including persons with physical disabilities) ^{Note} on the waiting list	1 094	2 603	7 354

Note : As service users may have more than one type of disabilities, SWD does not have the exhaustive categorisation by their disabilities.

Persons with disabilities in need may apply to the operating units directly or through referral for community support services. Hence, there is no central waiting list for these services.

The Selective Placement Division (SPD) of the Labour Department provides personalised employment service to persons with disabilities, including those with physical disabilities, to seek employment in the open labour market. Persons with disabilities who are fit for open employment can contact the branch offices of SPD. Registration for employment services can be made instantly.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)055

Question Serial No.

2697

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the details and estimated expenditures of the following work as mentioned in paragraph 7 of the Brief Description of the Programme:

- (a) the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients;
- (b) the provision of additional subsidised residential and community care places; and
- (c) the examination of the feasibility of providing maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

- (a) The Government, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA), launched the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) on a trial basis in 2008 to provide “one-stop” support services for elderly patients discharged from hospitals and also for their carers (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support services and carer training), with a view to reducing the chance of unplanned hospital re-admission, enabling the elders to continue to age in the community and providing further support to their carers. As the response to the Programme has been positive, the Government will make it a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts within 2011-12. The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation covering all districts is about \$148 million.

- (b) In response to the trend of an ageing population, the Government has been allocating additional resources to increase the provision of subsidised residential care and community care places in recent years. In 2011-12, the Government will increase recurrent funding by \$131 million (full year) to provide 1 270 additional subsidised residential care places, including 234 subsidised nursing home places, 243 long-term care places offering a continuum of care, and 793 higher-quality care-and-attention (i.e. EA1) places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. The Government will also increase recurrent funding by \$76 million in 2011-12 to provide 1 500 additional Enhanced Home and Community Care Services places and 185 day care service places for the elderly. The above expenditures are reflected in the Controlling Officer's Report of the Social Welfare Department (Head 170).
- (c) We are examining the feasibility of introducing a maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. The legal, financial and technical implications of the proposal will need to be carefully considered. The above study is being conducted internally within the Administration, no additional manpower requirement or other expenditure is involved.

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Question Serial No.

2698

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Please inform this Committee of the details and expected expenditures of the following initiatives mentioned in paragraph 7 of the programme outline:

- (a) The regularisation of the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and its extension to all 18 districts.
- (b) The extension of the Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) to all 18 districts.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

- (a) At present, there are a total of 11 projects under NSCCP, one in each of the 11 administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). SWD will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011, thereby extending the coverage of NSCCP to all 18 districts. The total provision for the 18 NSCCPs will be \$33 million in 2011-12. The 18 NSCCPs which are expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011 will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.
- (b) CCDS is a joint initiative of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, Education Bureau, Department of Health (DH), Hospital Authority (HA) and SWD launched in 2005. The service makes use of Maternal and Child Health Centres and other service units (e.g. specialist services operated by HA, integrated family service centres operated/subvented by SWD and pre-primary institutions) as platforms for early identification of at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychological needs and pre-primary children with health, developmental or behavioural problems, etc.. Children and families so identified are referred to the appropriate health and welfare service units for early intervention.

CCDS currently covers about half of the target population in Hong Kong. To enhance the support for needy children and their families, the Administration will extend CCDS to all 18 districts by phase from mid-2011. Additional recurrent resources of more than \$48 million per annum in total will be provided to DH, SWD and HA to strengthen their medical, nursing, paramedical, research and administrative manpower for the extension of CCDS. The total annual provision for CCDS will amount to around \$91 million after the extension to all 18 districts.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)057

Question Serial No.

0139

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration states that it will “continue to review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices” in 2011-12. Please provide the following information:

- (a) the policies and services covered by the review in 2010-11, the departments and expenditure involved and the results, the expenditure of existing services;
- (b) the policies and services to be reviewed in 2011-12, the departments and estimated expenditure involved and the expected results;
- (c) the details of new services plan, estimated expenditure and staffing establishment in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2010-11, key policies and programmes reviewed by WoC included the third report of Hong Kong on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the development of mediation in Hong Kong, minimum wage legislation, the second stage of healthcare reform, promotion of breast awareness and healthcare services for women, services provided by the Integrated Family Service Centres and its latest development, and the Victim Support Programmes for Victims of Family Violence. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments such as Food and Health Bureau, Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, Department of Justice and Department of Health were invited to brief WoC on their policies and programmes, and members provided advice and recommendations to them from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and

updated WoC on progress from time to time. If necessary, WoC would invite the relevant bureaux and departments for further discussion.

In 2011-12, we will keep up our efforts and work with WoC on policies/programmes to be covered in the review, including support services for new arrival women, protection and assistance for victims of domestic/sexual violence, and gender education, etc.. The resources required for carrying out the above measures will be absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)058

Question Serial No.

0141

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration states that it will continue to support the Women's Commission in promoting the well-being and interests of women through its three-pronged strategy. Please advise on:

- (a) the details, the effectiveness and the expenditure of the support provided for the Women's Commission in 2010-11;
- (b) the details, anticipated effect and the estimated expenditure of the planned programmes for 2011-12 in support of the Women's Commission; and
- (c) whether an assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the programmes organised by the Women's Commission in 2010-11 in promoting the interests of women. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) provides assistance to the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. A team of officers in LWB is responsible for, inter alia, providing secretariat support for WoC and help implement programmes initiated by the Commission.

To provide an enabling environment for women, the Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming in various policy and programme areas since 2002. In this respect, WoC developed a Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in 2002 and revised it in late 2009 to enable Government officers to apply gender mainstreaming in a systematic manner. Furthermore, to promote gender mainstreaming in community,

we assisted WoC in establishing a gender focal point (GFP) network in District Councils (DCs) in late 2008. Each of the 18 DCs has now designated a Member as GFP to facilitate communication and collaboration between DCs and WoC. In 2010-11, we assisted WoC in visiting the Kwai Tsing, Sai Kung, Shatin, North, and Yuen Long DCs. Feedbacks from the relevant DCs were positive and they undertook to support worthy projects conducive to women's development and well-being in their respective districts where appropriate. With the assistance of GFPs, Yau Tsim Mong, Yuen Long and Shatin DCs have already set up dedicated working groups on women affairs to organise gender-related activities in their districts. In 2010-11, Tsuen Wan, Sai Kung, Shatin, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong and Southern DCs also allocated resources to organise gender-related activities, such as seminars on gender mainstreaming and programmes on women leadership training. Such collaborative efforts with DCs will continue in 2011-12.

In addition, we also assisted WoC in conducting a large-scale survey on the community's perception towards women's status in respect of family contribution, economic participation and community engagement in Hong Kong. The findings of the survey enabled the community to have a better understanding of the different perception between women and men, and enhanced their awareness on gender-related issues. The survey results were announced by WoC by phases in November 2010, and January and February 2011 respectively. In 2011-12, we will continue to support WoC in carrying out survey or study to promote gender awareness and the interests of women.

To empower women and to enable them to pursue life-long learning and self-development, we have continued with our on-going efforts to support WoC in implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP). Up to November 2010, the cumulative number of enrolment exceeded 44 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. Feedback from participants was that they benefited from CBMP in terms of increased interest in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which helped improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. In March 2010, e-learning courses were launched to provide more flexible learning opportunities for participants. In 2011-12, we will continue to work with WoC in implementing CBMP in order to encourage more women to pursue continuous learning and self-development.

The Administration has been working closely with WoC in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). On the advice of WoC, the Administration increased the gender benchmark target for participation in ASBs from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. In July 2010, WoC wrote to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. In 2011-12, the Administration will continue to work with WoC in this regard.

Over the years, the Administration has worked closely with WoC to organise various publicity and public education programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These

included open forums and seminars, producing announcements of public interest on television, radio and posters, as well as organising various types of competitions and celebration events for the International Women’s Day (IWD) on 8 March every year. In 2010-11, we assisted WoC in organising a short video filming competition for promoting gender awareness among students, revamping WoC’s website, producing a corporate video of WoC, organising the premiere of WoC television series to celebrate IWD and 10th anniversary of WoC on 8 March 2011, and preparing for the production of TV series to be broadcast in 2011-12. We will continue with our on-going efforts in organising these publicity programmes for WoC.

Apart from the above, LWB also collaborated with WoC in enhancing public understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). District-based public education campaigns were also organised in collaboration with women’s groups in 2010-11. Moreover, we collaborated with WoC in preparing the third report on the implementation of CEDAW in Hong Kong for submission to the United Nations CEDAW Committee as part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People’s Republic of China under the Convention.

On collaboration with local and international organisations, we collaborated with WoC in participating in the International Forum on Women and Urban Development cum the 15th Anniversary Commemoration of the Fourth World Conference on Women in September 2010. In the same month, we also assisted WoC in organising the “Beijing+15 Forum: Progress and Prospects of Women’s Development – the International and Hong Kong Experience”, which attracted over 150 GFPs, representatives from women’s groups and non-governmental organisations to attend. The forum provided a platform for participants to review Hong Kong’s progress in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action as well as international experience on this front.

With the joint efforts of WoC, women’s groups and different sectors of the community, we believe that continuous advancement of women’s status and enhancement of public awareness of gender-related issues can be achieved. The expenditure in this programme area in 2010-11 was \$20.7 million while the expenditure in 2011-12 is estimated to be \$26.7 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)059

Question Serial No.

0667

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration indicates that it will work with relevant parties to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies. Please advise on the actions to be taken and the estimated expenditure and staff establishment involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau for ASBs matters, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

These measures will continue in 2011-12. The Administration will also keep monitoring the situation and reminding bureaux and departments of the importance of further enhancing women's participation in ASBs under their respective purview.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB set a gender benchmark of 25% in 2004 as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised

from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. In July 2010, WoC issued a letter to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. In the coming year, we will continue to work with WoC to keep track of the progress in promoting women's participation in ASBs, expand the pool of women leaders available for appointments through initiatives to empower women, and encourage more women from professional bodies, women's groups, non-governmental organisations, etc. to participate in ASBs.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

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Question Serial No.

0668

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In respect of the provision of gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation, please advise on the training content and duration, the type of staff to receive the training and the resources involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and gender mainstreaming. Nearly 5 000 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended half-day or full-day classroom gender-related training. Besides seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks. We also collaborated with various bureaux and departments including the Buildings Department, Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Civil Serve Bureau and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. Regular gender-related training have also been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010. Moreover, the Customs and Excise Department and Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes.

LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its

application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out around 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. To further enhance the awareness of civil servants on gender-related issues, we launched an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and other gender-related matters in March 2010. An article on gender mainstreaming was included in the Civil Service Newsletter in early 2011 for reference by all civil servants.

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

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LWB(WW)061

Question Serial No.

2593

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

With regard to the support provided for the Women's Commission in promoting the well-being and interests of women through its three-pronged strategy, please provide details of the support programmes, the expenditure and staff establishment involved. Has the Administration revised the programmes in light of the effectiveness of the programmes in the past year? If yes, what are the details and additional costs? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)062

Question Serial No.

2594

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration has indicated that it will continue to promote the implementation of the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" and gender mainstreaming concept to more policy areas. Please inform this Committee of the details of the relevant plan, the manpower arrangements, the estimated expenditure involved and the expected outcome. Has the Administration made any enhancement to the plan having regard to the outcome of last year? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. The Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine

policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. Examples include the provision of leisure and cultural services and the Tamar Development Project.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

To facilitate the implementation of gender mainstreaming, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues in the civil service. To this end, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and gender mainstreaming. Nearly 5 000 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended various classroom gender-related training. In particular, 11 seminars were organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute and were attended by 796 civil servants of all grades and ranks. We also collaborated with various bureaux and departments including the Buildings Department, Architectural Services Department, Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Civil Service Bureau and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for 274 staff over the past three years. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers and Executive Officers since 2001 and 2010 respectively. Regular gender-related training has also been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010.

Following the advice of GFPs, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming amongst civil servants. It contains information about gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. To further enhance gender awareness of civil servants in a more flexible manner, we launched an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues in March 2010. An article on gender mainstreaming was published in the Civil Service Newsletter in early 2011 for reference by all civil servants.

In 2011-12, LWB will continue to promote the Checklist and concept of gender mainstreaming to all bureaux and departments. To facilitate the application of gender

mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook for reference by all bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration states that it will continue to conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies and participate in key international fora. Please advise on the meetings and exchanges in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) and the expenditure involved. Has the Administration improved the programmes in light of the effectiveness of those conducted last year. If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meets with these organisations to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In the past three years, we supported WoC in arranging 11 exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives from many local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and issues discussed included women's safety, women's health, gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, economic development, education for women, employment of low-skilled women and the work of WoC, etc.. We also supported WoC in arranging meetings and discussion sessions with individual women's groups and related organisations.

Moreover, LWB assisted WoC to organise large-scale conferences from time to time to enable stakeholders to share and exchange views on issues related to the advancement of women's interests and well-being. In March 2009, about 250 participants attended a luncheon talk on "Women and Men: An Equal Partnership?" organised by WoC to celebrate the International Women's Day (IWD). In August 2009, WoC organised its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the

Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and provided a platform for representatives of women’s groups, relevant NGOs, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

In March 2010, WoC organised a luncheon talk entitled "Women's Participation – An Economic Development Imperative" to celebrate IWD. Over 300 participants attended the talk and guests from the political and business sectors were invited to speak on women’s role in economic development. In September 2010, WoC organised the "Beijing+15 Forum: Progress and Prospects of Women's Development - the International and Hong Kong Experience". The Forum provided a platform for participants to review Hong Kong’s progress in implementing the "Beijing Platform for Action" as well as the international experience on this front. The Forum was attended by more than 150 Gender Focal Points and representatives from women’s groups and relevant NGOs.

In organising the above programmes, we have made reference to similar events held in the past such that the topics and format of each exchange could be suitably adjusted to meet the needs and concerns of different women’s groups and NGOs.

Over the past three years, WoC continued to field representatives to participate in key international fora, including the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders Network meeting. In September 2010, a 25-strong delegation comprising officers from LWB, representatives from WoC, the Equal Opportunities Commission and local women’s groups participated in the “International Forum on Women and Urban Development cum the Fifteenth Anniversary Commemoration of the Fourth World Conference on Women” organised by the All-China Women’s Federation in Shanghai.

In addition to participation in international fora, visits to and meetings with women’s organisations from overseas and the Mainland of China are organised from time to time to foster better understanding of the work involved in promoting women’s interests and well-being in different places. In the past three years, around 15 meetings and exchange sessions were held among LWB, WoC and representatives of women’s organisations from overseas and the Mainland.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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LWB(WW)064

Question Serial No.

2596

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration states that it will continue to conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues. Please advise on the public education and publicity programmes held in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11) and the expenditure involved. Has the Administration improved the programmes in the light of the effectiveness of those conducted in the past year? If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Over the years, the Administration has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) to organise various publicity and public education programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These included organising open forums and seminars, producing Announcements of Public Interest on television, radio and posters, as well as organising various types of competitions and celebration events for the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March every year.

In the past three years, Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) assisted WoC in organising various events aimed at enhancing public awareness of gender-related issues. These included two luncheon seminars entitled "Women and Men: An Equal Partnership" and "Women's Participation – An Economic Development Imperative" to celebrate IWD on 8 March 2009 and 2010 respectively, a premiere of WoC television series to celebrate IWD and the 10th anniversary of WoC on 8 March 2011, a large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" held in August 2009 which provided a forum for over 500 participants to exchange views on the development of women, as well as a debate competition and a short video filming competition which were specifically designed to promote gender awareness and reduce gender stereotype among secondary and tertiary students.

Moreover, LWB also organised, in collaboration with WoC, publicity and public education programmes to enhance public understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). These initiatives included organising conferences, roving exhibition in public libraries, district community centres and government buildings, as well as interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. District-based public education campaigns on CEDAW were also organised in collaboration with women’s groups.

In addition, we also assisted WoC in enhancing gender awareness by revamping the WoC’s website, producing a corporate video of WoC, and promoting the findings of a large-scale survey initiated by WoC through a series of radio programmes, to impress upon the general public various gender-related issues. In carrying out these public education and publicity programmes, WoC has taken into account past experience and explored new ways to reach out to community.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In his Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary mentioned the objective of providing the disabled with a barrier-free environment. In 2011-12, relevant government departments will allocate \$120 million to upgrade the existing barrier-free access facilities in government premises, with the aim of completing 3 300 improvement works projects within the current term of the Government. Please set out the following information broken down by government department:

- (a) the barrier-free access facilities in government premises that will be upgraded and their expected dates of completion;
- (b) the departments responsible for the management of and the works projects for these facilities; and
- (c) the amounts allocated to upgrade the barrier-free access facilities by the government departments

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

It is the Government's established policy objective to provide a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities with a view to enabling them to access to premises and make use of the facilities on an equal basis with others, thereby facilitating them to live independently and fully integrate into the community. To speed up the progress for upgrading the barrier-free facilities in existing Government premises and facilities which have a frequent public interface to the latest design standards, the Government will implement a major retrofitting programme covering about 3 700 Government premises and facilities and targeting to complete works in 85% of these premises and facilities by June 2012 and the remainder by June 2014.

The retrofitting works will be carried out by the works departments including the Architectural Services Department, the Highways Department and the Civil

Engineering and Development Department in collaboration with the managing departments of these premises and facilities. A breakdown of premises and facilities by type and their managing departments is at Annex. Further details of these premises and facilities will be included in a quarterly progress report to be submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services in April 2011.

In tandem, the Housing Department (HD) has also devised a retrofitting programme to improve the accessibility of the properties under its management. Most of the improvement works at 155 public rental housing estates (including 43 public transport interchanges managed by HD), 23 commercial centres and 119 carparks will be implemented by 30 June 2012. To strike a balance between the progress of improvement works and service interruption and nuisances to tenants, HD will schedule some of the improvement works for completion by 30 June 2014. To tie in with HD's lift modernisation programme, a small proportion of improvement works will be completed by 2016.

The estimated total expenditure for the retrofitting programmes for the Government and Housing Authority venues is around \$1.3 billion. The estimated expenditure for the retrofitting works of the Government premises and facilities in 2011-12 is \$120 million.

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**Breakdown of Government premises and facilities to be retrofitted
by type and managing departments**

Managing Department	Types of Facilities	To be completed by June 2012	To be completed by June 2014
Civil Engineering and Development Department	Office Building	1	0
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Hawker Bazaar	5	0
	Municipal Services Building	11	5
	Public Toilet	6	0
	Public Bathhouse	504	0
	Public Toilet and Bathhouse	12	0
	Crematorium	4	0
	Aqua Privy	4	25
	Market	27	11
	Market and Cooked Food Centre	26	10
	Cemetery	5	2
	Columbarium	6	3
	Office	20	3
	Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar	21	9
Exhibition Centre	1	0	
Hongkong Post	Post Office	79	46
Home Affairs Department	Community Hall/Centre	93	1
Department of Health	Clinic	39	56
	Mortuary	3	0
	Office	7	2
Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Cultural Venues	Library	62	1
	Performing Arts Venue	15	0
	Museum	17	0
	Historic Building	3	0
	Music Centre	5	0
Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Leisure Venues	Garden, Recreation Ground and Park	849	12
	Sports Ground, Sports Centre and Indoor Sports Facilities	153	0
	Beach and Swimming Pool	64	2
	District Leisure Services Office	10	0
	Holiday Camp and Recreation Centre	3	0
	Water Sports Centre	4	0
Government	Joint-users Building	48	0

Managing Department	Types of Facilities	To be completed by June 2012	To be completed by June 2014
Property Agency	Government Quarters	58	0
Transport Department	Office	6	15
	Ferry Pier and Landing Steps	209	0
	Public Transport Exchange and Public Light Bus Stop	120	38
	Footbridge and Subway*	471	140
Labour Department	Occupational Health Clinic	1	0
	Job Centre	14	0
	Training Centre	1	0
	Office with Counter Services	22	0
	Office	38	0
	Adjudication Board	1	0
Social Welfare Department	Workshop and Hostel	2	0
	Integrated Family Service Centre, Social Security Field Unit and Community Support Service Centre	135	0
	Office	28	0
Judiciary	Court and Tribunal	4	5
Immigration Department	Control Point	10	0
	Births/Deaths/Marriage/Registration of Persons/Documents Office	14	0
	Office	1	0
Hong Kong Police Force	Reporting Centre	14	0
	Station/Post	44	0
	Office	5	0
	Museum	1	0
Subtotal		3306	386
Total		3692	

* The retrofitting works cover the installation of tactile guide paths, dropped kerbs and tactile warning strips. The provision of lifts and ramps for footbridges and subways will be handled in a separate programme implemented by the Highways Department.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)066

Question Serial No.

2841

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Please provide details of expenditure, projects and results of the promotion work relating to the “Gender Mainstreaming Checklist”, gender mainstreaming concept, as well as establishment of the “Gender Focal Points Network” within the Government in the past three financial years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11), and provide detailed estimates for the relevant work in the coming year.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. The Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account the comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant

guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. Examples include the provision of leisure and cultural services and the Tamar Development Project.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

To facilitate the implementation of gender mainstreaming, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and gender mainstreaming. Altogether 398, 272 and 686 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended various classroom gender-related training in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. In particular, 11 seminars were organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute and were attended by 796 civil servants of all grades and ranks. We also collaborated with various bureaux and departments including the Buildings Department, Architectural Services Department, Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Civil Service Bureau and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for 274 staff over the past three years. Following the arrangements for Administrative Officers, gender-related training has also been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Executive Officers since 2010. Regular gender-related training has also been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010.

Following the advice of GFPs, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming amongst civil servants. It contains information about gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. To further enhance gender awareness of civil servants in a more flexible manner, we launched an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues in March 2010. An article on gender mainstreaming was published in the Civil Service Newsletter in early 2011 for reference by all civil servants.

In 2011-12, LWB will continue to promote the Checklist and concept of gender mainstreaming to all bureaux and departments. To facilitate the application of gender mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook for reference by all bureaux and departments. The resources required for carrying out the above measures were/will be absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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LWB(WW)067

Question Serial No.

2842

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Please advise on the expenses, programme outline and number of participants in respect of the gender-related training provided by the Government to civil servants over the past three financial years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11). Please also provide the estimated figures as well as the programme content for the coming year.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

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The resources required for carrying out the above measures were absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)068

Question Serial No.

3040

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in the Budget that the Administration will increase annual recurrent funding by \$148 million to make the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts. Under the Programme, one-stop support services will be provided for elderly people discharged from hospitals to help speed up their recovery. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the programme? What are the resources and manpower required?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

The Government, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA), launched the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) on a trial basis in 2008 to provide “one-stop” support services for elderly patients discharged from hospitals and also for their carers (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support services and carer training), with a view to reducing the chance of unplanned hospital re-admission, enabling the elders to continue to age in the community and providing further support to their carers. As the response to the Programme has been positive, the Government will make it a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts within 2011-12.

Under the Programme, each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team which will collaborate with a Home Support Team to be operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by HA to jointly provide the services. Taking into account the actual circumstances of individual districts, the hospitals and NGOs concerned will recruit staff (including doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers and care workers, etc.) to meet the service needs.

The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is about \$148 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)069

Question Serial No.

0834

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat Subhead (No. &
Labour and Welfare Bureau title) :

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Government states in the Brief Description of Programme (2) that it will enhance tripartite partnership among the business community, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Government. What are the details of work, estimated expenditure and staffing arrangements involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has launched various initiatives to promote tripartite partnership that emphasises the collaboration among the business sector, NGOs and the Government in recent years. These initiatives include –

(a) Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects which create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. By end-February 2011, CIIF had allocated about \$230 million to support over 220 projects. The CIIF Secretariat currently comprises 12 non-civil service contract staff.

(b) Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)

The PFD was set up in 2005 with \$200 million to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support NGOs to run welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2011, more than \$144 million had been approved under PFD for implementing over 350 welfare projects. The PFD Secretariat currently comprises four non-civil service contract staff.

(c) Child Development Fund (CDF)

The \$300 million CDF was established in 2008. It draws on and consolidates resources from the family, the private sector, the community and the Government in support of the longer-term development of children from a disadvantaged background, with a view to reducing intergenerational poverty. Two batches of projects have been launched since December 2008, benefiting a total of 2 270 children. The feedback from both the private sector and NGOs has been positive.

We expect that CDF will eventually benefit about 13 600 children. We plan to roll out the third batch projects in the second half of 2011. The provision for CDF in the 2011-12 estimate is \$20.305 million, covering the cost of training programmes for the participants, administrative cost for the operating NGOs and the consultancy fee for a longitudinal study to evaluate the effectiveness of the first batch pioneer projects. One Executive Officer and four non-civil service contract staff are provided for supporting and monitoring the implementation of CDF projects.

The Administration will continue to promote the development of tripartite partnership through the above initiatives.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)070

Question Serial No.

0836

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the long-term development planning for social welfare, can the Government advise us:

- (a) How did it take forward the said task in the past year? What are the details?
- (b) How does it intend to take forward the said task in 2011-12 and will it set a timetable for the task? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. SWAC issued a consultation paper entitled “Long-term Social Welfare Planning in Hong Kong” in mid-April 2010 and invited views from stakeholders on SWAC’s analysis of the circumstantial factors affecting the provision of welfare services, the mission and values of social welfare, as well as its initial recommendations on the guiding principles and strategic directions for welfare planning. For direct communication with different sectors of the community, SWAC organised six consultation sessions in May and July 2010 for representatives of organisations and interested members of the public to directly exchange views with SWAC members. SWAC also accepted the invitation from individual organisations and agencies and attended meetings with them to exchange views.

SWAC concluded consultation in end-July 2010. Having thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC's report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)071

Question Serial No.

0837

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The estimate for 2011-12 under this Programme is 12.2% higher than the original estimate for 2010-11. How will the Administration use the above resources? What is the work specifically?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The increase in the provision for 2011-12 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for undertaking new or enhanced initiatives by the Women's Commission (WoC) in the year as well as for continuing with some of the initiatives which have been carried forward from 2010-11 to 2011-12. In 2011-12, we will enhance our support to the work of WoC, including providing increased provision for the implementation of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; producing a 10-episode TV drama series and another 10-episode 5-minuter TV series as well as organising publicity programmes to promote gender awareness and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of WoC; assisting WoC in conducting study on women's development and producing various publications, etc..

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)072

Question Serial No.

0838

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Government will “work with relevant parties to enhance women’s participation in advisory and statutory bodies”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of :

- (a) the estimated expenditure of the above task?
- (b) the manpower arrangement as seen on establishment for the above task?
- (c) the specific details of the above task?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has been working closely with the Women’s Commission (WoC) in promoting women’s participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau for ASBs matters, to discuss ways to further promote women’s participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

These measures will continue in 2011-12. The Administration will also keep monitoring the situation and reminding bureaux and departments of the importance of further enhancing women's participation in ASBs under their respective purview.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB set a gender benchmark of 25% in 2004 as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. To further encourage women's participation in ASBs, and also on the advice of WoC, the gender benchmark was raised from 25% to 30% with effect from June 2010. In July 2010, WoC issued a letter to women's associations and professional organisations inviting their female members to provide their curriculum vitae to the Central Personality Index maintained by the Administration with a view to enhancing women's participation in ASBs. In the coming year, we will continue to work with WoC to keep track of the progress in promoting women's participation in ASBs, expand the pool of women leaders available for appointments through initiatives to empower women, and encourage more women from professional bodies, women's groups, non-governmental organisations, etc. to participate in ASBs.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)073

Question Serial No.

0839

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Administration will “ensure adherence to the relevant international conventions and agreements in Hong Kong”. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific details of the above task in the past three years; and
- (b) the plans for the above task in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Administration is committed to the advancement of the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong, and to discharging its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA). The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with relevant bureaux and departments, have put in place various policies and measures to fulfil the objectives under CEDAW and BPfA.

In 2010-11, the Administration commenced preparation for the submission of the third report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under CEDAW. The report provided details on the progress of the HKSAR on the implementation of CEDAW since the last report submitted in 2004. Between June and July 2010, we conducted a public consultation on the subjects and topics to be covered in the report. Views from stakeholders, including the Legislative Council, relevant non-governmental organisations and women's groups, were received. Issues raised by commentators during the consultation exercise have also been incorporated into relevant sections of the report. The report will be submitted to the United Nations as part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People's Republic of China.

Apart from the above, ongoing efforts have been made to enhance public understanding and awareness of CEDAW and BPfA. These include organising conferences, seminars and roving exhibition in public libraries, district community centres and government buildings, etc.. In 2010-11, a large-scale interactive drama school tour with a total of over 150 shows was staged to introduce the principle of CEDAW to secondary and primary school students. The Administration also supported a series of community activities organised by local women’s groups to enhance public understanding of CEDAW.

In 2011-12, the Administration will continue with its efforts to implement its obligations under CEDAW and BPfA. The resources incurred in implementing CEDAW and BPfA are absorbed from within the existing resources of LWB and those of the relevant bureaux and departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)074

Question Serial No.

0840

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Nowadays, full-time housewives often lack livelihood and retirement protection, and become a group overlooked in society. Regarding this, can the Government advise us whether it has conducted a study on the said issue? If yes, what are the results and the solutions? If no, will the Administration deploy resources to embark on the said study in the coming year? What is the working plan if it will and what are the reasons if it won't?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

All along, the Government has been implementing poverty alleviation measures and welfare services to assist the needy as appropriate, having regard to the actual circumstances. Abiding by the principle of gender equality, the Administration will ensure that welfare policies and programmes are not discriminatory against male or female, and that every Hong Kong resident, irrespective of gender, will have equal access to social welfare resources.

Families which cannot support themselves financially may apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance to meet basic living expenses. Other Government assistance to the disadvantaged and poverty alleviation measures, such as the short-term food assistance service, are also provided on a need basis irrespective of gender.

In view of the above, the Government has not conducted, and does not have any plan to conduct, any study specifically on “full-time housewives”.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)075

Question Serial No.

3438

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

There is a substantial increase of 95.7% in the estimate for 2011-12 as compared with the revised estimate for 2010-11. Would the Administration advise the reasons for such an increase? What components have attributed to the increase in the estimate?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The provision for Programme (2) Social Welfare for 2011-12 is \$123.8 million (95.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. It is attributable to –

- (a) additional provision of \$83.1 million for the full implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients in 2011-12.
- (b) additional provision of \$23.6 million for on-going initiatives/expenses, including:
 - financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others;
 - staff cost to cater for salary increment; and
 - departmental expenses.
- (c) increased cash flow requirements of \$17.1 million in 2011-12 for various projects, including:
 - re-organisation of accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre;
 - Child Development Fund; and
 - Community Investment and Inclusion Fund.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)076

Question Serial No.

3441

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Would the Administration please advise on the resources and manpower involved for the extension of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients to the whole territory?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

Under the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme), each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team which will collaborate with a Home Support Team to be operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by the Hospital Authority to jointly provide the services. Taking into account the actual circumstances of individual districts, the hospitals and NGOs concerned will recruit staff (including doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers and care workers, etc.) to meet the service needs.

The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is about \$148 million.

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Question Serial No.

3445

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Bureau would continue to raise general awareness and promote early intervention of mental health problems. Could the Administration advise on the manpower involved and the detailed plans?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Government is committed to promoting mental health, including early intervention of mental health problems, amongst members of the public.

The Social Welfare Department has set up the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) at 24 service points across the territory since October 2010. Operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and provided with professional staff including social workers, occupational therapists and psychiatric nurses, ICCMWs, among other core functions, organise public education programmes to enhance community understanding of mental health.

To enhance early identification and intervention for psychosis, in 2011-12, the Hospital Authority will expand the service target of the Early Assessment and Detection of Young Persons with Psychosis (EASY) Programme to include adults. Around 600 additional patients will benefit in 2011-12. It is estimated that the expansion of the programme will require additional manpower of around 43 nurses and allied health professionals and incur an additional expenditure of about \$30 million in 2011-12.

In tandem, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), in collaboration with more than 20 Government departments, public organisations, NGOs and the media, has been organising annually the “Mental Health Month” since 1995, whereby territory-wide and district-based publicity campaigns, such as television and radio programmes, Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs), newspaper supplements and publicity

programmes targeting residents in the community, are launched to enhance the general awareness of mental health and community support for persons recovering from mental illness. In 2011-12, we would continue to organise the Mental Health Month as an on-going public education initiative.

In addition, LWB will continue to substantially increase the allocation for the relevant public education activities from around \$2 million annually to \$12.5 million in 2011-12 to reinforce efforts in promoting the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Themes of these public education activities include promotion of mental health and full integration of persons recovering from mental illness into the community.

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LWB(WW)078

Question Serial No.

3446

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will continue to take forward the enactment of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill. Has the Administration formulated a timetable for the enactment of the Bill? How will it ensure that the Ordinance be implemented as early as possible?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Government introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill (the Bill) into the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 30 June 2010 to regulate residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the territory through a statutory licensing scheme. The Bill is now being examined by the LegCo Bills Committee. There will be an 18-month grace period after the passage of the Bill to allow time for individual RCHDs to apply for a new licence or a certificate of exemption. Full implementation of the statutory licensing scheme is expected to take place upon expiry of the grace period.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)079

Question Serial No.

2028

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

I discover that for the estimates under this Programme, apart from the estimated provisions and annual growth rates, the substances under other sub-headings are more or less the same, in particular the “Matters Requiring Special Attention”. As its name suggests, this sub-heading should refer to the Bureau's highlights and priorities in the coming year. However, the sub-heading under this Programme has remained the same since 2008-09, except for the preparation of a report to be submitted to the United Nation last year.

One may ask whether no progress whatsoever has been made in promoting women's interests, or the Bureau has turned a blind eye to the undermined women's interests despite the concerns over working poverty (with 70% of such population being women) in the community.

Please advise this Committee:

- (a) Regarding the first two items under “Matters Requiring Special Attention”, what progress has been made since 2008-09 on the implementation of the “Gender Mainstreaming Checklist” (the Checklist) in various bureaux/departments and policy areas? What are the reasons for not implementing the Checklist in some bureaux/departments and policy areas? Given that the implementation is voluntary, is there any yearly target to complete such and then conduct a review?
- (b) Does the Bureau have any annual target to serve as yardsticks so as to measure the progress of the two areas of work mentioned above and for the Bureau, this Committee and the public to hold the relevant departments accountable?
- (c) Does the Bureau intend to change the sub-heading 11 “Matters Requiring Special Attention” to, with reference to prevailing circumstances, set specific targets and expected outcome as yardsticks for the Bureau, this Committee and the public to hold the relevant departments accountable?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. WoC developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officers in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a systematic way, so that women and men can have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. The Administration has applied the Checklist to nearly 40 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as the provision of public toilets, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the former Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, and design of facilities in public buildings, etc..

Taking into account the comments received from stakeholders as well as the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, WoC revised and enhanced the Checklist in late 2009. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to nine policy or programme areas such as the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, the 2011 Village Representative Election, review of the relevant guidelines on project administration, promotion on smoking cessation, the pilot project for a public access defibrillation programme, development of gender-specific risks and needs programme for women offenders, and promotion on intellectual property rights.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. To facilitate the application of gender mainstreaming, we will, in collaboration with WoC, publish a handy guidebook for reference by all bureaux and departments.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

To facilitate the implementation of gender mainstreaming to become an integrated part of the policy formulation and service delivery process, we consider it crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and gender mainstreaming. Altogether 398, 272 and 686 civil servants of different grades and

ranks attended various classroom gender-related training in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. In particular, 11 seminars were organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute and were attended by 796 civil servants of all grades and ranks. We also collaborated with various bureaux and departments including the Buildings Department, Architectural Services Department, Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Civil Service Bureau and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for 274 staff over the past three years. Following the arrangements for Administrative Officers, gender-related training has also been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Executive Officers since 2010. Regular gender-related training has also been arranged for newly promoted Executive Officers I since 2010.

Following the advice of GFPs, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants since 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming amongst civil servants. It contains information about gender mainstreaming and its application, as well as hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out over 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of LWB to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. To further enhance gender awareness of civil servants in a more flexible manner, we launched an online training programme on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues in March 2010. An article on gender mainstreaming was published in the Civil Service Newsletter in early 2011 for reference by all civil servants.

Items included under "Matters Requiring Special Attention" in "Programme (3): Women's Interests" represent the key strategies and sustained efforts of the Administration in promoting the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong. The Administration will continue to work closely with WoC in these important areas of work so as to enable women to fully realise their due status, rights and opportunities in all aspects of life.

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LWB(WW)080

Question Serial No.

0679

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The provision for 2011-12 is \$2.9 million higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. In this connection, please set out by category the amount of provision under this programme.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The provision for Programme (1) under Head 141 covers staff cost for the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)081

Question Serial No.

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

What is the reserved emolument expenditure for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant of the Bureau in 2011-12 respectively?

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

The salary provisions earmarked for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in the estimate for 2011-12 under Head 141 are as follows :

	2011-12 <u>Estimate</u> (\$ million)
Secretary for Labour and Welfare	3.38
Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare	2.54
Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare	1.52

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)082

Question Serial No.

2038

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will continue to assist in promoting the self-reliance and the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. At present, persons who are eligible for applying for the Central Fund for Personal Computer under the Social Welfare Department are restricted to those who have employment. In this connection, please advise if the Administration will consider relaxing the requirement so that persons who have no employment can also apply for the Fund in order to improve their conditions of employment? If yes, what is the timetable for implementation? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

The Government has put in place various services and measures to support persons with disabilities (including those with and without employment) in the use of information and communications technologies (ICT) in their daily lives with a view to enhancing their capacity to lead an independent life, thereby improving their quality of life and facilitating their integration into the community.

Apart from the Central Fund for Personal Computers which provides financial assistance to employees with disabilities and persons with disabilities taking up self-employment in acquiring computers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) also administers the “IT Scheme for People with Visual Impairment” which helps non-governmental organisations (NGOs) acquire high-performance Chinese screen readers and Braille displays at the communal access points of persons with visual impairment. The Scheme also subsidises persons with visual impairment who have genuine financial difficulty and require ICT for the purpose of studies or employment. By December 2010, a total of \$4.03 million has been granted under this Scheme to 124 persons with disabilities and 28 organisational applications.

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) also launched the “District Cyber Centre Scheme” which supports computer centres run by NGOs in different districts with the computer facilities and training so that they can provide Internet accessibility and training to needy groups (including persons with disabilities) in the community. In the past two years, OGCIO allocated a total of \$22 million for the Scheme. The Scheme also raised more than \$26 million of in-kind donations such as software, broadband connections and professional services from the private sector. Of the current 57 district cyber centres under the Scheme, five are providing services to persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, the Government and relevant organisations will continue to provide a wide range of vocational rehabilitation and training services, including ICT training for persons with disabilities so as to equip them with job skills that meet market requirements and assist them in securing suitable employment commensurate with their abilities. These services include the training courses provided by the Skills Centres of the Vocational Training Council, day training and vocational rehabilitation services provided by SWD, retraining courses for persons with disabilities provided by the Employees Retraining Board.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)083

Question Serial No.

2346

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under the Programme that the Administration will facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community and provide a social safety net to the financially vulnerable. In this connection, would the Administration please advise on :

- (a) the specific measures to be implemented to facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community as well as the manpower input and provision for 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

The rehabilitation policy objective of the Government is to promote the development of the capabilities of persons with disabilities and their full integration into the community. To this end, the Government will continue to allocate additional resources to enhance various rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the overall recurrent expenditure for rehabilitation services under the welfare portfolio will be around \$3.694 billion, up 10% over the revised estimates for the current financial year. Specifically, additional allocation is provided for various rehabilitation services, medical social service, rehasub service and public education.

On enhancing rehabilitation and support services for persons with disabilities, the Government will provide an additional full year allocation of \$36.58 million, \$13.6 million and \$17.54 million respectively for additional provision of pre-school services, residential care services and day training and vocational rehabilitation services. Coupled with the allocation for recurrent expenditure already earmarked in 2010-11 and 2011-12, the Government will provide a total of 926 additional places for pre-school services, 1 046 additional places for residential care services and 986 additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services.

To strengthen the rebus service, the Government will provide additional funding of about \$18.89 million to increase the rebus fleet to 123 by acquiring four new buses, replace 17 old ones, and procure a new server system and a new uninterruptible power supply system for its information management system in 2011-12. The Government will also allocate \$40.94 million to subsidise the recurrent expenditure of the rebus service. This allocation represents more than 80% of its operating cost.

To enhance the social rehabilitation services and medical social services for persons with mental health problems, the Government will allocate \$39.37 million to strengthen the manpower of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness to provide comprehensive and accessible services to persons in need, and to dovetail with the Hospital Authority (HA)'s "Case Management Programme" to provide suitable support for patients with severe mental illness living in the community. The Government will also allocate additional full year funding of \$14.6 million to provide 26 psychiatric medical social workers to enhance the psychiatric medical social services to dovetail HA's new initiatives for ex-mentally ill patients. In addition, additional full year funding of \$2.15 million will be allocated to provide five psychiatric medical social workers to enhance the services for autistic children and their families. With the addition of 31 psychiatric medical social workers, the total number of psychiatric medical social workers will be increased to 243 in 2011-12.

To promote the spirit and core values enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Government will continue to substantially increase the allocation for public education activities from around \$2 million annually to \$12.5 million in 2011-12.

It is the Government's firm commitment to provide a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities, thereby facilitating them to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life. The Government will spend a total of \$1.3 billion in the coming few years to upgrade the barrier-free facilities in Government and Housing Authority venues. Most of the retrofitting works will be completed by mid 2012.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)084

Question Serial No.

2347

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat Subhead (No. &
Labour and Welfare Bureau title) :

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Brief Description of the Programme that the Labour and Welfare Bureau formulates and co-ordinates welfare policies and programmes to enhance tripartite partnership among the business community, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Government. In this connection, please advise :

- (a) what specific programmes were in place last year (2010-11) to establish the tripartite partnership; and
- (b) in the light that disabled people are concerned about the difficulties in buying power wheel-chairs, whether the Government will consider working together with R&D institutes and the business sector through subsidising the design and production of wheelchairs at an affordable price to facilitate integration of the disabled into the society?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- (a) The Labour and Welfare Bureau has launched various initiatives to promote tripartite partnership that emphasises the collaboration among the business sector, NGOs and the Government in recent years. The initiatives and their latest progress are as follows –

- (i) Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects which create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. By end-February 2011, CIIF had allocated about \$230 million to support over 220 projects.

- (ii) Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)

The PFD was set up in 2005 with \$200 million to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business community and the Government through the provision of matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support NGOs to run welfare projects for the disadvantaged. In May 2010, \$200 million was injected into PFD to further encourage cross-sectoral collaboration in helping the disadvantaged. By end-February 2011, more than \$144 million had been approved under PFD for implementing over 350 welfare projects.

(iii) Child Development Fund (CDF)

The \$300 million CDF was established in 2008. It draws on and consolidates resources from the family, the private sector, the community and the Government in support of the longer-term development of children from a disadvantaged background, with a view to reducing intergenerational poverty. The first batch of seven pioneer CDF projects, each lasting for three years, was rolled out in April 2009, benefitting 750 children in total. In October 2010, we rolled out the second batch of 15 projects through NGOs across the territory, benefiting a total of 1 520 children. The feedback from both the private sector and NGOs was positive.

- (b) To facilitate persons with disabilities to fully utilise the barrier-free facilities independently and enhance their mobility, the Government and the rehabilitation sector have been working closely in developing assistive technologies and providing persons with disabilities with suitable assistance (including the use of wheelchair).

The Jockey Club Rehabilitation Engineering Centre, which is associated with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, has been conducting researches and development of assistive device and rehabilitation technology and providing user-focused services to make available such technology to the public.

The Government also encourages rehabilitation NGOs and the academia to develop innovative service programme for service users, including programme to develop assistive technology. Apart from Government subvention, NGOs can also apply for financial subsidies to implement their proposed service programmes from other funding sources, for example, the SK Yee Fund for the Disabled, the Community Chest and the Jockey Club Charities Trust, etc..

To facilitate persons with disabilities in acquiring appropriate assistive devices (including wheelchair), the Government provides financial assistance through the following means having regard to the financial needs of individual applicants –

- (i) a non-means tested monthly Disability Allowance is provided to all eligible persons with severe disabilities to meet special needs arising from their disability; and
- (ii) for those under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, subject to medical recommendation, they may seek reimbursement of the costs for acquiring the necessary assistive devices.

Furthermore, a host of charitable funds also provide financial assistance for acquiring assistive devices (e.g. Yan Chai Tetraplegic Fund).

Medical Social Workers of the Social Welfare Department will offer assistance to persons in need in applying for the above financial assistance where required.

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LWB(WW)085

Question Serial No.

3202

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the estimate of expenditure of the information technology management unit of the bureau:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change compared with the actual expenditure for 2010-11? What account for this percentage change in expenditure?
- (b) What specific initiatives are involved in the estimate of expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are ongoing and new initiatives respectively? What are the staff number, cost and implementation timetable of each initiative? Among the staff involved, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced services respectively?
- (c) Whether funds have been reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If yes, what are the specific details, including the titles and particulars of the initiatives, the manpower and cost involved, and the implementation timetable? If not, what are the reasons and will consideration be given to introducing the initiatives in the future?
- (d) What are the permanent establishment and the number of existing staff and vacancies of the information technology unit? Is manpower expected to increase in the coming year? If yes, how many additional posts will be created? What ranks will be involved? Will they be permanent posts? Will they be appointed on civil service terms? If there will be no increase in manpower, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has there been any comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the information and technology unit? If yes, what are the results and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what are the reasons and will a review be conducted in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in 2011-12 is \$3.733 million, which is 6% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. The increase in provision is mainly due to anticipated increase in salary and procurement of additional hardware/software.
- (b) The estimated expenditure and manpower provision for the on-going initiatives for LWB in 2011-12 are listed below-

Initiative	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider	
Support of business applications and operations	0.2	0.1	1.3	1.658
Support of IT infrastructure and facilities	0.5	1.4	0.3	1.559
Support of business strategy and information management	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.516

In addition, new and planned initiatives in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 - Computerisation Subhead A007GX are listed below-

Initiative	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)	Implementation schedule
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider		
Migration and setting up of computer and network facilities for the LWB in the new Tamar Central Government Complex	0.7	0.1	0.6	4.527	Apr 2011 to Jan 2012
Implementation of paper-less meeting solution in LWB	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.870	Nov 2011 to Sep 2012

- (c) Funds have not been specifically reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access for the time being. LWB will consider introducing such initiatives as and when necessary.
- (d) The ITMU of LWB has a permanent establishment of one Systems Manager and one Analyst/Programmer, supported by non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service providers. The manpower required for carrying out the initiatives in 2011-12 will be absorbed within the existing resources.
- (e) The work of ITMU is subject to regular review in order to assure its effectiveness and service quality.

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LWB(WW)086

Question Serial No.

3319

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The provision for 2011-12 has been increased by \$6.0 million over the revised estimate for 2010-11 for providing support. However, the operating expenses stood at \$20 million over the past few years. Please advise for what projects and programmes and by which units will the increased provision be used? What are the specific objectives to be achieved?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

The increase in the provision for 2011-12 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for undertaking new or enhanced initiatives by the Women's Commission (WoC) as well as for continuing with some of the initiatives which have been carried forward from 2010-11 to 2011-12. In 2011-12, we will enhance our support to the work of WoC, including providing increased provision for the implementation of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; producing a 10-episode TV drama series and another 10-episode 5-minuter TV series as well as organising publicity programmes to promote gender awareness and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of WoC; assisting WoC in conducting study on women's development and producing various publications, etc.. The initiatives aim to arouse public awareness on gender-related issues and promote the interests and well-being of women in Hong Kong.

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Question Serial No.

3321

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Skills Centres will continue to develop new courses and modify existing ones to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. What are the details of the new courses?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

The Skills Centres regularly review their programmes to ensure relevance of their curricula so that the training provided meets the needs of the trainees and market demands. The Skills Centres have planned a number of initiatives in 2011-12 which include -

- (a) streamlining the current course structure into three main sectors; namely, Business, Information Technology, and Services sectors with core and elective modules to provide trainees with more flexibility to suit their diverse abilities and enhance their employability;
- (b) developing courses for new trade areas including personal care, beauty care, retail, hotel housekeeping services; and
- (c) developing new skills upgrading courses, such as advanced courses on massage services.

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Question Serial No.

3322

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

What is the employment rate of the trainees who have completed training and left Skills Centres in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

As the 2010-11 academic year will end on 31 August 2011, the placement statistics of the trainees for the year are not yet available. In the past three years, the placement rates of the economically active graduates ranged from 83% to 87%.

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Question Serial No.

3323

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Do the Skills Centres provide job-matching programmes for school leavers? If yes, how many successful cases are there? If no, how would the centres design their training courses to help school leavers find employment more readily?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

The Skills Centres provide trainees with placement services which include sourcing career opportunities for them and providing follow-up career support services to help graduates better settle in their workplace and continuous employment. Social enterprises are also being developed to provide trainees with real life workplace practical training to enhance their employability. The placement rates of the economically active graduates ranged from 83% to 87% in the past three years.

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Question Serial No.

3324

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational
Labour and Welfare Bureau Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding staff-related expenditure, please explain why

- (a) the contribution to Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) has decreased from \$222,000 in 2010-11 to \$75,000 in 2011-12; and
- (b) the contribution to Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) has increased from \$406,000 in 2010-11 to \$957,000 in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

The contributions to the MPF and CSPF are estimated on the basis of the number of staff who will be covered by the MPF Scheme and CSPF Scheme respectively and the amount of contributions to be made for each staff in the year. It is anticipated that a number of probationers and agreement terms officers, who are currently covered by the MPF legislation, will be offered permanent terms upon completion of probation and/or agreement in 2011-12. This will lead to a reduction in the number of MPF membership and a corresponding increase in CSPF membership. We have adjusted provisions for CSPF contribution and MPF contribution accordingly in the estimate for 2011-12.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)091

Question Serial No.

2511

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :
000 – Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide information in the following format:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Particulars of NCSC staff posts	()	()	()	()
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff in years				
• 5 years or above	()	()	()	()
• 3 – 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 – 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the full-time NCSC staff (Note 1) employed in the Labour and Welfare Bureau between 2008-09 and 2010-11 is appended below. Information on 2011-12 is not available as the number of NCSC staff may vary in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	-	26 (+8%)	24 (+4%)	23 (-)
Particulars of NCSC staff posts	-			
• General and clerical support		5 (+25%)	4 (0%)	4 (-)
• Executive support and project management		19 (+6%)	18 (+6%)	17 (-)
• IT support services		2 (0%)	2 (0%)	2 (-)
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff (\$'000)	-	6,626 (Note 3)	8,939 (+22%)	7,340 (-)
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff	-			
• \$30,001 or above		8 (0%)	8 (+14%)	7 (-)
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		13 (+18%)	11 (0%)	11 (-)
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		5 (0%)	5 (0%)	5 (-)
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)
• \$5,001 - \$6,500		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)
• \$5,000 or below		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
Length of employment of NCSC staff in years	-			
• 5 years or above		4 (0%)	4 (+33%)	3 (-)
• 3 – 5 years		3 (0%)	3 (0%)	3 (-)
• 1 – 3 years		10 (-29%)	14 (+100%)	7 (-)
• less than 1 year		9 (+200%)	3 (-70%)	10 (-)
Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants	Information not available as there is no mechanism for NCSC staff to be transferred to the civil service.			
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants				
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	-	20.0% (+5%)	19.0% (+5%)	18.11% (-)
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	-	10.99% (+1%)	10.83% (+16%)	9.36% (-)
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	-	26 (+8%)	24 (+4%)	23 (-)
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break		0	0	0
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	-	26 (+8%)	24 (+4%)	23 (-)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week		0	0	0

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

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 four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

Note 2: As at 31 December 2010.

Note 3: Year-on-year comparison is not applicable since the figures for 2010-11 cover the expenditure up to 31 December 2010 only.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

2989

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat:
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :
000 – Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

On engaging agency workers, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for 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 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 – 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 – 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on engaging agency workers by the Labour and Welfare Bureau between 2008-09 and 2010-11 is appended below. Information on 2011-12 is not available as the number of agency workers may vary in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note 1)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	-			
• T-contract (Note 2)		2 (0%)	2 (0%)	2 (-)
• Others		0 (-100%)	3 (-25%)	4 (-)
Contract sum paid to each employment agency (\$'000)	-			
• T-contract		557 (- to 1,102 (-)	580 (+9%) to 1,137 (+49%)	529 (-) to 763 (-)
• Others		0 (-) (Note 3)	15 (-89%) to 193 (-39%)	132 (-) to 318 (-)
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	-	Information not available as employment agencies were not required to specify the amount or the rate of commission in the contracts.		
Length of contract for each employment agency	-			
• T-contract		12 months	12 months	12 months
• Others		Not applicable	6-12 months	6-12 months
Number of agency workers	-			
• T-contract		3 (0%)	3 (0%)	3 (-)
• Others		0 (-100%)	3 (-40%)	5 (-)

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note 1)	2009-10	2008-09
Details of the positions held by agency workers	-			
• T-contract - information technology support		3 (0%)	3 (0%)	3 (-)
• Others - general office support		Not applicable	3 (-40%)	5 (-)
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• T-contract	-	Information not available as the amount of wages were not specified in T-contracts.		
• Others	-			
▪ \$30,001 or above		Not applicable	0 (0%)	0 (-)
▪ \$16,001 - \$30,000			0 (0%)	0 (-)
▪ \$8,001 - \$16,000			2 (-50%)	4 (-)
▪ \$6,501 - \$8,000			0 (-100%)	1 (-)
▪ \$5,001 - \$6,500			1 (+100%)	0 (-)
▪ \$5,000 or below			0 (0%)	0 (-)
▪ Number of workers with salary below \$5,824			0 (0%)	0 (-)
▪ Number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500			0 (0%)	0 (-)
Length of service of agency workers	-	Information not available as employment agencies may arrange any of their employees to provide the service required or arrange replacement agency workers during the contract period for different reasons.		
• 5 years or longer				
• 3 - 5 years				
• 1 - 3 years				
• less than 1 year				
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	-			
• T-contract		2.26% (-3%)	2.33% (+1%)	2.31% (-)
• Others		0 (-100%)	2.33% (-39%)	3.79% (-)
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	-			
• T-contract		2.43% (+7%)	2.28% (+6%)	2.16% (-)
• Others		0 (-100%)	0.67% (-41%)	1.14% (-)
Number of workers with paid meal break	-	Information not available as it was not specified in the service contracts whether meal breaks were paid or not.		
Number of workers without paid meal break				
Number of workers on five-day week	-			
• T-contract		3 (0%)	3 (0%)	3 (-)
• Others		0 (-100%)	3 (-40%)	5 (-)
Number of workers on six-day week				
• T-contract		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)
• Others		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (-)

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Note 1: As at 28 February 2011.

Note 2: T-contract is a term contract for information technology manpower centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

Note 3: Year-on-year comparison is not applicable since the figures for 2010-11 cover the expenditure up to 28 February 2011 only.

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Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
 Labour and Welfare Bureau 000 – Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

On engaging “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

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Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on engaging outsourced workers by the Labour and Welfare Bureau between 2008-09 and 2010-11 is appended below. Information on 2011-12 is not available as the number of outsourced workers may vary in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	-	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (-)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (\$'000)	-	63 (+24%)	51 (+11%)	46 (-)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	-	8 months	12 months	12 months
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	-	2 (100%)	1 (0%)	1 (-)
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)	-	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below 	-	Not applicable. The outsourced workers were engaged on part-time basis, working for 2 to 4 hours per day.		

	2011-12	2010-11 (Note)	2009-10	2008-09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number of workers with salary below \$5,824 number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 				
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 years or longer 3 - 5 years 1 - 3 years less than 1 year 	-	Not applicable as the outsourced service provider may arrange any of their employees to provide the service required or arrange replacement workers during the contract period for different reasons.		
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	-	1.515% (+93%)	0.787% (+1%)	0.781% (-)
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	-	0.085% (+23%)	0.069% (+8%)	0.064% (-)
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	-	Not applicable. The outsourced workers were engaged on part-time basis, working for 2 to 4 hours per day.		
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	-	Not applicable. The outsourced workers were engaged on part-time basis, working for 2 to 4 hours per day.		

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Note: As at 28 February 2011.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

3551

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Under the Programme of Social Welfare, the revised estimate for 2010-11 has been reduced by 29.7% as compared to the original estimate. What are the reasons? As the estimate for 2011-12 has been increased substantially by 95.7% as compared to 2010-11 revised estimate, on what work will the increased estimated expenditure be spent? What are the respective estimated expenditures for the work?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The revised estimate for 2010-11 for Programme (2) Social Welfare is \$54.7 million (29.7%) less than the original estimate. It is attributable to –

- (a) lower than expected expenditure on various initiatives/programme (\$28.3 million), including:
- financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others;
 - enhanced public education on rehabilitation; and
 - legal representation scheme for children/juveniles involved in care or protection proceedings.
- (b) deferred cash flow requirements for various projects (\$14.8 million), including:
- re-organisation of accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre;
 - Child Development Fund; and
 - visiting pharmacist services for residential care home for the elderly.
- (c) underspending of miscellaneous expenses (\$11.6 million), including:
- staff cost relating to unfilled vacancies; and
 - departmental expenses.

As for the provision for 2011-12 which is \$123.8 million (95.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11, it is attributable to –

- (a) additional provision of \$83.1 million for the full implementation of the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients in 2011-12.
- (b) additional provision of \$23.6 million for on-going initiatives/expenses, including:
 - financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others;
 - staff cost to cater for salary increment; and
 - departmental expenses.
- (c) increased cash flow requirements of \$17.1 million in 2011-12 for various projects, including:
 - re-organisation of accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre;
 - Child Development Fund; and
 - Community Investment and Inclusion Fund.

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Question Serial No.

0163

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In regard to the study on the provision of maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong, what is the estimated expenditure for the study? When will the study commence and be completed? What are the details of the work related to the study?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

We are examining the feasibility of introducing a maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. The legal, financial and technical implications of the proposal will need to be carefully considered. These are complex issues. We aim to complete the study in the second half of 2011. As the study is being conducted internally within the Administration, no additional manpower requirement or other expenditure is involved.

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Question Serial No.

1888

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Will the Administration inform this Committee why it did not make use of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11)? Will the Administration make use of the Fund to support community work in 2011-12? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

The \$300 million Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects that create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. In 2009-10 and 2010-11, three batches of applications, with a total of 29 projects, had been approved. The total funding commitment for the 29 projects amounted to about \$41 million. By end-February 2011, CIIF had allocated about \$230 million to support over 220 projects. In 2011-12, we plan to launch two rounds of funding applications in April and December 2011 respectively. We will continue to encourage eligible organisations to submit applications and promote the development of social capital through CIIF.

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LWB(WW)097

Question Serial No.

2410

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

Regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme), could the Administration advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the estimated number of elders to be assisted in 2011-12? What is the cost for assisting each elder?
- (b) Has the Administration assessed the number of eligible elders who cannot participate in the Programme?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) The number of elders expected to be served by the Programme is about 33 000 a year. The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation is about \$148 million. The average cost for each service place is therefore about \$4,500.
- (b) There is no service quota under the Programme. The number of elders expected to be served each year is projected based on the statistics gathered from the pilot project.

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Question Serial No.

0207

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to increase annual recurrent funding for the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients by \$148 million to make it a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the programme, the distribution by district, the expected number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure incurred for each service place.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

The Government, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA), launched the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme) on a trial basis in 2008 to provide “one-stop” support services for elderly patients discharged from hospitals and also for their carers (including pre-discharge planning, post-discharge rehabilitation, home support services and carer training), with a view to reducing the chance of unplanned hospital re-admission, enabling the elders to continue to age in the community and providing further support to their carers. As the response to the Programme has been positive, the Government will make it a regular service and extend its coverage from the current three districts to all districts within 2011-12.

Under the Programme, each participating hospital will set up a Discharge Planning Team which will collaborate with a Home Support Team to be operated by a non-governmental organisation commissioned by HA to jointly provide the services.

The estimated full-year expenditure for the Programme upon its full implementation covering all districts is about \$148 million. The number of elders expected to be served each year is about 33 000. The average expenditure on each service place is therefore about \$4,500.

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LWB(WW)099

Question Serial No.

0247

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, it is mentioned that the Bureau will examine the feasibility of providing maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. In this regard, please advise us on the content and focus of the study, its completion date and expected date of implementation.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

We are examining the feasibility of introducing a maintenance allowance for elders who choose to retire in Guangdong. The legal, financial and technical implications of the proposal will need to be carefully examined. These are complex issues. We aim to complete the study in the second half of 2011.

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Question Serial No.

3714

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration stated that it will continue to provide support to the Task Force on Poverty which monitors and co-ordinates efforts across the Government in poverty alleviation. Please advise on:

- (a) the effectiveness of the Task Force's work and the expenditure of various programmes carried out in 2010-11;
- (b) the plans to address the current issues of wealth disparity in 2011-12, and the estimated expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

- (a) After the Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Government set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up CoP's recommendations and coordinate the Government's efforts in alleviating poverty.

One of the key tasks of the TFP in 2010-11 was to continue to monitor the progress of the Government in implementing the recommendations of CoP. Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been or are being implemented, including establishing the \$300 million Child Development Fund (CDF) and rolling out projects on a trial basis; strengthening training and retraining to enhance the skills and competitiveness of young people as well as the middle-aged and low-income earners; and preparing to set up the pioneer one-stop employment and training centre to streamline and integrate the employment services provided by the Labour Department, the Social Welfare Department and the Employees Retraining Board.

Poverty alleviation is the shared responsibility of the entire Government. Although we do not have the detailed breakdown, various bureaux and departments have their manpower and resources contributing to this cause.

Insofar as the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) is concerned, a Poverty Team provides secretariat support to TFP and is also responsible for overseeing/implementing certain initiatives on poverty alleviation under LWB (e.g. CDF, short-term food assistance, etc.). The provision for the Poverty Team in 2010-11 was \$3.71 million, covering the cost of six staff comprising two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer, two secretarial and clerical support staff as well as one contract executive staff.

- (b) The Administration adopts a pragmatic and multi-pronged approach to poverty alleviation. Of paramount importance is promoting economic growth, thereby enabling the community to share the fruits of prosperity. At the same time, we invest heavily in education, training and retraining to enhance social mobility. We also provide employment support, which includes enhancing the quality of the workforce and setting a reasonable wage level for workers. For those who cannot be self-reliant, our social security system can help them meet basic needs. Over the years, we have made efforts to narrow the income disparity through taxation and provision of a wide range of free or highly subsidised services in the areas of social welfare, education, healthcare and housing.

In 2011-12, TFP will continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of CoP and the poverty situation in Hong Kong, and explore if there is any effective new initiative/measure which can help alleviate poverty. The provision for the Poverty Team in 2011-12 estimate is \$3.88 million.

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3715

Head : 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :

The Administration indicates that it will take forward the recommendations in the study by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) on the long-term development for social welfare in Hong Kong. Please advise us of the details of the plan, and the estimated expenditure and staffing establishment to be involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

The Administration has commissioned SWAC to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong. Having concluded consultation in end-July 2010 and thoroughly reviewed the views collected during the consultation period, SWAC is currently preparing a report on its analysis and recommendations. Upon receipt of SWAC's report, the Administration will thoroughly analyse and study its recommendations and report to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The expenditure and manpower involved in taking forward SWAC's recommendations will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)102

Question Serial No.

2385

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the family and child welfare services provided by the government sector and the subvented sector under Programme (1) of Head 170 Social Welfare Department, 50 additional foster care places and one new integrated family service centre will be provided, while the numbers of standalone child care centres (CCCs), occasional child care service, small group homes, residential homes for children, workers and clinical psychologists have remained unchanged for three years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the respective amount of provisions for the items mentioned above?
- (b) For welfare service units with unchanged service capacity as mentioned above, has the Administration evaluated whether these units can cope with the service demand arising from changes in the population structure?
- (c) There has been no significant change in the cost per place per month of some services such as foster care service and small group homes for three years. However, the Financial Secretary estimated that the inflation rate would reach 4.5% this year. Has the Administration evaluated whether the unchanged cost implies a decline in the quality of child welfare services?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply : (a) The provision for the above-mentioned services under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare in 2011-12 estimate is listed below –

Services	Estimated Provision in 2011-12 (\$ million)
50 additional foster care places	5.4
One new integrated family service centre	9.2
Standalone CCCs	6.2
Occasional child care service	16.5
Small group homes	136.0
Residential homes for children	197.5
Clinical psychological support service	73.1

(b) The Administration has been monitoring the demand for the concerned services brought about by the changes in population structure and their utilisation and will continue with such efforts to ensure that demand for the services can be met.

(c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) reviews the unit cost per place per month of the foster care and small group home services annually. The estimate for the unit cost of the services has already factored in both the salary adjustment for staff employed by service operators to run the service, based on the Civil Service Pay Adjustment, and the price increase for Other Charges (including the incentive payment for foster parents), based on the “government-wide price adjustment factor”. SWD will continue to review and, where necessary, make adjustments to the estimate for the unit cost of the services.

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LWB(WW)103

Question Serial No.
2386

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Programme (5) Services for Offenders of Head 170 – Social Welfare Department, the number of places provided for male and female ex-offenders at the hostels for ex-offenders remained to be 120 and 10 respectively for 3 years. The occupancy rates for male and female hostels are both 99% for 3 years. Since rehabilitation services are essential for ex-offenders to reintegrate into the society, would the Administration consider allocating more resources to hostels for ex-offenders to alleviate the pressure on occupancy?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply : The demand for hostel places for discharged prisoners depends much on the total number of discharged prisoners. In the past three years, the total numbers of discharged prisoners were 19 131 in 2007-08, 17 915 in 2008-09, and 17 310 in 2009-10, which showed a downward trend. As confirmed with the operating non-governmental organisation, there is no waiting list for the service at present. Judging from the steady occupancy rates in the last three years as shown in the table below, the present provision of hostel places for the target groups is adequate.

Year	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
Gender	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Occupancy rate of hostel places	92%	99%	97%	97%	99%	99%

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Paragraph 145 of the Budget Speech stated that the Government would increase \$130 million in the annual recurrent funding to provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places. Please provide details of the allocation arrangement for various types of places (nursing home (NH) places, care-and-attention (C&A) places and places offering a continuum of care), and the distribution by district of the additional places.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply : The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places, C&A places and places providing continuum of care is as follows –

Initiative	Number of places	
	NH	C&A
(1) Providing additional subsidised residential care places in existing contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) ^[Note 1]	180	5
(2) Providing additional subsidised residential care places through one new contract RCHE ^[Note 2]	54	6
(3) Making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more places with a continuum of care ^[Note 1]	0	232
(4) Providing additional subsidised C&A places through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme ^[Note 1]	0	793
Total	1 270	

[Note 1] Residential care places provided over the territory.

[Note 2] Residential care places provided in Sha Tin District.

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Question Serial No.

2624

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Paragraph 145 of the Budget Speech stated that the Government would increase \$130 million in the annual recurrent funding to provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places. According to the information provided by the Administration in the past, around 4 000 elders passed away while waitlisting for these places each year in Hong Kong. Would the Administration please inform this Committee why the amount of funding is only \$130 million, and whether the additional funding can thoroughly address the existing problem of insufficient subsidised residential care places? If not, what plan does the Administration have to tackle the problem?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply : The demand for subsidised residential care services (SRCS) for the elderly is affected by various factors including the size of the ageing population and the preference of the service users. The expenditure on elderly services has increased by 150% from \$1,620 million in 1997 to the present \$4,000 million, of which 62% is spent on SRCS. We will continue to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places to meet the demand.

It has to be noted that elders waiting for SRCS can also receive community service. The Administration will therefore enhance the supportive services to the elders waiting for SRCS. At present, about 54% of the elders waiting for SRCS are receiving different types of government subsidy or services including Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, subsidised community care services, and SRCS of lower care level, etc..

The Elderly Commission has undertaken a consultancy study to examine how better community care services can be provided through a more flexible and diverse mode of service delivery, e.g. by involving private or social enterprises as service providers, with a view to further encouraging elders to age in place and thus avoid premature and unnecessary institutionalisation. The Administration will consider the findings and recommendations of the

study in formulating the appropriate care model to meet the service needs of the frail elders. The study is expected to be completed in mid-2011.

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Question Serial No.

0523

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in the indicators under Programme (3), the enrolment rates of homes for the aged (H/A) are 72% from 2009 to 2011, while the enrolment rates of contract homes and private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) are close to 100%. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the reasons why the enrolment rate of H/A has been persistently on the low side? Are there any improvement measures taken by the Government in response to the low enrolment rate of H/A so as to shorten the waiting time of elders for admission to H/A?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since 2005-06 implemented the conversion programme targetted at 75 subvented residential care homes for the elderly operating self-care and/or H/A places in order to provide long term care for frail elders. The low enrolment rate for H/A is because SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement since 1 January 2003, so that the vacant H/A places can be phased out gradually and converted into care-and-attention places providing continuum of care.

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Question Serial No.

0540

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : An additional 50 foster care places will be provided in 2011-12. What are the details and distribution of the additional places?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The provision for the 50 additional foster care places will be \$5.43 million in 2011-12. All the additional places will be provided through the eight existing foster care service providers from April 2011. Foster care service is not a locality-based service. It is a non-institutional service and is delivered at the foster care parents' homes over the territory. It takes care of children aged under 18 years and in need of out-of-home care because of their family circumstances or their own concerns.

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Question Serial No.
0543

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration estimates an increase of 49 cases of family and child protection in 2011-12, but the number of cases per worker will be reduced by 2.

- (a) What is the existing number of family and child protection workers in each district in Hong Kong?
- (b) What is the estimated number of additional family and child protection workers in each district in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) Currently, there are 168 social workers in 11 Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). The distribution is as follows –

District	Number of Social Workers
Central & Western, Southern and Islands	12
Eastern and Wan Chai	14
Kwun Tong	13
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	18
Shum Shui Po	11
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	13
Sha Tin	12
Tai Po and North	14
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	22
Tuen Mun	15
Yuen Long	24
Total	168

- (b) The Administration has no plan to increase the manpower of FCPSUs in 2011-12. The reduction in the number of cases per worker is due to various service improvement measures in enhancing the effectiveness of FCPSUs.

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Question Serial No.

0544

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector is reduced from 62 907 in 2010-11 to 62 698 in 2011-12, whereas similar cases served by IFSCs run by the subvented sector, on the contrary, is increased from 28 149 in 2010-11 to 28 362 in 2011-12.

- (a) What are the reasons for the reduction in the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by the government sector?
- (b) What are the reasons for the increase in the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by the subvented sector?
- (c) What are the reasons for the contrary change in the numbers of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by the two types of IFSCs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The number of cases to be served by IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations is estimated with reference to the latest figures available. For the 2010-11 revised estimate, the figures are projected based on the actual number of active cases brought forward from 2009-10 and new/reactivated cases handled in the first two quarters of 2010-11. For the 2011-12 estimate, the case figures are projected based on the number of cases handled in the first two quarters of 2010-11. The different calculation bases account for the increase/reduction in the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector. Furthermore, social workers in IFSCs make use of different intervention approaches, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families which will affect the actual number of cases handled.

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LWB(WW)110

Question Serial No.
0545

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration estimates that the numbers of groups and programmes organised by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and subvented sector will be substantially reduced from 5 772 and 2 740 in 2010-11 to 4 941 and 2 036 in 2011-12, which represents a reduction of 14.4% and 25.7% respectively. What are the reasons for the substantial reduction in the numbers of groups and programmes organised by IFSCs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2010-11 is a projection based on the actual number of groups and programmes organised in the first two quarters of 2010-11, whereas the estimated number in 2011-12 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs.

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Question Serial No.

0546

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the subvented sector increased from 27 729 in 2009-10 to 28 149 in 2010-11, and the Administration expects that the number will be further increased to 28 362 in 2011-12. In view of the increasing number of cases served by IFSCs run by the subvented sector, will the Administration increase the number of workers in IFSCs run by the subvented sector? If yes, how many additional workers will be employed?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The total number of social workers in IFSCs operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) is expected to increase from 313 to 334 in 2011-12. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs concerned have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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Question Serial No.
 0547

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In the previous three years and in the estimate for 2011-12 –

- (a) What is the respective total number of workers of integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the subvented sector?
- (b) What is the respective number of workers of each IFSC run by the government sector and the subvented sector?
- (c) What is the average number of cases served by each worker of IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The manpower and caseload of IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are listed below –

	2008-09 (Actual)		2009-10 (Actual)		2010-11 (Revised Estimate)		2011-12 (Estimate)	
	SWD	NGOs	SWD	NGOs	SWD	NGOs	SWD	NGOs
Total number of frontline social workers	697	313	704	313	704	313	721	334
Average number of frontline social workers for each centre	17.4	14.9	17.6	14.9	17.6	14.9	18.0	15.2
Average number of cases served by each frontline social worker per month	45.3	47.7	45.6	47.5	44.2	48.0	43.2	44.9

The number of IFSCs operated by NGOs (NGO IFSC) will increase from 21 to 22 with the opening of a new centre in 2011-12. The number of frontline social workers and average number of frontline social workers for each NGO IFSC in 2011-12 is just an estimate as under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGO operating the new IFSC has the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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Question Serial No.
0548

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Last year, the Administration implemented the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) to enhance support for victims of domestic violence.

- (a) What is the number of service users of the above programme in the previous year?
- (b) What is the number of workers involved in the implementation of the above programme in the previous year?
- (c) When will the Administration plan to conduct a review on the funding and mode of service delivery of the VSP?
- (d) At present, there is only one non-governmental organisation (NGO) implementing the VSP with government subvention. Will the Administration increase the number of subvented organisations for implementing the above programme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply :
- (a) The VSP has commenced operation since June 2010. Up to the end of December 2010, the VSP has served 258 service users. The estimated total number of service users will increase to 380 by the end of March 2011.
 - (b) As the service is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the operating NGO has the flexibility in deploying an appropriate number of staff to provide the service.

- (c) On-going assessment of the performance of the operating NGO is conducted. In addition, feedback is continuously collected from concerned stakeholders including the service users and referrers. The VSP is running smoothly and comments from service users and referrers are very positive. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not see the need at this stage to review its funding allocation and service mode.
- (d) The operating NGO is expected to serve 800 service users in a year. As there is still capacity for the operating NGO to serve more users, the Administration has no plan to increase the number of operators under the VSP. SWD will monitor the service provision to ensure that service needs are met.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration will continue to implement and further develop the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) in 2011-12.

- (a) What is the number of participants of the above programme in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11)? Please give a breakdown of the different types of family violence.
- (b) What effects have been achieved through the implementation of the above programme by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the subvented sector in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11)?
- (c) Will the Administration increase the resources of the above programme? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply :
- (a) From 2006-07 to 2010-11, a total of 524 batterers participated in the BIP launched by SWD. All participants were batterers of spouse/cohabitant battering cases.
 - (b) The two-year pilot project of BIP, which was completed in 2008, proved to be effective in helping abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, a follow-up study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period.
 - (c) The BIP is an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD. The Administration has no plan to increase the manpower and resources in FCPSUs in 2011-12 for the purpose of providing BIP.

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Question Serial No.
0550

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration will continue to provide training for social workers and professional staff on managing child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence in 2011-12. What are the numbers of persons receiving the above training in the past three years (please provide the information in table form with breakdown by target participants and training activities)? How many training activities will be conducted by the Administration and the estimated number of participants in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration has provided/will continue to provide training programmes on managing child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence cases to social workers and relevant professionals including clinical psychologists, police officers, teachers and medical personnel. The actual numbers of participants by training programmes in 2008-09, 2009-10 and the estimated figures for 2010-11 and 2011-12 are shown below. We have no breakdown on the profession of the participants.

Training Programmes	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (Estimate)	2011-12 (Estimate)
Child Abuse	959	993	694	730
Spouse Battering	875	873	600	640
Elder Abuse	273	192	333	330
Suicide	148	116	178	160
Sexual Violence	77	173	55	110
General Training on Domestic Violence (e.g. supporting family in crises/need)	5 252	6 039	5 604	5 030
Total	7 584	8 386	7 464	7 000

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Question Serial No.
0551

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 210 places for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in 2011-12.

- (a) What is the distribution of the additional places by district (Please give reply in a table)?
- (b) What is the distribution of the additional places by centre (Please give reply in a table)?
- (c) Among the 210 additional places, how many are allocated to newly established service units and how many are allocated to existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional service places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a)&(b) There will be an additional 210 day care places provided in 2011-12. These places will be provided in seven DEs/DCUs. Their geographical distribution is as follows –

Serving District	Location of the DEs or DCU	Number of Places
Wong Tai Sin	Sham Shui Po	50
Kowloon City	Sham Shui Po	50
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong	45
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po	40
Shatin	Shatin	20
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Tsing	5
Total		210

- (c) Among the 210 additional day care places, 185 places will be created through setting up new DEs and 25 places will be created through in-situ expansion of one DE and one DCU.
- (d) The Social Welfare Department has secured extra space to create additional day care places through in-situ expansion. The space provision is made with reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of DEs/DCUs to meet the service needs of the users.

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Question Serial No.

0552

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The numbers of self-care (S/C) hostel/home for the aged (H/A) places and care-and-attention (C&A) home places will be reduced by 100 and 50 respectively in 2011-12 as compared with those in 2010-11. How many of these additional places are converted into C&A places?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2011-12, the decrease in 100 S/C hostel and H/A places and 50 C&A home places without continuum of care is due to the implementation of the conversion programme, through which a total of about 90 C&A places providing continuum of care will be created.

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Question Serial No.

0553

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of nursing home (NH) places will be increased by 300 in 2011-12 as compared with that in 2010-11. What is the distribution of these additional places by district? What is the ratio of these additional NH places to the various types of provision of subsidised residential care places?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The additional 300 NH places in 2011-12 will be provided over the territory and account for about 27% of the total number of increase in residential care places in the year. The geographic distribution of these 300 additional NH places is not available for the time being as it is subject to applications from self-financing homes over the territory under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

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Question Serial No.

0554

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of places for contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will be increased by 115 in 2011-12 as compared with that in 2010-11. What is the distribution of these additional places by district? How many contract RCHEs will be provided with these additional places?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2011-12, two new contract RCHEs located in Yau Tsim Mong District will be set up to provide 55 and 60 subsidised residential care places respectively.

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Question Serial No.

0555

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per place per month for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) has been reduced from \$6,128 in 2009-10 to \$6,078 in 2010-11, and will be further reduced to \$6,073 in 2011-12. The actual reduction should be greater after adjustment for inflation.

- (a) What are the reasons for the cost reduction mentioned above?
- (b) What is the impact of cost reduction on service quality?
- (c) Will the Administration increase the resources per user of day care services so as to enhance the service quality and to fully implement the policy of ageing in the community?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply :
- (a) The slight decreases in cost per place per month in DEs/DCUs in recent years are mainly due to the decrease in administrative support cost.
 - (b) The quality of service will not be affected.
 - (c) We will keep in view the service needs of the users and enhance the service quality of DEs/DCUs as appropriate.

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Question Serial No.
0556

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : An additional 800 cases will be served in 2011-12 as compared with the number of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) places provided in 2010-11.

- (a) What is the geographical distribution of these additional 800 cases ?
- (b) Does the Administration have any long term plan on the continual provision of additional EHCCS places? If yes, what is the plan for the provision of these additional places in the next five years? If no, how will the Administration fully implement the policy of ageing in the community?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2011-12, the Government will allocate additional funding to provide 1 500 EHCCS places. Since it will take time for the elders to take up the new service places, it is estimated that 800 new cases will be served in 2011-12. The remaining 700 places are expected to be taken up in 2012-13.

- (a) The geographical distribution of the 800 cases to be served in 2011-12 is as follows –

District	Number of EHCCS cases
Hong Kong	25
East Kowloon	415
West Kowloon	210
New Territories East	40
New Territories West	110
Total	800

- (b) The Administration will continue to keep in view the demand for EHCCS and allocate resources to increase the provision to meet the service needs of the frail elders where appropriate.

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Question Serial No.
0557

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is mentioned in paragraph 146 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will increase annual recurrent funding by \$40 million to raise the purchase prices for EA1 places. The residential care homes concerned will be required to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly.

- (a) What is the increase in the purchase prices for EA1 places in 2011-12?
- (b) What are the details of the physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly as required by the Administration?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : To enhance the care and support for the frail elders staying in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), an additional recurrent funding of \$40 million will be allocated to those RCHEs providing EA1 places^[Note] for them to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly through employment of physiotherapists or purchase of related professional service. The purchase price for each EA1 place will be increased by about 13%. Apart from the 3 620 elders occupying the EA1 places, other elder residents living in the RCHEs concerned will also benefit from the enhanced service.

^[Note] EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under the EBPS.

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Question Serial No.

0558

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech that the Government will provide 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), but it is only indicated in the indicators that the number of cases served will increase from 4 800 to 5 600. What are the reasons for such a difference?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : While all the additional EHCCS places will be made available in 2011-12, it is estimated that 800 cases will be served in 2011-12 because it will take some time for the elders to take up the new service places. The remaining 700 new places are expected to be taken up in 2012-13.

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Question Serial No.

0559

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of cases served by integrated home care services (IHCS) has been maintained at 29 344 for several years. What is the current number of elders waitlisting for IHCS? Does the Administration plan to increase the places for IHCS in the future so as to meet the growing service demand?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : As at the end of January 2011, there were 957 applicants waiting for frailty-tested IHCS as well as the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) provided by the Social Welfare Department which also serve frail elders living in the community. The average waiting time was about four months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the number of elders waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS or its waiting time.

There will be an additional provision of \$63 million per annum for increasing the number of EHCCS places by 1 500 commencing from 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

0560

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : According to paragraph 147 of the Budget Speech, the Administration will increase annual recurrent funding by \$45 million to raise the supplements for subsidised residential care homes for the elderly so that they can take better care of demented or infirm elders. What is the respective increase in dementia supplement (DS) and infirmary care supplement (ICS) per person?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The additional funding for DS and ICS in 2011-12 will bring about an increase of about 45% and 13% respectively in the allocation for each qualified elder as compared with that in 2010-11.

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Question Serial No.

1186

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of children and youth centres (CYCs) will reduce by one in 2011-12. Please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the district in which the centre is located; and
- (b) the impact of the reduction in the number of CYCs on the total provision.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The reduction of one CYC in Ngau Tau Kok in 2011-12 is due to the pooling of its resources to form a new Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre for providing a wide range of services for youth in the same locality. The exercise will be cost-neutral and will not affect the overall provision for services for young people.

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Question Serial No.

1187

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In the “Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision” of the estimate of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), it is stated that the provision for 2011-12 is higher than that for 2010-11 due to the strengthening of manpower of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs). Please give the details of the aforesaid strengthening of manpower. What are the staffing establishment and provision for each team in ICCMWs in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : SWD has set up ICCMWs, which are operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs), at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. In 2011-12, SWD will provide an additional annual recurrent provision of \$39 million for enhancing the manpower of the ICCMWs. The NGOs operating ICCMWs are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. They have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to enhance service quality and meet service needs.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per place per month for sheltered workshops of the government sector will increase from \$4,301 in 2010-11 to \$4,486 in 2011-12, i.e. an increase of \$185. However, the cost per place per month for those of the subvented sector will decrease from \$3,616 in 2010-11 to \$3,613 in 2011-12, i.e. a decrease of \$3, what are the reasons? In fact, the cost per place per month for sheltered workshops in the subvented sector has already been very low. In this connection, what are the reasons of the decrease instead of increase in the cost in face of inflation in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The slight decrease of \$3 in the cost per place per month for sheltered workshops of the subvented sector in 2011-12 as compared to 2010-11 is mainly due to the slight decrease in administrative support cost.

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Question Serial No.

1833

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 88 hostel places for moderately mentally handicapped persons in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional service places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured centres premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 88 additional hostel places for moderately mentally handicapped persons in 2011-12. Amongst these 88 places, 70 will be provided at new premises which have been identified. The remaining 18 places will be provided by an existing service unit through in-situ expansion.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the service units, district

distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1834

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 276 places in hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 276 additional hostel places for severely mentally handicapped persons in 2011-12. Amongst these 276 places, 235 places will be provided at new premises which have been identified. The remaining 41 places will be provided by existing service units through in-situ expansion.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the service units, district

distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1835

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 50 care-and-attention (C&A) home places for severely disabled persons in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional service places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured centres premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 50 additional C&A home places for severely disabled persons in 2011-12. All additional places will be provided at new premises which have been identified.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to

provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.
1836

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 16 places for small group homes in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established services units and existing service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (c) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 16 additional places in small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children in 2011-12. All these additional places will be provided at new premises which have been identified.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1837

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 40 places for supported hostels in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (c) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 40 additional places in supported hostels in 2011-12. All these additional places will be provided at new premises which have been identified.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1838

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 341 day activity centre places in 2011-12.

- (a) How many service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 341 additional places in day activity centres in 2011-12. Amongst these 341 places, 325 places will be provided at new premises which have been identified. The remaining 16 places will be provided by existing service unit through in-situ expansion.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to

provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1839

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the adults with disabilities served at sheltered workshops (SWs), how many are aged above 50? What is their percentage in relation to the total number of adults with disabilities served at SWs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : According to statistics captured by the statistical information system of the Social Welfare Department, about 20% of the service users (around 1 000) of SWs were aged over 50 as at 31 December 2010.

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Question Serial No.

1840

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 608 places for service in early education and training centre in 2011-12.

- (a) Which service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 608 additional places for service in early education and training centre in 2011-12. Amongst these 608 places, 478 places will be provided at new premises which have been identified. The remaining 130 places will be provided by existing service units through in-situ expansion.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to

provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1841

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 12 places for occasional child care service in 2011-12.

- (a) Which service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 12 additional places for occasional child care service for disabled children in 2011-12. All these additional places will be provided at new premises which have been identified.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to

provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1842

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 234 places for service in special child care centre in 2011-12.

- (a) Which service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (c) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units and existing service units?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to existing service units, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. Has the Administration obtained the data regarding the impact of additional places on net floor area per service user? If yes, please give the details.
- (e) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 234 additional places for service in special child care centre in 2011-12. All these additional places will be provided at new premises which have been identified.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use,

drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1843

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 20 places for sheltered workshops (SWs) in 2011-12.

- (a) Which service units are allocated with additional places?
- (b) If the additional places are allocated to existing SWs, the net floor area per service user will be reduced. What is the respective net floor area per service user in these SWs before and after the provision of additional places?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2011-12, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 20 additional SW places in the two residential care homes cum SWs for persons with disabilities currently under the direct management of SWD. The floor area per service user will be slightly reduced but is still comparable to SWs of the same capacity. The service quality of the two units will not be affected.

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Question Serial No.
1844

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the number and ratio of service users aged over 50 in the sheltered workshops (SWs) of Social Welfare Department (SWD) at present? Does the Administration plan to promote the Work Extension Programme (WEP) at the SWs of SWD?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : According to the statistical information captured by SWD, about 20% of the service users of SW were aged over 50 as at 31 December 2010.

To cater for the nursing/caring needs of trainees of SW and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) who may not be able to cope with the normal vocational rehabilitation training owing to old age or deterioration in health conditions and work capacities, SWD has since October 2005 implemented the Integrated Work Extension Programme (IWEP) whereby 195 places are provided by SWs and IVRSCs under the programme to better meet the needs of the ageing service users. SWD has currently no plan to increase the provision of IWEP places but will review the future development of the programme.

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Question Serial No.

1845

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of service places in sheltered workshops (SWs) in 2011-12 will be reduced by 84. How many of them are reduced as a result of their incorporation into integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs)?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since April 2004 implemented the service mode of IVRSCs for service enhancement through incorporating the elements of SW and supported employment to provide one-stop integrated vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, SWD plans to re-engineer 134 SW places into IVRSC places and with additional annual provision increase 50 SW places through in-situ expansion, resulting in a net reduction of 84 SW places.

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Question Serial No.

1846

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an increase of 234 places for integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) in 2011-12 when compared with that in 2010-11.

- (a) What is the distribution of the additional places in the newly established service units, existing IVRSCs and sheltered workshops (SWs) after the revamp of the existing services?
- (b) Which service units are allocated with additional places?
- (c) What is the district distribution of the additional places?
- (d) If additional places are allocated to the newly established service units, has the Administration provided secured centres premises for these service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (d) The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 234 additional places of IVRSC in 2011-12. These places will be provided through re-engineering of 134 SW places and addition of 100 new IVRSC places.

Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises, etc., we are unable to

provide detailed information on the service units, district distribution of places and actual size of the premises at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

1847

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration will provide an additional 31 medical social workers (MSWs) in 2011-12. What is the distribution of these additional MSWs in various service units? What are the reasons for the increase in manpower in those service units? What are the reasons for not increasing the manpower in other service units?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : With an additional recurrent provision of \$16.7 million, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will create 31 additional MSW posts at SWD's psychiatric medical social services units in various hospitals and clinics of the Hospital Authority (HA) in 2011-12 with a view to dovetailing with HA's new initiatives in mental health services and to enhancing psychiatric medical social services for psychiatric patients and their family members/carers.

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Question Serial No.

1848

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The enrolment rate of sheltered workshops (SWs) of subvented sector has been maintained at 102% from 2009-11 to 2011-12. However, the Administration claimed that due to the low enrolment rate in SWs, the SWs are required to achieve a 5% over-enrolment. How to define low enrolment rate? Will the quality of service be affected as a result of over-enrolment? Will the Administration request the SWs to put a stop to the over-enrolment?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The enrolment rate of SWs is derived from the average number of service users enrolled as at the end of the month within the financial year. Noting that the service users do not attend SW daily, resulting in the overall daily attendance rate of around 90% over a considerable period of time, the Social Welfare Department, with the support of the operating non-governmental organisations, has implemented an over-enrolment arrangement in SWs since 2003-04 with a view to enabling more persons with disabilities to benefit from the service. Notwithstanding this arrangement, the number of persons with disabilities served at any one time has not exceeded the capacity of the SWs.

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Question Serial No.

1849

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per place per month for sheltered workshops run by the government sector will increase from \$4,301 in 2010-11 to \$4,486 in 2011-12, an increase as high as 4.3%. What are the reasons for the increase?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase in the unit cost for sheltered workshops under the government sector in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the increase in salaries provision arising from the granting of increment to eligible civil service staff and the filling of vacant posts in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

1856

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the provision reserved for the Licensing Office for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)? What are the numbers of various types of staff in this office?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill (the Bill) into the Legislative Council in June 2010 with a view to implementing a licensing scheme to regulate the operation of RCHDs. In anticipation of the enactment of the Bill, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will strengthen the manpower of the existing Registration Office of Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Office) and turn it into a Licensing Office. The Office is currently staffed by 12 civil service posts including social workers, nurses, and professional staff from the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department. Three additional staff at an estimated annual provision of \$1.2 million will be provided to the Registration Office which will undertake statutory duties related to the implementation of the licensing scheme for RCHDs.

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Question Serial No.

1857

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Upon the passage of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance), what will be the provision reserved for subsidising the improvement works of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and subvented RCHDs respectively?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill (Bill) into the Legislative Council in June 2010 with a view to implementing a statutory licensing scheme to regulate the operation of RCHDs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has sought funding from the Lotteries Fund (LF) by batches for subvented RCHDs to carry out improvement works in compliance with the licensing requirements in fire and building safety. Upon enactment of the Bill, SWD will also seek funding from LF to subsidise the private RCHDs for the same purpose.

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Question Serial No.
1859

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the respective expenditure for the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project (3E's Project) over the past five years? How many people with disabilities have been offered employment opportunities by the 3E's Project each year? Has the Administration followed up the employment situation of the people with disabilities, including duration of their employment and wages? If yes, please give the details. If no, will the Administration gather the relevant data in future?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The 3E's Project provides seed money to non-governmental organisations for setting up small businesses to create employment for persons with disabilities thus improving their opportunities for open employment. Funding granted and job opportunities created for persons with disabilities in the past five years under the 3E's Project are as follows –

Financial Year	Funding Granted (\$ million)	Numbers of Job Opportunities Created
2005-06	4.2	76
2006-07	3.5	29
2007-08	3.0	19
2008-09	5.5	49
2009-10	4.1	49

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the development of the businesses funded under the 3E's Project during the 3-year contract period

to ensure that they offer the required number of job opportunities for persons with disabilities. SWD does not capture the statistics on the duration and wages of individual employees as the employment situation of individual employees varies depending on the employment policy and training arrangements of individual businesses and the abilities of individual persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities who have left the funded business may contact the Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department which provides support services to persons with disabilities for employment in the open labour market.

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Question Serial No.

1860

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Most of the existing 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in the territory have yet to have permanent premises. This has adversely affected the provision of services.

- (a) Has the Administration made provision for these ICCMWs to rent (and renovate) shop premises? If yes, please give the details of the provision. If no, has the Administration put in place more effective measures to help these ICCMWs to acquire permanent premises?
- (b) If these ICCMWs rent shop premises to operate as temporary centres, will the Administration provide subsidies for the rent and renovation costs? If yes, what are the ceilings for these subsidies? If no, who will be paying for the rent and renovation costs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the ICCMWs, which are operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), at 24 service points across the territory since October 2010. Currently, nine ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation while six others have identified permanent sites pending local consultation. In tandem, SWD is actively exploring the feasibility of supporting NGOs to set up temporary accommodation for use as ICCMWs at suitable commercial premises. SWD will also support the NGOs to apply for Lotteries

Fund to carry out basic fitting-out works and procure essential furniture and equipment for service operation in the temporary accommodation.

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Question Serial No.

1861

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question :
- (a) What was the provision for training enrolled nurses of the welfare sector in the past three years?
 - (b) What is the provision for training enrolled nurses of the welfare sector in 2011-12?
 - (c) Among those trained enrolled nurses of the welfare sector in the past three years, what was the number of psychiatric nurses? What was the percentage to the total number?
 - (d) What is the number of enrolled psychiatric nurses of the welfare sector to be trained in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply :
- (a) The expenditures for the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme (ENTP) for the welfare sector in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were \$8.8 million, \$12.1 million and \$13.6 million respectively.
 - (b) The estimated expenditure for the ENTP for the welfare sector in 2011-12 is \$14.2 million.
 - (c) In the past three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11, 60 out of a total of 600 training places (i.e. 10%) were provided for the Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) students.
 - (d) In 2011-12, 60 training places will be provided for the Enrolled Nurse (Psychiatric) students.

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Question Serial No.
1862

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the number of residential care places purchased and to be purchased in each of the past five years and for the coming five years (Please give reply in table form)?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-chee

Reply : The provision of residential care places for the elderly under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) from 2006-07 to 2010-11 is as follows –

Purchase Scheme	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
EBPS (for care-and-attention (C&A) places)	6 153	6 636	6 621	6 923	7 200
NHPPS (for nursing home (NH) places)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	80

The planned provision of residential care places for the elderly under EBPS and NHPPS in the coming five years is as follows –

Purchase Scheme	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
EBPS (for C&A places)	7 593	7 993	Under planning	Under planning	Under planning
NHPPS (for NH places)	380	380	Under planning	Under planning	Under planning

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Question Serial No.
1863

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : (a) What are the actual numbers of cases handled under the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) implemented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2009 and 2010? What is the estimated number of cases of the VSP? Please give the figures in the following table –

	2009	2010
Number of spouse battering cases handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD		
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD		
Estimated number of service users of the VSP		
Actual number of service users of the VSP		

- (b) Will SWD consider extending the service to other target groups? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Will SWD consider proposing legislative amendment to require mandatory participation in the VSP by batterers with “bind over” orders? If yes, what are the details and timeframe? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) The required figures in relation to the VSP are listed in the following table –

	2009	2010
Number of spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD	6 594	5 986
Number of successful applications for injunctions in spouse battering cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD	No information	
Estimated number of service users of the VSP	Not yet in operation	258 ^[Note]
Actual number of service users of the VSP	Not yet in operation	

^[Note] The VSP has commenced operation since June 2010. Up to the end of December 2010, the VSP had served 258 service users. It is estimated that the total number of service users will increase to 380 by the end of March 2011.

- (b) The VSP aims to serve victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, including elders abused by their spouses, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. The existing scope of the VSP already covers the majority of the victims of domestic violence. SWD will closely monitor the service provision and consider improvement measures when needed.
- (c) As the VSP is not targetted at batterers, the Administration has no plan to propose legislative amendment to require mandatory participation in the VSP by batterers.

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Question Serial No.

1864

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the outcomes of the pilot Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) implemented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and voluntary agency? Is there any follow-up plan?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The two-year pilot project of BIP, which was completed in 2008, was effective in helping abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, a follow-up study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period. BIP has now become an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD. We will further develop other treatment modalities such as BIP for women.

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Question Serial No.
 1865

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involved children under the age of 18 whose father or mother was a non-Hong Kong resident and who made application on their own over the past five years? How many of them were single-parent cases? Amongst these cases, what was the average number of days of the children's absence from Hong Kong? How many children had given up CSSA and returned to the Mainland for permanent stay?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
1a. Number of cases involving children under the age of 18 (whose father or mother was non-Hong Kong resident) making application on their own					
1b. With reference to Question 1a, the number of single-parent cases					
1c. With reference to Question 1b, the average number of days of the children's absence from Hong Kong					
1d. With reference to Question 1b, the number of cases where the children had given up CSSA and returned to the Mainland for permanent stay					

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : We have started to collect statistics on CSSA applications involving children born in Hong Kong to Mainland parents who are both non-Hong Kong residents since August 2006. However, we do not have record of CSSA cases involving children whose father or mother is a non-Hong Kong resident, and who have made the CSSA application on their own.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : At present does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide any support or service for parents who are non-Hong Kong residents? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The 61 integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and two integrated services centres over the territory provide needy families and individuals (including cross-boundary families with Hong Kong-born children and parents who are non-Hong Kong residents) with a continuum of preventive, supportive and remedial welfare services, including counselling, family life education, parent-child activities, support/mutual help groups and referral services, etc.. Social workers of these centres will thoroughly assess the needs of service users and provide them with the appropriate services.

To support families which cannot take care of their children temporarily because of various reasons, SWD has been subsidising non-governmental organisations to provide various day and residential child care services for needy children. Fee subsidies for these services are available to service users in need. Children with parents who are non-Hong Kong residents can also use the services and apply for the fee subsidies.

Moreover, SWD also subvents the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch to operate the Cross-boundary and Inter-country Casework Service to help people facing individual and family problems arising from boundary or geographical separation, including children born and living in Hong Kong whose parents are non-Hong Kong residents. The services provided include enquiries, counselling, emergency assistance, various groups and activities and referral service, etc..

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Question Serial No.
1870

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Estimates that the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) will be regularised and extended to 18 districts. In this connection, I have the following questions –

- (a) Regarding the outcome and utilisation of the pilot NSCCP since its implementation in 2008, please provide the detailed figures in the following table –

Description	Figure
Number of children served in each district	
Age distribution of children served in each district - Below 6 - 6 to 12 - Above 13	
Number of home-based child carers in each district	
Number of service hours of home-based child carers in each district	
Hourly remuneration paid to home-based child carers in each district	
Number of waitlisted cases in each district	
Waiting time in each district	
Service utilisation rate of each district	
Training courses organised for home-based child carers in each district	
Number of participants of the above training courses in each district	

- (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has conducted a review on the service of the NSCCP. How does the finding reflect the demand for this service and the needs of different districts? How can the public learn about the suggestions made in the review report?

- (c) After extending the NSCCP to 18 districts, what will be the total provision for the service in each district?
- (d) What are the application procedures that organisations have to go through? Are existing service providers required to reapply? If yes, will their applications be accorded priority for consideration based on their experience in operation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) The pilot NSCCP was first launched in October 2008 in six districts with a higher demand for child care services, i.e. Tung Chung, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Chung, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Kwun Tong. In March 2009, it was extended to five other districts, thereby covering all the 11 administrative districts of SWD. The figures regarding the implementation of the 11 NSCCPs by district since their full launch in April 2009 to December 2010 are provided in the table below –

Item	SWD's Administrative District	Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Kwun Tong	Sham Shui Po	Central Western/ Southern / Islands	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Sha Tin	Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Tai Po/ North	Eastern / Wan Chai	Total
	Total number of children served (one child being counted once in the month)		1 301	807	1 048	957	1 553	1 176	899	557	945	879	494
Age distribution of children	under six years old	1 204	709	1 045	840	1 394	1 094	790	481	772	802	422	9 553
	six years old or above	97	98	3	117	159	82	109	76	173	77	72	1 063
Number of minimum home-based child care places ^[Note 1]		26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	286
Total number of home-based child care service hours		56 133	53 027	64 092	46 899	41 501	79 273	39 433	28 684	48 535	49 779	15 943	523 299
Hourly incentive payment for home-based child carers		\$18.5	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$20	\$20	\$18	\$20	\$18	\$18	\$22	N.A.

SWD's Administrative District Item	Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Kwun Tong	Sham Shui Po	Central Western/ Southern / Islands	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Sha Tin	Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Tai Po/ North	Eastern / Wan Chai	Total
Total number of training programmes conducted for home-based child carers and volunteers ^[Note 2]	59	9	22	70	23	40	25	14	11	15	5	293
Total number of participants in the training programmes conducted for home-based child carers and volunteers ^[Note 2]	207	158	185	233	340	84	270	279	118	221	87	2 182

[Note 1] SWD does not capture statistics on the number of home-based child carers.

[Note 2] SWD does not capture statistics on the number of training programmes provided exclusively for home-based child carers.

There is no waiting list since the launch of the NSCCP. SWD has so far not received any report of needy children unable to receive the NSCCP service. The service providers have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places on top of the minimum requirement set by SWD in order to meet the actual service demand.

- (b) The review findings indicate that the NSCCP has achieved its aims of promoting community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood and, at the same time, providing flexible child care support for needy families. The Administration will extend this district-based child care service to all 18 districts. The flexibility for service providers to increase the number of home-based child care places to meet the actual service demand of their respective districts will continue. The major findings of the review are summarised in the discussion paper submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services for its meeting on 10 January 2011. The paper is accessible to the public.
- (c) The Administration has reserved \$33 million per year for the regularisation and extension of the NSCCP. Subject to budgetary approval, the provision for each of the 18 NSCCPs will be worked out and stated in the new service specification.

- (d) SWD will invite proposals for operating the regularised NSCCP in each of the 18 districts. The existing service operators will have to submit their proposals if they wish to operate the regularised NSCCP. Relevant experience in operating child care service will be one of the assessment criteria.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) with breakdown by the number of eligible members as at the end of February 2011?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2010-11 as at the end of February 2011 were as below –

Number of eligible members	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	66 737	71	3 263	70 071
2	44 380	3	303	44 686
3	22 657	-	47	22 704
4	12 407	-	32	12 439
5	4 438	-	9	4 447
6 and above	1 553	1	2	1 556
Total	152 172	75	3 656	155 903

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

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Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What were the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA) with breakdown by the number of eligible members in 2011 (as at the end of February)?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as below –

Number of eligible members	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	6 336	707	13 428	20 471
2	5 390	142	4 794	10 326
3	2 995	19	2 879	5 893
4	1 167	1	1 218	2 386
5	278	5	440	723
6 and above	177	-	184	361
Total	16 343	874	22 943	40 160

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)159

Question Serial No.
1873

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the numbers of cases in public housing estates and private housing with actual rent greater than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA), with breakdowns by the range of the difference being \$1-\$99, \$100-\$499, \$500-\$999 and \$1,000 or above, as at the end of February 2011.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with the actual rent exceeding the MRA (with breakdown by the amount of actual rent exceeding the MRA) as at the end of February 2011 were as below –

Amount of actual rent exceeding MRA	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	
	Public housing estate	Private housing
Less than \$100	964	4 038
\$100 – less than \$500	1 705	9 369
\$500 – less than \$1,000	909	5 118
\$1,000 or above	78	4 418
Total	3 656	22 943

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)160

Question Serial No.

1874

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please inform this Committee of the following for the past five years –

- (a) the numbers of new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the numbers of cases which left the CSSA net in each year, with breakdowns by nature of case and age group;
- (b) the numbers of new CSSA cases (including reapplications from those having left the CSSA net before) and the numbers of persons who left the CSSA net in each year, with breakdowns by age group and duration of stay on CSSA (please provide the number of persons who left the CSSA net due to death separately);
- (c) the numbers of recipients who had been on CSSA for over three years and five years respectively, with breakdown by age group (below 15, 15-59, 60 or above); and
- (d) the numbers of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for over three years and five years respectively, with breakdowns by age group (15-24, 25-39, 40-49, 50-59) and education level.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) and (b) The numbers of CSSA new applications and closed cases (with breakdown by nature of case) during 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 1: Number of CSSA new applications with breakdown by nature of case

Nature of cases ^[Note 1]	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)
Old age	14 823	13 798	16 114	15 356	13 554
Permanent disability	1 838	1 598	1 851	1 777	1 462
Ill health	6 911	6 604	7 375	7 045	6 300
Single parent	4 980	4 143	5 917	4 730	3 583
Low earnings	3 988	3 207	4 661	3 636	2 667
Unemployment	16 000	12 002	15 299	14 288	9 370
Others	6 206	5 455	5 718	5 902	5 236
Total	54 746	46 807	56 935	52 734	42 172

Table 2: Number of CSSA closed cases with breakdown by nature of case

Nature of cases ^[Note 1]	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)
Old age	12 656	13 601	14 261	13 921	12 839
Permanent disability	1 179	1 327	1 208	1 209	1 121
Ill health	2 646	2 793	2 634	2 440	2 334
Single parent	4 456	4 622	3 810	3 450	3 426
Low earnings	3 846	3 858	3 237	2 640	2 760
Unemployment	9 207	8 556	6 220	6 484	6 222
Others	1 210	1 188	1 110	1 256	1 299
Total	35 200	35 945	32 480	31 400	30 001

We do not keep record of the numbers of new CSSA cases with breakdowns by age group and duration of stay on CSSA, or record of the number of recipients involved in closed cases.

- (c) The numbers of CSSA recipients having received CSSA for more than three and five years respectively (with breakdown by age group) during 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 3: The numbers of CSSA recipients having received CSSA for more than three years

Year ^[Note 2]	Below 15	15-59	60 or above	Total
2006-07	64 891	158 293	145 987	369 171
2007-08	61 923	157 362	149 507	368 792
2008-09	58 134	153 949	151 379	363 462
2009-10	55 014	152 752	153 025	360 791
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	51 037	144 318	152 256	347 611

Table 4: The numbers of CSSA recipients having received CSSA for more than five years

Year ^[Note 2]	Below 15	15-59	60 or above	Total
2006-07	35 976	103 433	112 585	251 994
2007-08	38 546	114 286	119 941	272 773
2008-09	39 868	121 923	125 821	287 612
2009-10	39 118	125 860	130 544	295 522
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	36 962	121 138	132 364	290 464

- (d) The numbers of CSSA employable recipients having received CSSA for more than three and five years respectively (with breakdowns by age group and by educational attainment) during 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 5: The numbers of CSSA employable recipients having received CSSA for more than three years

Year ^[Note 2]	Educational attainment	Age group				Total
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	
2006-07	No schooling/ kindergarten	29	305	1 897	2 542	4 773
	Primary	921	1 606	8 032	8 981	19 540
	Lower secondary	2 434	1 776	2 908	1 784	8 902
	Upper secondary	2 028	911	1 362	744	5 045
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	488	138	126	142	894
	Total	5 900	4 736	14 325	14 193	39 154

Year ^[Note 2]	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2007-08	No schooling/ kindergarten	26	269	1 723	2 487	4 505
	Primary	1 140	1 580	7 526	9 196	19 442
	Lower secondary	2 031	1 712	2 910	1 955	8 608
	Upper secondary	1 802	942	1 357	796	4 897
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	483	151	119	136	889
	Total	5 482	4 654	13 635	14 570	38 341
2008-09	No schooling/ kindergarten	20	248	1 552	2 336	4 156
	Primary	1 265	1 484	6 976	9 182	18 907
	Lower secondary	1 763	1 786	2 995	2 119	8 663
	Upper secondary	1 777	965	1 365	849	4 956
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	536	159	119	138	952
	Total	5 361	4 642	13 007	14 624	37 634
2009-10	No schooling/ kindergarten	19	219	1 416	2 192	3 846
	Primary	1 397	1 442	6 810	9 207	18 856
	Lower secondary	1 758	1 761	3 136	2 323	8 978
	Upper secondary	1 970	1 036	1 479	944	5 429
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	706	194	127	153	1 180
	Total	5 850	4 652	12 968	14 819	38 289
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	No schooling/ kindergarten	38	191	1 252	1 912	3 393
	Primary	1 331	1 315	6 347	8 615	17 608
	Lower secondary	1 653	1 701	3 118	2 334	8 806
	Upper secondary	1 877	993	1 517	981	5 368
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	686	201	133	159	1 179
	Total	5 585	4 401	12 367	14 001	36 354

Table 6: The numbers of CSSA employable recipients having received CSSA for

more than five years

Year ^[Note 2]	Educational attainment	Age group				
		15-24	25-39	40-49	50-59	Total
2006-07	No schooling/ kindergarten	19	176	1 394	1 828	3 417
	Primary	777	764	4 784	5 315	11 640
	Lower secondary	1 838	730	1 443	943	4 954
	Upper secondary	1 442	425	607	345	2 819
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	387	94	64	66	611
	Total	4 463	2 189	8 292	8 497	23 441
2007-08	No schooling/ kindergarten	19	170	1 390	1 956	3 535
	Primary	1 022	858	5 195	6 375	13 450
	Lower secondary	1 615	946	1 885	1 285	5 731
	Upper secondary	1 388	574	831	501	3 294
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	397	117	92	81	687
	Total	4 441	2 665	9 393	10 198	26 697
2008-09	No schooling/ kindergarten	19	164	1 334	1 965	3 482
	Primary	1 205	906	5 409	7 132	14 652
	Lower secondary	1 464	1 163	2 250	1 599	6 476
	Upper secondary	1 517	667	1 004	621	3 809
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	467	124	96	104	791
	Total	4 672	3 024	10 093	11 421	29 210
2009-10	No schooling/ kindergarten	15	159	1 238	1 934	3 346
	Primary	1 337	941	5 597	7 526	15 401
	Lower secondary	1 508	1 179	2 419	1 863	6 969
	Upper secondary	1 741	730	1 113	745	4 329
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	630	157	85	120	992
	Total	5 231	3 166	10 452	12 188	31 037
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	No schooling/ kindergarten	35	140	1 105	1 712	2 992
	Primary	1 289	905	5 332	7 269	14 795
	Lower secondary	1 439	1 240	2 434	1 900	7 013
	Upper secondary	1 663	735	1 183	791	4 372
	Matriculation or above ^[Note 3]	627	165	95	125	1 012
	Total	5 053	3 185	10 149	11 797	30 184

- [Note 1] For cases which have been on CSSA intermittently, they have been counted more than once.
- [Note 2] The number of CSSA recipients as at the end of the financial year.
- [Note 3] Including institutes under Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

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LWB(WW)161

Question Serial No.

1875

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the numbers of persons who have taken up employment and left the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) net as a result of joining various employment assistance projects and New Dawn (ND) Project in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) operated the following employment assistance projects for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 –

- (a) The Intensive Employment Assistance Projects implemented from October 2006 to September 2008 had served 9 038 participants. Amongst them, 689 participants had left the CSSA net and 2 165 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.
- (b) The District Employment Assistance Trial Projects implemented from October 2006 to September 2008 had served 379 participants. Amongst them, 37 participants had left the CSSA net and 146 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.
- (c) The first phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) implemented from October 2006 to September 2007 had served 68 participants aged 15 to 24. Amongst them, 14 participants had left the CSSA net and 25 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

The second phase of My STEP implemented from October 2007 to September 2009 had served 611 participants aged 15 to 29. Amongst them, 65 participants had left the CSSA net and 244 participants had

changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

The third phase of My STEP implemented since October 2009 will last up to September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 838 participants aged 15 to 29. Amongst them, 56 participants had left the CSSA net and 250 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

- (d) The Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme implemented since October 2008 will last up to September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 85 786 participants. Amongst them, 4 015 participants had left the CSSA net and 12 022 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

In 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, SWD also implemented the following New Dawn (ND) Projects to help single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 build up their capacity for work, integrate into society and move towards self-reliance through engagement in paid employment –

- (a) The ND Project implemented from April 2006 to September 2007 had served 9 131 participants. Amongst them, 504 participants had left the CSSA net and 3 302 participants had secured paid employment with working hours of no less than 32 hours per month.
- (b) The Enhanced ND Project implemented from October 2007 to March 2010 had served 10 244 participants. Amongst them, 264 participants had left the CSSA net and 2 711 participants had secured paid employment with working hours of no less than 32 hours per month.
- (c) The third phase of the ND project implemented since April 2010 will last up to September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 3 607 participants. Amongst them, 35 participants had left the CSSA net and 494 participants had secured paid employment with working hours of no less than 32 hours per month.

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LWB(WW)162

Question Serial No.
1876

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the numbers of reports of fraud and abuse cases on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) as well as the numbers of established cases over the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of reported and established fraud cases on CSSA and OAA in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011) were as follows –

Year	Reported fraud cases		Established fraud cases	
	CSSA	OAA	CSSA	OAA
2008-09	3 485	133	810	14
2009-10	3 061	144	950	38
2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011)	2 501	89	842	31

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Government stated that it will continue to allocate provisions for commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate various employment assistance projects including the New Dawn (ND) Project in 2011-12. What are the provisions involved and the duration of provisions? Besides, will the Government consider implementing the above projects on a regular basis?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department will continue to commission NGOs to operate the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the third phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the third phase of the ND Project in 2011-12, and will explore the continuation of these employment assistance projects beyond the financial year.

The estimated expenditures of IEAS, My STEP and ND Project in 2011-12 are as follows –

Employment assistance projects	Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)
IEAS	59.5
Third phase of My STEP	5.7
Third phase of the ND Project	10.8

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Question Serial No.

1880

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per supervision case served per month for probation services will increase from \$1,826 in 2010-11 to \$1,906 in 2011-12. Is the increase due to the adjustment in manpower or in salary? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase in the cost per supervision case served per month for probation services in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the filling of vacant civil service posts.

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Question Serial No.

1881

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per supervision case served per month under Community Service Orders (CSO) will increase from \$1,544 in 2010-11 to \$1,638 in 2011-12. Is the increase due to the adjustment in manpower or in salary? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase in the unit cost for the supervision cases under the CSO Scheme in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the increase in salaries provision arising from the granting of increment to eligible civil service staff and the full-year effect of filling of vacant civil service posts in 2010-11.

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Question Serial No.

1882

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The cost per resident per month for probation home, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge will increase from \$37,086 in 2010-11 to \$39,161 in 2011-12. Is the increase due to the adjustment in manpower or in salary? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase in the cost per resident per month for the probation home, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenditure on catering and education services.

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LWB(WW)167

Question Serial No.

2216

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The total amount of provision for Young People in the 2010-11 original estimate of \$1,550.9 million has been reduced to \$1,535.0 million in the 2010-11 revised estimate. What are the reasons for the difference of \$15.9 million?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The decrease of \$15.9 million in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the re-scheduling of the timing for making preparation for new projects, partly offset by the 2010 pay adjustment.

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Question Serial No.

2217

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be an additional Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre (ICYSC) in 2011-12. Please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the district where the additional ICYSC will be located?
- (b) the impact of the additional ICYSC on the total provision?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The new ICYSC will be set up in Ngau Tau Kok in 2011-12 by pooling of resources of a Children and Youth Centre in the same locality. The exercise will be cost-neutral and will not affect the overall provision for services for young people.

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Question Serial No.

2218

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the reasons for the Administration to estimate that the number of cases served in school social work will increase by 2 310 in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of various types of cases.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : There will be an increase of 96 school social workers (SSWs) in 2011-12, representing a 20% increase in strength. The additional SSWs will take up more new cases, and the overall cases served under 2011-12 estimate have taken into account the part-year workload of the additional SSWs. Cases handled by SSWs may involve multiple problems, including drug abuse and related problems, difficulties in academic studies, emotional/mental health problems, family problems, etc.. There is no detailed breakdown by types of cases.

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LWB(WW)170

Question Serial No.

2219

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the reasons for the Administration to estimate that the number of cases served in outreaching school social work will increase by 305 in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of various types of cases.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Each of the 16 outreaching social work teams has been provided with one additional social worker in 2010-11 to strengthen proactive outreaching services to at-risk youths. The additional outreaching social workers will take up more new cases, and the overall number of cases served as indicated in the 2011-12 estimate has taken into account the full-year workload of the additional staff. Cases handled by outreaching social workers may involve multiple problems including self-functioning, employment, peer relationship, drug abuse, etc.. There is no detailed breakdown by types of cases.

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Question Serial No.

2220

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration estimates that the number of school social work cases served will increase by 2 310 while the caseload per worker will remain unchanged in 2011-12. How many additional school social workers (SSWs) will be provided in 2011-12? What is the implication on the overall provision for school social work?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : There will be a 20% increase in manpower, i.e. 96 additional SSWs in 2011-12. The additional recurrent provision is \$49.8 million per annum.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated that the caseload per worker of outreaching social work will remain unchanged in 2011-12. However, the cost per case per month will be increased by \$28 from \$507 to \$535, representing an increase of 5.52%. Is the increase in cost per case a result of pay adjustment for outreaching social workers? If yes, what are the details and rate of the pay adjustment? If no, what are the reasons for the cost increase?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase in cost per case per month for outreaching social work for 2011-12 as compared to 2010-11 is mainly due to the full-year effect of the additional manpower provision of outreaching social work services.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question : (a) The revised estimated expenditure for additional provision for social security recipients is \$1,744 million in 2010-11. What are the breakdowns of the provision?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure for additional provision for social security recipients in 2011-12?
- (c) Given that there is only a balance of \$156 million in additional provision for social security recipients, will the Administration make additional financial commitment to the account?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

- Reply : (a) Of the revised estimated expenditure in 2010-11, \$1,069 million was for the additional one month of standard rate payments for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients and \$675 million for the additional one month of allowance for Social Security Allowance (SSA) recipients.
- (b) The estimated expenditures for the additional one month of standard rate payments for CSSA recipients and the additional one month of allowance for SSA recipients are \$1,187 million and \$754 million respectively in 2011-12, totalling \$1,941 million.
- (c) As the additional one-month payment in 2010-11 has already been granted to a vast majority of the social security recipients, the balance of \$156 million is considered adequate and no additional financial commitment is required.

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LWB(WW)174

Question Serial No.

2478

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : An additional integrated family service centre (IFSC) run by a subvented non-governmental organisation will be set up in 2011-12. In which quarter in 2011-12 will the IFSC commence operation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The new IFSC will commence operation tentatively by the end of 2011.

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LWB(WW)175

Question Serial No.

2479

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : An additional integrated family service centre (IFSC) run by a subvented non-governmental organisation will be set up in 2011-12. Has a permanent site been secured for the IFSC? If yes, in which quarter can the IFSC commence operation? If no, how can the Administration ensure that a permanent site can be arranged before the IFSC commences operation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The new IFSC will be located in Sham Shui Po. The Social Welfare Department is actively seeking suitable premises within the service boundary for it. Pending availability of a suitable site, the new IFSC will operate at the existing available premises.

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Question Serial No.

2480

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the cost per place under the existing Work Extension Programme (WEP)? Will the Administration increase the resources for WEP and the cost per place in 2011-12? When will the Administration review the amount of provision and mode of service of WEP? Will the Administration plan to extend WEP to all the sheltered workshops (SWs) in future?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Under the Integrated Work Extension Programme (IWEP), 13 SWs and integrated vocational rehabilitation service centres provide a total of 195 places at an estimated annual provision of \$5.3 million in 2011-12. The Social Welfare Department has no plan to increase the provision of IWEP places but will continue to consult the relevant stakeholders on enhanced measures for meeting the wide spectrum of needs of the ageing service users.

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Question Serial No.
 2489

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the additional numbers of various types of residential care places for the elderly to be provided in 2011-12 and in the next four years (please provide the information in table form)?

Year	Self-care (S/C) hostel/home for the aged (H/A) places	Care-and-attention (C&A) home places	Homes participating in the conversion of S/C and H/A places	Nursing home (NH) places	Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)
2011-12					
2012-13					
2013-14					
2014-15					
2015-16					

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : On residential care places, the Government will increase recurrent funding by \$131 million in 2011-12 to provide 1 270 additional subsidised residential care places, which include 234 NH places, 243 long-term care places offering a continuum of care; and 793 higher-quality C&A places (i.e. EA1 places) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. These places will come into service gradually from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, there will be another 1 011 additional subsidised residential care places coming into operation (including 971 NH places and 40 C&A places), the resources of which have been earmarked in previous years. Hence, there will be a total of about 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places coming on stream in the coming four years.

On day care services, the Government will increase recurrent funding by \$13 million in 2011-12 to provide 185 additional places.

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential and day care places in 2011-12 is as follows –

Year	C&A home places	Conversion home places	NH places	DE/DCU places
2011-12	404	314	404	210

[Note] The Social Welfare Department no longer increases S/C hostels and H/A places with effect from 1 January 2003 and the vacant S/C and H/A places will gradually be phased out and converted into C&A places providing continuum of care.

In addition to the above-mentioned new service places, the Government has secured premises and would continue to earmark sites in public housing estate developments, projects under the Urban Renewal Authority as well as vacant government premises and schools for provision of residential and day care services for the elderly. Additional resources will be sought in the coming years when the construction works are near completion. We will in due course work out the provision of additional residential/day care places from 2012-13 onwards.

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Question Serial No.
 2490

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the planned number of additional places for residential care homes for persons with disabilities to be provided by the Administration in 2011-12 and in the coming four years (Please give reply in the table below)?

Year	Hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs)	Hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs)	Hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs)	Care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	Supported hostels (SHOSs)
2011-12					
2012-13					
2013-14					
2014-15					
2015-16					

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 470 additional places of various types of residential care services in 2011-12 as follows –

	HSMH	HMMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	SHOS	Small group home
Number of additional places in 2011-12	276	88	0	50	40	16

From 2012-13 to 2015-16, the Administration will provide about 891 additional places of various types of residential care services. We will continue to make proactive efforts to identify other suitable premises/sites for increasing the places for residential care services for persons with disabilities to meet service demand.

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Question Serial No.
 2491

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the planned number of additional places of day services for persons with disabilities to be provided by the Administration in 2011-12 and in the coming four years (Please give reply in the table below)?

Year	Day activity centres (DACs)	Sheltered workshops (SWs)	Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs)
2011-12			
2012-13			
2013-14			
2014-15			
2015-16			

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The additional places of day services for persons with disabilities to be provided in 2011-12 are as follows –

	DAC	SW	IVRSC
Number of additional places in 2011-12	341	-64 ^[Note]	234

[Note] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since April 2004 implemented the service mode of IVRSCs for service enhancement through incorporating the elements of SW and supported employment to provide one-stop integrated vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, SWD plans to re-engineer 134 SW places into IVRSC places and increase the provision of 70 SW places through in-situ expansion, resulting in a net reduction of 64 SW places.

From 2012-13 to 2015-16, the Administration will provide about 790 additional places of various types of day rehabilitation services. We will continue to make proactive efforts to identify other suitable premises/sites for increasing the places for day services to meet service demand.

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Question Serial No.
 2494

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Estimates points out that an additional 50 foster care places will be provided. With regard to this and the demand for residential care services for children in general,

(a) Please provide the following information –

Item	Residential 1 Crèches and Nurseries	Children's Home	Small Group Home	Girls' Home	Girls' Hostel	Boys' Home	Boys' Hostel	Foster Care Service
Number of waitlisted cases - Apr 2008 – Mar 2009 - Apr 2009 – Mar 2010 - Apr 2010 – Feb 2011								
Average waiting time for admission								
Enrolment rate								
Number of children with special needs admitted to residential homes - Depression - Anxiety disorders - Specific learning disabilities - Developmental delay - Autism - Asperger's syndrome								
Number of children having reunion with birth homes upon case completion								
Staffing establishment of social workers								

(b) What was the location preference of children applying for residential care services as at the end of February 2011?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) The requested information on residential care service for children is listed below –

Item	Residential Crèches and Nurseries	Children's Home	Small Group Home	Girls' Home [Note 1]	Girls' Hostel	Boys' Home [Note 1]	Boys' Hostel	Foster Care Service
Number of waitlisted cases [Note 2]								
- Apr 2008 – Mar 2009	17	76	275	162	56	208	5	37
- Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	10	69	264	190	46	216	5	33
- Apr 2010 – Feb 2011	17	59	256	129	30	119	4	30
Average waiting time for admission (days) [Note 3]	27	56	80	87	71	37	15	38
Enrolment rate (as at the end of Dec 2010) (%)	95	88	94	84	87	80	97	91
Number of children having reunion with birth homes upon case completion								
- Apr 2008 – Mar 2009	37	67	175	6	27	71	5	10
- Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	35	72	180	10	23	60	3	11
- Apr 2010 – Feb 2011	30	64	153	8	19	67	2	10

The waiting time for admission can be attributed to, among other things, the time required for processing the formal admission application and the time for identifying a service place which suits the applicant's location preference.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep statistics on the number of children with different special needs admitted to various residential homes listed in the question.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the service providers have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service demands. SWD therefore does not have the information pertaining to the staffing establishment of the respective services.

(b) The location preference of children applying for residential care services as at the end of February 2011 is listed below –

Region Preference [Note 4]	Residential Crèches and Nurseries	Children's Home	Small Group Home	Girl's Home without School on Site [Note 5]	Girls' Hostel	Boys' Home without School on Site [Note 5]	Boys' Hostel	Foster Care Service
Hong Kong	20	21	56	9	7	0	4	6
East Kowloon	0	15	124	0	32	28	0	17

Region Preference [Note 4]	Residential Crèches and Nurseries	Children's Home	Small Group Home	Girl's Home without School on Site [Note 5]	Girls' Hostel	Boys' Home without School on Site [Note 5]	Boys' Hostel	Foster Care Service
West Kowloon	8	0	81	0	1	16	0	14
East New Territories	0	10	142	0	10	0	0	3
West New Territories	0	0	111	0	1	4	0	9
No preference	22	60	93	19	38	42	10	15

[Note 1] Figures relating to girls' and boys' homes include those with or without school on site.

[Note 2] Average number of waitlisted cases as at the end of each month during the respective period.

[Note 3] Average waiting time for admission of all children admitted for residential child care services from April 2010 to February 2011.

[Note 4] Applicants may indicate preference for more than one region.

[Note 5] Applicants for girls' and boys' homes with school on site are not given options for location.

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Question Serial No.

2495

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Estimates points out that an additional 50 foster care places will be provided. With regard to this and the demand for residential care services for children in general, please provide the following information –

- (a) How will the additional foster care places be allocated? How to attract families to become foster homes? Will the Administration consider raising the allowance for foster homes to attract more families to participate and implement this measure accordingly?
- (b) In view of the growing demand for residential child care service and the complexity of children's cases, how will the Government allocate resources to address the ever growing service needs and provide appropriate service facilities?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) The 50 additional foster care places will be provided through the eight existing foster care service providers from April 2011. To recruit suitable families to deliver volunteer foster care service, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has conducted promotional publicity activities through various mass media and channels of wide coverage including free local newspapers, television and radio interviews, public utilities bills and docu-drama broadcasted in TV in 2010-11. Furthermore, to recognise and publicise the contribution of foster families, SWD organises training award scheme for all foster parents regularly, mass programmes half-yearly and territory-wide award presentation biennially in addition to the incentive payment which is adjusted annually according to government-wide price adjustment factor.

- (b) The Administration will continue to monitor the service demand and utilisation of the residential child care service in considering the allocation of resources for the service.

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Question Serial No.

2499

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the numbers of places to be purchased from residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) for 2011-12 and the following four years?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has launched a four-year pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private RCHDs in October 2010 with a view to upgrading the service standard of private RCHDs, increasing the supply of subsidised residential care places and helping the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities. A two-phase approach is adopted in purchasing places under BPS, with an initial purchase of around 150-233 places in the first year, and an increase to a total of about 300 places from the second year onwards.

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Question Serial No.

3120

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Budget that the Government will enhance the school social work (SSW) services for secondary schools to help prevent and tackle student drug abuse and related problems. What is the staffing arrangement for the enhanced SSW service, the roles of the staff and the total amount of provision for the service? Will the additional staff for SSW service be involved in drug testing work?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : There will be 20% increase in manpower, i.e. 96 additional school social workers in 2011-12. The additional recurrent provision is \$49.8 million per annum. The enhanced SSW manpower will help prevent and tackle student drug abuse and related problems. Among other things, they will support schools and students participating in drug testing schemes but they will not carry out drug tests themselves.

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Question Serial No.

3121

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the estimates that the Government will continue to provide training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse. In the face of fierce competition from kindergartens, will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) formulate specific policies to retain talents by enhancing in-service training for child care workers of day child care centres and kindergarten-cum-child care centres and adjusting their pay? If yes, please state the contents and estimates of such arrangements. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : As stated in the Brief Description under Programme (1) of SWD's Controlling Officer's Report, SWD has continued to provide training for child care staff working in child care centres (CCCs). In 2008-09, SWD launched a training subsidy scheme to sponsor CCCs to provide in-service training for their child care staff, including child care supervisors and child care workers, to enhance their quality. Course fee reimbursement up to \$15,000 is provided to each trainee per annum for recognised courses. SWD has reserved around \$5.8 million for fee reimbursement for courses already enrolled and to be completed in the second quarter of 2011-12. On the pay of child care workers working in aided CCCs, the CCCs may decide on the remuneration of their staff with reference to the Civil Service Master Pay Scale.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the estimates that the Government will regularise the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and extend it to 18 districts in 2011-12. Please list out the specific types, quantity and number of beneficiaries of the Government's services to support new born infants, young children and dual working families in the past five years.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : To provide support to families or parents who cannot take care of their young children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides subventions/subsidies to non-governmental organisations to run a variety of child care services for children aged under six, including standalone child care centres, occasional child care service, extended hours service and the pilot NSCCP. The respective service provision and utilisation of these services for the past five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11 are provided in the table below –

Service Year	Standalone Child Care Centre		Occasional Child Care Service		Extended Hours Service		The NSCCP	
	Provision (Places)	Utilisation Rate	Provision (Units)	Utilisation Rate	Provision (Places)	Utilisation Rate	Minimum Number of Places	Average Number of Children Served per Month [Note 1]
2006 – 07	686	91%	221	73%	1 244	88%	–	–
2007 – 08	666	95%	220	70%	1 244	88%	–	–
2008 – 09	682	97%	219	56%	1 244	85%	– [Note 2]	– [Note 2]
2009 – 10	690	98%	217	49%	1 230	77%	440	453
2010 – 11 (as at end-December 2010)	690	98%	217	61%	1 230	79%	440	575

[Note 1] The same child was counted once in a month.

[Note 2] The NSCCP was first launched in October 2008 in six districts with a higher demand for child care services. In March 2009, it was extended to five other districts, thereby covering all of SWD's 11 administrative districts. From October 2008 to March 2009, a minimum of 240 places were provided and an average of 165 service users per month were served under six projects.

SWD also supports local organisations to operate mutual help child care centres on a self-financing basis.

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Question Serial No.

3124

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of Programme Workers (PWs) to be employed in 2011-12? What is the estimated provision involved? Will the Administration continue to employ PWs after March 2012? If yes, what are the provision and the number of PWs involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In April 2008, 3 000 PW time-limited posts were created for young people aged between 15 and 29 and allocated to subvented welfare non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 for them to gain work experience. The Administration has decided to extend these 3 000 temporary work opportunities for one year up to March 2012. The Social Welfare Department will follow up with the NGOs on the extension arrangements. The expenditure involved is about \$310 million in 2011-12.

Given the time-limited nature, the PW posts will lapse by March 2012. The NGOs will assist the PWs in either seeking alternative jobs in the open labour market or in pursuing further studies/vocational training as appropriate.

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Question Serial No.
3125

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The remunerations of Programme Assistants (PA) and Care Assistants (CA) employed by the social welfare sector are low in general. Upon the implementation of the Minimum Wage Ordinance (the Ordinance), the remunerations of these posts will probably be unable to comply with the minimum requirement of the Ordinance. In what ways will the Administration help the subvented sector raise the remuneration level of these posts? Has the Administration reserved provisions for the additional remunerations mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Subsequent to the Administration's announcement of the statutory minimum wage (SMW) at \$28 per hour, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is assessing the impact of SMW on all subvented services, including those employing PA and CA. In the light of the assessment, the Administration will consider if there is a need to provide additional resources to non-governmental organisations for their compliance with the SMW requirements in respect of welfare services subvented by SWD.

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Question Serial No.
3127

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases having changed to “unemployment” category from other categories, and the number of the recipients involved in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA unemployment cases which were originally classified as “other categories”, and the numbers of recipients involved, during 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 1: For 2006-07, of the 37 819 unemployment cases involving 74 598 recipients as at the end of December 2006, 4 427 cases involving 10 919 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2005.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2005	Number of unemployment cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2006	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	434	1 073
Permanent Disability	244	431
Ill Health	1 159	2 051
Single Parent	1 291	3 142
Low Earnings	1 074	3 757
Others	225	465
Total	4 427	10 919

Table 2: For 2007-08, of the 32 893 unemployment cases involving 62 284 recipients as at the end of December 2007, 3 770 cases involving 8 684 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2006.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2006	Number of unemployment cases changed from other categories as at December 2007	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	378	913
Permanent Disability	202	311
Ill Health	1 080	1 780
Single Parent	890	2 048
Low Earnings	946	3 086
Others	274	546
Total	3 770	8 684

Table 3: For 2008-09, of the 31 772 unemployment cases involving 57 195 recipients as at the end of December 2008, 3 798 cases involving 9 012 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2007.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2007	Number of unemployment cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2008	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	394	923
Permanent Disability	213	342
Ill Health	1 016	1 668
Single Parent	1 001	2 292
Low Earnings	966	3 366
Others	208	421
Total	3 798	9 012

Table 4: For 2009-10, of the 33 279 unemployment cases involving 60 831 recipients as at the end of December 2009, 3 941 cases involving 9 420 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2008.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2008	Number of unemployment cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	437	1 044
Permanent Disability	190	326
Ill Health	949	1 667
Single Parent	1 106	2 489
Low Earnings	999	3 387
Others	260	507
Total	3 941	9 420

Table 5: For 2010-11, of the 29 813 unemployment cases involving 54 394 recipients as at the end of December 2010, 3 533 cases involving 8 137 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2009.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2009	Number of unemployment cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2010	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	437	1 016
Permanent Disability	196	362
Ill Health	886	1 481
Single Parent	994	2 167
Low Earnings	787	2 657
Others	233	454
Total	3 533	8 137

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)189

Question Serial No.
3128

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases having changed to “low earnings” category from other categories, and the number of the recipients involved in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA low earnings cases which were originally classified as “other categories”, and the numbers of recipients involved, during 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 1: For 2006-07, of the 18 257 low earnings cases involving 64 580 recipients as at the end of December 2006, 4 130 cases involving 14 195 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2005.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2005	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2006	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	475	1 628
Permanent Disability	95	336
Ill Health	295	1 041
Single Parent	610	1 823
Unemployment	2 536	8 958
Others	119	409
Total	4 130	14 195

Table 2: For 2007-08, of the 17 221 low earnings cases involving 60 071 recipients as at the end of December 2007, 3 358 cases involving 11 133 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2006.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2006	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2007	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	436	1 450
Permanent Disability	76	256
Ill Health	226	776
Single Parent	449	1 306
Unemployment	2 072	7 018
Others	99	327
Total	3 358	11 133

Table 3: For 2008-09, of the 16 080 low earnings cases involving 53 343 recipients as at the end of December 2008, 2 677 cases involving 8 607 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2007.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2007	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2008	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	419	1 363
Permanent Disability	53	152
Ill Health	245	839
Single Parent	407	1 039
Unemployment	1 456	4 937
Others	97	277
Total	2 677	8 607

Table 4: For 2009-10, of the 15 633 low earnings cases involving 52 446 recipients as at the end of December 2009, 2 492 cases involving 8 125 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2008.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2008	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	432	1 423
Permanent Disability	65	222
Ill Health	214	747
Single Parent	422	1 096
Unemployment	1 273	4 354
Others	86	283
Total	2 492	8 125

Table 5: For 2010-11, of the 14 407 low earnings cases involving 48 318 recipients as at the end of December 2010, 2 507 cases involving 7 993 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2009.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2009	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2010	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	382	1 205
Permanent Disability	69	243
Ill Health	218	733
Single Parent	414	1 034
Unemployment	1 312	4 457
Others	112	321
Total	2 507	7 993

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)190

Question Serial No.
 3129

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list out, by category of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, the number of cases having left the CSSA net, number of recipients involved and the reasons for leaving the CSSA net in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA cases closed during 2006-07 to 2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011) by case nature and by closure reason are set out below –

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed during the financial year 2006-07						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old Age	104	9 958	186	204	2 006	198	12 656
Permanent Disability	3	195	68	104	707	102	1 179
Ill Health	10	409	83	365	1 591	188	2 646
Single Parent	6	9	160	535	3 681	65	4 456
Low Earnings	2	1	118	340	3 343	42	3 846
Unemployment	25	148	381	2 398	5 772	483	9 207
Others	3	7	22	218	667	293	1 210
Total	153	10 727	1 018	4 164	17 767	1 371	35 200

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed during the financial year 2007-08						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old Age	128	10 768	251	194	2 082	178	13 601
Permanent Disability	2	248	72	117	794	94	1 327
Ill Health	11	440	103	394	1 676	169	2 793
Single Parent	11	8	128	508	3 882	85	4 622
Low Earnings	7	7	102	313	3 398	31	3 858
Unemployment	56	147	335	2 420	5 236	362	8 556
Others	8	7	17	251	750	155	1 188
Total	223	11 625	1 008	4 197	17 818	1 074	35 945

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed during the financial year 2008-09						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old Age	102	11 366	270	162	2 122	239	14 261
Permanent Disability	6	265	74	81	688	94	1 208
Ill Health	24	466	90	349	1 487	218	2 634
Single Parent	18	11	101	403	3 162	115	3 810
Low Earnings	12	7	70	215	2 844	89	3 237
Unemployment	74	170	261	1 713	3 594	408	6 220
Others	7	13	30	192	738	130	1 110
Total	243	12 298	896	3 115	14 635	1 293	32 480

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed during the financial year 2009-10						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old Age	70	11 222	250	156	2 003	220	13 921
Permanent Disability	6	275	97	72	677	82	1 209
Ill Health	9	502	88	286	1 357	198	2 440
Single Parent	15	10	90	376	2 876	83	3 450
Low Earnings	4	5	69	199	2 306	57	2 640
Unemployment	19	159	266	1 839	3 751	450	6 484
Others	5	17	40	278	802	114	1 256
Total	128	12 190	900	3 206	13 772	1 204	31 400

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases closed during the financial year 2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)						
	Closure reason						
	Excessive absences over limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old Age	72	10 227	251	212	1 935	142	12 839
Permanent Disability	4	247	84	81	635	70	1 121
Ill Health	9	460	86	269	1 339	171	2 334
Single Parent	8	10	87	404	2 845	72	3 426
Low Earnings	3	6	73	241	2 410	27	2 760
Unemployment	15	129	230	1 669	3 794	385	6 222
Others	1	10	23	285	838	142	1 299
Total	112	11 089	834	3 161	13 796	1 009	30 001

We do not keep information on the number of recipients involved in closed cases.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)191

Question Serial No.
3130

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “unemployment” category and the numbers of recipients with breakdowns by the number of household members, family composition (whether there were members aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, education level, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) Statistics on CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of respective financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Numbers of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1	14 016	12 741	13 685	14 351	13 336
2	3 561	2 969	3 106	3 393	3 183
3	4 238	3 678	3 751	4 015	3 728
4	4 849	3 764	3 573	3 543	3 078
5	2 351	1 803	1 716	1 576	1 314
6 and above	1 127	920	782	669	553
Total	30 142	25 875	26 613	27 547	25 192

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA unemployment cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combination of household member(s)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	3 447	2 286	1 913	1 620	1 323
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	1 239	1 091	1 097	1 184	1 122
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	7 753	6 351	6 348	6 399	5 631
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	17 703	16 147	17 255	18 344	17 116
Total	30 142	25 875	26 613	27 547	25 192

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA unemployment cases by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1 or less	5 630	4 099	5 626	5 794	4 015
More than 1 - 2	3 627	3 035	2 601	3 709	3 644
More than 2 - 3	3 332	2 538	2 376	2 108	2 551
More than 3 - 4	3 872	2 409	2 093	1 964	1 638
More than 4 - 5	3 662	2 860	2 005	1 751	1 544
More than 5	10 019	10 934	11 912	12 221	11 800
Total	30 142	25 875	26 613	27 547	25 192

Table 4: Numbers of CSSA unemployment cases by type of accommodation^[Note 1]

Type of accommodation	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Public housing estate ^[Note 2]	20 046	17 047	17 130	17 564	16 031
Private housing	8 797	7 658	8 062	8 542	7 806
Institutions	335	302	404	374	350
Others ^[Note 3]	964	868	1 017	1 067	1 005
Total	30 142	25 875	26 613	27 547	25 192

(b) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of the financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by gender

Gender	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Male	39 236	32 637	32 807	33 334	29 905
Female	32 960	27 027	26 212	26 167	23 389
Total	72 196	59 664	59 019	59 501	53 294

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
No schooling/ kindergarten	15 155	12 311	11 816	11 470	10 261
Primary	35 415	28 991	27 450	26 546	23 358
Lower secondary	14 337	11 954	12 405	13 114	11 991
Upper secondary	6 299	5 480	6 234	7 070	6 426
Matriculation or above ^[Note 4]	990	928	1 114	1 301	1 258
Total	72 196	59 664	59 019	59 501	53 294

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA recipients in CSSA unemployment cases by age group

Age group	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Under 15	18 223	14 416	13 943	13 582	11 875
15 – 59	50 995	42 633	42 591	43 286	38 910
60 or above	2 978	2 615	2 485	2 633	2 509
Total	72 196	59 664	59 019	59 501	53 294

(c) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of the financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by occupation

Occupation	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Cleaner	942	801	708	784	694
Clerk	211	189	127	134	147
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	601	463	357	361	303
Delivery worker	510	467	407	489	484
Domestic helper/baby sitter	237	225	210	227	222
Driver	191	177	145	187	175
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	1 720	1 659	1 343	1 604	1 589
Salesperson	362	333	278	359	341
Waiter/waitress	374	305	292	338	351
Watchman/guard	304	268	217	217	186
Others	1 542	1 367	1 161	1 375	1 431
Total	6 994	6 254	5 245	6 075	5 923

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA recipients^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by monthly working hours

Monthly working hours (hours)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
50 or less	1 443	1 356	1 176	1 548	1 590
50 – less than 100	1 537	1 416	1 277	1 488	1 465
100 – less than 150	1 334	1 264	1 107	1 237	1 157
150 – less than 200	779	704	547	642	576
200 – less than 250	1 046	881	644	675	668
250 or above	563	394	281	302	281
Total	6 702	6 015	5 032	5 892	5 737

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA unemployment cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Less than \$1,000	1 000	901	722	907	845
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	1 598	1 508	1 310	1 588	1 577
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 270	1 146	1 061	1 160	1 065
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	887	842	729	819	810
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	829	615	475	543	508
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	663	532	384	420	427
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	449	399	298	311	321
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	163	173	159	186	199
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	73	77	64	76	83
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	24	33	17	30	40
\$10,000 or above	38	28	26	35	48
Total	6 994	6 254	5 245	6 075	5 923

- [Note 1] The number of CSSA cases refer to those with eligible members.
- [Note 2] Including public housing estates under Housing Authority and Housing Society.
- [Note 3] Including street sleeping, government quarters, men's apartment, boarding school, correctional or penal institution, boat, private quarters and other unclassified types of accommodation.
- [Note 4] Including institutes under Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.
- [Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on monthly working hours.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

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Question: Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the “low earnings” category and the numbers of recipients with breakdowns by the numbers of household members, family composition (whether there were members aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years), their gender, education level, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, working hours, wages as well as types of accommodation over the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) Statistics on CSSA low earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of respective financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Numbers of CSSA^[Note 1] low earnings cases by number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1	409	419	424	507	518
2	1 602	1 521	1 441	1 588	1 628
3	4 083	3 877	3 602	3 776	3 660
4	5 899	5 357	4 872	4 660	4 260
5	3 036	2 855	2 505	2 339	2 005
6 and above	1 497	1 273	1 112	1 027	894
Total	16 526	15 302	13 956	13 897	12 965

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA^[Note 1] low earnings cases by combination of household member(s) (whether with recipient(s) aged 65 or above, aged below 15 or new arrival(s) having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years (NA7))

Combination of household member(s)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
With one or more recipients of any age being NA7	3 190	2 453	2 007	1 839	1 641
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one elderly recipient aged 65 or above	2 549	2 545	2 439	2 480	2 334
Without any recipient being NA7 and with at least one child recipient aged below 15 whilst without any elderly recipient aged 65 or above	8 116	7 536	6 871	6 681	6 162
Without any recipient being NA7 and with recipient aged 15-64 only (i.e. no NA7, no child recipient aged below 15 nor elderly recipients aged 65 or above)	2 671	2 768	2 639	2 897	2 828
Total	16 526	15 302	13 956	13 897	12 965

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA^[Note 1] low earnings cases by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1 or less	1 318	953	995	1 120	804
More than 1 - 2	1 576	1 231	864	1 056	1 102
More than 2 - 3	1 812	1 337	1 042	762	843
More than 3 - 4	2 606	1 578	1 156	923	749
More than 4 - 5	2 455	2 224	1 334	1 052	850
More than 5	6 759	7 979	8 565	8 984	8 617
Total	16 526	15 302	13 956	13 897	12 965

Table 4: Numbers of CSSA^[Note 1] low earnings cases by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Public housing estates ^[Note 2]	13 874	12 637	11 513	11 357	10 523
Private housing	2 605	2 629	2 397	2 492	2 397
Institutions	6	5	6	11	10
Others ^[Note 3]	41	31	40	37	35
Total	16 526	15 302	13 956	13 897	12 965

- (b) Statistics on CSSA recipients in CSSA low earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of the financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Numbers of CSSA recipients in CSSA low earnings cases by gender

Gender	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Male	31 313	28 764	26 133	25 733	23 546
Female	32 862	30 129	27 050	26 160	23 987
Total	64 175	58 893	53 183	51 893	47 533

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA recipients in CSSA low earnings cases by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
No schooling/ kindergarten	14 696	13 627	12 229	11 786	10 932
Primary	30 053	27 137	23 992	22 907	20 762
Lower secondary	12 299	11 393	10 501	10 566	9 675
Upper secondary	6 028	5 691	5 423	5 497	5 094
Matriculation or above ^[Note4]	1 099	1 045	1 038	1 137	1 070
Total	64 175	58 893	53 183	51 893	47 533

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA recipients in CSSA low earnings cases by age group

Age group	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Under 15	20 322	18 238	16 376	15 642	14 385
15 – 59	38 284	35 448	31 974	31 406	28 559
60 or above	5 569	5 207	4 833	4 845	4 589
Total	64 175	58 893	53 183	51 893	47 533

- (c) Statistics on CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low earnings cases with breakdown by selected profiles from 2006-07 to 2010-11 (as at the end of the financial year except for 2010-11) were as follows –

Table 1: Numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low earnings cases by occupation

Occupation	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Cleaner	2 604	2 486	2 212	2 222	1 974
Clerk	677	651	564	568	489
Construction worker/labourer/decoration worker	779	708	619	596	555
Delivery worker	932	866	774	773	735
Domestic helper/baby sitter	285	291	287	298	279
Driver	942	890	830	845	810
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	3 563	3 346	3 065	3 150	2 970
Salesperson	1 006	867	842	909	844
Waiter/waitress	891	849	752	759	689
Watchman/guard	1 940	1 833	1 616	1 493	1 389
Others	3 581	3 350	2 900	2 960	2 899
Total	17 200	16 137	14 461	14 573	13 633

Table 2: Numbers of CSSA recipients ^[Note 5] with employment earnings in CSSA low earnings cases by monthly working hours

Monthly working hours (hours)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
50 or less	385	395	354	361	379
50 – less than 100	446	486	441	508	493
100 – less than 150	3 304	3 175	3 122	3 321	3 329
150 – less than 200	3 290	3 132	2 881	3 003	2 813
200 – less than 250	5 704	5 302	4 585	4 545	4 128
250 or above	2 744	2 494	2 080	1 965	1 699
Total	15 873	14 984	13 463	13 703	12 841

Table 3: Numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in CSSA low earnings cases by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Less than \$1,000	283	302	219	257	221
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	765	754	665	704	637
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	1 833	1 659	1 565	1 573	1 433
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	2 453	2 294	2 186	2 259	2 125
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	3 431	2 969	2 450	2 304	2 205
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	3 455	3 106	2 529	2 610	2 310
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	2 577	2 527	2 359	2 265	2 028
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 190	1 338	1 332	1 280	1 254
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	600	595	628	661	625
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	262	273	285	284	319
\$10,000 or above	351	320	243	376	476
Total	17 200	16 137	14 461	14 573	13 633

[Note 1] The number of CSSA cases refer to those with eligible members.

[Note 2] Including public housing estates under Housing Authority and Housing Society.

[Note 3] Including street sleeping, government quarters, men's apartment, boarding school, correctional or penal institution, boat, private quarters and other unclassified types of accommodation.

[Note 4] Including institutes under Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

[Note 5] Excluding CSSA recipients without information on monthly working hours.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)193

Question Serial No.
3132

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, what were the median monthly income and average income of CSSA recipients under the “unemployment” and “low earnings” categories over the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The median employment earnings and average employment earnings of the unemployed and low earnings CSSA recipients, who benefited from monthly DE over the past five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as follows –

Year ^[Note]	Median employment earnings of CSSA recipients benefited from monthly DE under the CSSA Scheme	
	Unemployed CSSA recipients (\$)	Low earnings CSSA recipients (\$)
2006-07	900	4,750
2007-08	900	4,800
2008-09	1,050	4,800
2009-10	1,000	4,800
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	1,025	4,800

Year ^[Note]	Average employment earnings of CSSA recipients benefited from monthly DE under the CSSA Scheme	
	Unemployed CSSA recipients (\$)	Low earnings CSSA recipients (\$)
2006-07	851	4,792
2007-08	860	4,840
2008-09	1,049	4,893
2009-10	1,005	4,911
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	1,053	5,061

[Note] Figures in the table are compiled based on data as at the end of the respective financial years.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)194

Question Serial No.

3133

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme and Intensive Employment Assistance Projects (IEAPs) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information over the past five years (i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11) –

- (a) the numbers of CSSA recipients who have joined the two scheme/projects;
- (b) their age, gender and education level;
- (c) the numbers of recipients who had secured full-time or part-time employment;
- (d) the nature of job and the median employment income; and
- (e) the numbers of recipients who have left the CSSA net.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The total number of participants served by various projects under the SFS Scheme^[Note 1] over the past five years (up to the end of January 2011) is 145 215. Among them, 41 592 had secured full-time employment^[Note 2] and 7 478 had left the CSSA net. We are unable to provide information on their age, gender, education level, the nature of job and the median employment income as the computer systems concerned do not keep such information.

[Note 1] Including IEAPs, the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (launched in October 2008 to replace IEAPs) and My STEP.

[Note 2] The SFS Scheme aims to encourage and assist the unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 to secure full-time employment with working hours no less than 120 per month. We have no record on the number of participants who had secured part-time employment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)195

Question Serial No.
 3344

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of households which are currently on CSSA living in each public housing estate over the territory, and the number as a percentage of the total number of households in that estate;
- (b) the number of CSSA recipients who are currently on CSSA living in each public housing estate over the territory, and the number as a percentage of the total number of tenants in that estate;
- (c) the most updated number of CSSA households currently living in public housing estates by nature of cases and in total;
- (d) the number of CSSA cases in each of the District Council districts.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Table 1: The numbers and percentages of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	592	14%	1 162	9%
Bo Shek Mansion	67	25%	97	15%
Broadview Garden	32	7%	56	4%
Butterfly	1 393	26%	2 286	19%
Chai Wan	317	23%	489	15%
Chak On	542	31%	884	21%
Cheung Ching	668	14%	1 379	9%
Cheung Fat	451	32%	729	21%
Cheung Hang	614	14%	1 083	8%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Cheung Hong	1 458	18%	2 650	12%
Cheung Kwai	69	15%	139	9%
Cheung On	538	36%	867	21%
Cheung Shan	181	11%	408	8%
Cheung Wah	785	35%	1 449	23%
Cheung Wang	1 032	24%	2 293	18%
Ching Ho	2 066	29%	4 332	22%
Cho Yiu Chuen	264	11%	446	6%
Choi Fai	206	16%	396	9%
Choi Fook	546	25%	993	17%
Choi Ha	256	41%	402	26%
Choi Hung	1 542	21%	2 768	15%
Choi Ming Court	721	26%	1 585	17%
Choi Tak	247	19%	453	13%
Choi Wan (I)	881	15%	1 830	10%
Choi Wan (II)	454	16%	941	10%
Choi Ying	1 006	25%	1 849	18%
Choi Yuen	1 390	28%	2 391	18%
Chuk Yuen (North)	630	43%	1 070	26%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 558	27%	2 710	17%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	149	15%	252	9%
Chun Shek	470	22%	788	14%
Chung On	703	25%	1 480	16%
Clague Garden Estate	78	15%	150	9%
Easeful Court	67	13%	253	12%
Fortune	839	40%	1 218	25%
Fu Cheong	2 185	37%	3 716	22%
Fu Heng	804	39%	1 455	26%
Fu Shan	318	21%	556	14%
Fu Shin	829	31%	1 611	22%
Fu Tai	1 122	22%	2 836	15%
Fu Tung	221	14%	506	9%
Fuk Loi	566	18%	987	13%
Fung Tak	753	54%	1 086	36%
Fung Wah	146	36%	232	22%
Grandeur Terrace	983	24%	2 987	20%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Hau Tak	754	18%	1 423	11%
Healthy Village	137	12%	226	7%
Heng On	460	41%	893	26%
High Prosperity Terrace	77	10%	247	8%
Hin Keng	416	47%	787	29%
Hin Yiu	220	28%	409	20%
Hing Man	317	16%	660	11%
Hing Tin	195	36%	422	24%
Hing Tung	339	16%	615	9%
Hing Wah (I)	528	23%	973	13%
Hing Wah (II)	854	25%	1 459	17%
Ho Man Tin	1 101	24%	1 891	14%
Hoi Fu Court	950	34%	1 808	21%
Hoi Lai	970	20%	2 552	14%
Hong Tung	231	51%	299	35%
Hung Hom	284	34%	428	20%
Jat Min Chuen	514	14%	862	8%
Ka Fuk	447	23%	831	13%
Ka Wai Chuen	322	20%	503	11%
Kai Tin	552	25%	871	14%
Kai Yip	1 165	28%	1 859	20%
Kam Peng	49	20%	96	13%
Kin Ming	1 523	22%	3 618	17%
Kin Sang	217	34%	382	21%
King Lam	790	44%	1 194	31%
Ko Cheung Court	315	18%	962	14%
Ko Yee	302	26%	490	14%
Kwai Chung	3 255	24%	6 359	17%
Kwai Fong	1 253	20%	2 311	12%
Kwai Hing	166	45%	297	32%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 404	23%	2 572	14%
Kwai Shing (West)	879	17%	1 666	11%
Kwong Fuk	1 085	18%	2 122	11%
Kwong Tin	352	16%	644	9%
Kwong Yuen	722	47%	1 191	30%
Kwun Lung Lau	176	11%	278	6%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	808	17%	1 399	10%
Lai King	784	19%	1 483	13%
Lai Kok	839	30%	1 348	19%
Lai On	303	22%	444	12%
Lai Tak Tsuen	222	9%	403	5%
Lai Yiu	522	19%	968	12%
Lakeside Garden	31	13%	70	9%
Lam Tin	705	24%	1 276	16%
Lee On	725	20%	1 424	12%
Lei Cheng Uk	646	46%	1 135	31%
Lei Muk Shue	1 951	50%	3 833	38%
Lei Tung	795	28%	1 294	18%
Lei Yue Mun	894	28%	1 787	19%
Lek Yuen	643	20%	1 169	14%
Leung King	1 035	32%	1 837	21%
Lok Fu	780	22%	1 291	12%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	504	14%	870	8%
Lok Wah (North)	360	12%	820	8%
Lok Wah (South)	2 014	30%	3 160	22%
Long Bin Interim Housing	154	28%	175	19%
Long Ping	1 354	29%	2 823	20%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	1 016	55%	1 659	37%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	1 022	16%	1 825	9%
Lung Hang	661	15%	1 536	11%
Lung Tin	113	33%	156	22%
Ma Hang	106	12%	214	7%
Ma Tau Wai	438	21%	799	15%
Mei Lam	823	20%	1 448	13%
Mei Tin	1 318	24%	2 716	18%
Mei Tung	372	28%	623	19%
Ming Tak	309	21%	538	12%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	249	11%	395	6%
Model Housing	106	16%	235	10%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	128	14%	222	9%
Nam Cheong	307	38%	547	25%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Nam Shan	638	24%	1 100	16%
Nga Ning Court	62	15%	150	10%
Ngan Wan	65	16%	129	10%
Oi Man	894	14%	1 907	10%
Oi Tung	1 209	32%	1 897	20%
On Tin	163	23%	521	17%
On Ting	1 166	23%	1 904	15%
On Yam	915	17%	1 753	11%
Pak Tin	2 444	29%	4 122	17%
Ping Shek	674	15%	1 258	10%
Ping Tin	1 553	29%	2 580	17%
Po Lam	668	31%	1 322	21%
Po Tat	2 126	29%	4 536	19%
Po Tin	1 802	28%	2 116	23%
Po Tin Interim Housing	423	27%	443	20%
Pok Hong	577	44%	1 104	30%
Prosperous Garden	110	17%	135	8%
Sai Wan	64	10%	157	7%
Sam Shing	288	16%	567	11%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	878	23%	1 676	17%
Sau Mau Ping	3 473	29%	6 580	18%
Sha Kok	1 482	24%	2 535	16%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	79	12%	186	6%
Shan King	1 599	24%	2 943	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 567	32%	2 660	20%
Shek Lei (I)	1 230	26%	2 213	16%
Shek Lei (II)	2 073	28%	4 061	18%
Shek Mun	397	20%	704	15%
Shek Pai Wan	857	17%	1 587	10%
Shek Wai Kok	1 107	18%	2 129	12%
Shek Yam (East)	575	24%	912	14%
Shek Yam	731	28%	1 598	18%
Sheung Lok	165	50%	202	35%
Sheung Tak	1 251	23%	2 776	14%
Shui Pin Wai	750	32%	1 316	21%
Shun Lee	810	19%	1 460	12%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Shun On	716	25%	1 223	16%
Shun Tin	1 437	21%	2 725	14%
Siu Sai Wan	803	13%	1 664	8%
So Uk	204	19%	326	11%
Sun Chui	1 170	18%	2 219	12%
Sun Tin Wai	527	16%	1 060	11%
Tai Hang Tung	645	33%	960	19%
Tai Hing	2 002	24%	3 349	17%
Tai Ping	105	29%	275	21%
Tai Wo	941	41%	1 535	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 435	20%	2 643	12%
Tai Yuen	841	18%	1 910	13%
Tak Tin	1 124	51%	1 666	36%
Tin Chak	1 137	29%	2 429	20%
Tin Ching	1 685	28%	3 438	21%
Tin Heng	1 428	25%	4 627	20%
Tin King	279	26%	572	17%
Tin Ping	487	36%	995	23%
Tin Shui	1 370	18%	2 761	11%
Tin Tsz	935	29%	1 556	17%
Tin Wah	1 069	29%	2 121	18%
Tin Wan	704	23%	1 109	12%
Tin Yan	1 678	32%	2 785	26%
Tin Yat	777	23%	2 458	19%
Tin Yiu	1 570	19%	3 214	12%
Tin Yuet	1 222	30%	2 660	21%
Tsing Yi	310	37%	525	24%
Tsui Lam	419	23%	937	16%
Tsui Lok	150	47%	257	32%
Tsui Ping (South)	785	17%	1 277	10%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 787	52%	2 924	37%
Tsui Wan	233	36%	381	22%
Tsz Ching	2 272	29%	3 894	17%
Tsz Hong	478	24%	1 423	18%
Tsz Lok	1 472	24%	2 625	14%
Tsz Man	405	21%	808	13%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of total number of households in public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of total population in public housing estate
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	29	12%	50	6%
Tung Tau	1 540	48%	2 279	30%
Un Chau	1 662	28%	2 540	16%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	2 016	31%	3 125	19%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 351	29%	2 277	18%
Verbena Heights	223	24%	311	16%
Wah Fu	1 258	14%	2 496	9%
Wah Kwai	459	40%	686	25%
Wah Lai	305	21%	759	16%
Wah Ming	818	42%	1 471	26%
Wah Sum	365	25%	756	15%
Wan Hon	558	58%	849	43%
Wan Tau Tong	335	45%	531	29%
Wan Tsui	649	18%	1 245	12%
Wang Tau Hom	896	16%	1 641	9%
Wo Che	1 013	16%	2 284	11%
Wo Lok	453	24%	780	17%
Wu King	571	13%	1 392	9%
Yat Tung	2 457	21%	6 439	16%
Yau Lai	1 438	22%	3 010	16%
Yau Oi	1 658	19%	3 360	13%
Yau Tong	1 029	29%	2 052	19%
Yiu On	440	35%	823	22%
Yiu Tung	951	18%	1 615	10%
Yue Kwong Chuen	88	9%	140	5%
Yue Wan	434	20%	802	13%
Yung Shing Court	536	32%	1 225	19%
Total	170 096	24%	319 880	15%

Table 2: The numbers of households on CSSA by nature of case in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	263	72	51	112	43	35	16	592
Bo Shek Mansion	59	1	1	3	3	-	-	67
Broadview Garden	13	3	3	7	2	4	-	32
Butterfly	800	64	121	230	29	121	28	1 393
Chai Wan	214	8	23	35	10	23	4	317
Chak On	363	7	43	73	8	42	6	542
Cheung Ching	335	39	55	77	51	90	21	668
Cheung Fat	262	31	42	46	20	45	5	451
Cheung Hang	361	36	47	60	34	66	10	614
Cheung Hong	907	85	78	168	60	134	26	1 458
Cheung Kwai	28	3	8	8	10	12	-	69
Cheung On	312	47	49	47	20	53	10	538
Cheung Shan	100	10	13	19	18	17	4	181
Cheung Wah	444	28	85	111	41	63	13	785
Cheung Wang	353	65	108	172	125	188	21	1 032
Ching Ho	816	49	172	553	148	260	68	2 066
Cho Yiu Chuen	191	10	9	12	16	22	4	264
Choi Fai	99	6	27	23	18	30	3	206
Choi Fook	286	8	27	103	42	66	14	546
Choi Ha	183	13	13	14	9	24	-	256
Choi Hung	919	59	131	215	82	118	18	1 542
Choi Ming Court	265	57	100	112	97	82	8	721
Choi Tak	113	10	11	60	14	28	11	247
Choi Wan (I)	421	52	99	141	68	80	20	881
Choi Wan (II)	234	12	47	82	35	36	8	454
Choi Ying	484	19	70	231	53	132	17	1 006
Choi Yuen	863	54	106	190	33	114	30	1 390
Chuk Yuen (North)	350	37	73	66	39	53	12	630
Chuk Yuen (South)	891	70	130	275	59	120	13	1 558
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	109	4	4	11	5	16	-	149
Chun Shek	286	15	48	59	26	27	9	470
Chung On	274	60	89	103	46	102	29	703
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	-	6	7	4	-	78

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Easeful Court	13	3	7	14	18	11	1	67
Fortune	577	34	73	41	37	72	5	839
Fu Cheong	1 380	61	187	196	170	178	13	2 185
Fu Heng	439	51	118	82	33	76	5	804
Fu Shan	181	15	25	37	27	29	4	318
Fu Shin	444	39	89	141	31	68	17	829
Fu Tai	402	105	103	175	125	195	17	1 122
Fu Tung	87	15	21	52	19	26	1	221
Fuk Loi	367	26	37	71	20	34	11	566
Fung Tak	500	36	75	44	31	59	8	753
Fung Wah	91	14	10	12	7	11	1	146
Grandeur Terrace	133	27	99	342	164	200	18	983
Hau Tak	382	48	82	101	54	79	8	754
Healthy Village	103	4	7	13	6	4	-	137
Heng On	233	16	59	64	34	33	21	460
High Prosperity Terrace	5	2	8	24	21	15	2	77
Hin Keng	212	30	46	48	29	37	14	416
Hin Yiu	92	13	30	52	10	18	5	220
Hing Man	139	28	24	56	34	31	5	317
Hing Tin	90	11	23	36	23	9	3	195
Hing Tung	193	16	36	51	17	25	1	339
Hing Wah (I)	287	54	50	55	41	36	5	528
Hing Wah (II)	541	50	49	119	28	61	6	854
Ho Man Tin	635	59	114	110	81	85	17	1 101
Hoi Fu Court	602	26	63	97	67	90	5	950
Hoi Lai	300	33	74	222	175	149	17	970
Hong Tung	216	2	4	6	2	1	-	231
Hung Hom	203	9	22	18	13	19	-	284
Jat Min Chuen	355	24	37	36	21	36	5	514
Ka Fuk	257	21	38	50	19	53	9	447
Ka Wai Chuen	242	9	22	13	10	26	-	322
Kai Tin	347	33	50	49	28	41	4	552
Kai Yip	826	38	66	140	24	60	11	1 165
Kam Peng	30	2	4	4	2	7	-	49
Kin Ming	389	93	218	378	192	237	16	1 523
Kin Sang	97	10	30	30	17	26	7	217
King Lam	453	65	95	73	34	66	4	790
Ko Cheung Court	45	10	31	118	56	46	9	315

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ko Yee	212	10	16	28	11	22	3	302
Kwai Chung	1 170	204	318	669	324	490	80	3 255
Kwai Fong	657	101	126	128	101	120	20	1 253
Kwai Hing	93	10	17	22	7	14	3	166
Kwai Shing (East)	736	94	118	166	112	166	12	1 404
Kwai Shing (West)	485	45	73	122	46	88	20	879
Kwong Fuk	519	52	130	189	69	91	35	1 085
Kwong Tin	175	21	33	54	25	34	10	352
Kwong Yuen	377	63	82	73	27	68	32	722
Kwun Lung Lau	110	8	10	11	17	18	2	176
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	535	28	65	54	50	68	8	808
Lai King	450	40	54	89	58	77	16	784
Lai Kok	500	44	62	127	28	65	13	839
Lai On	202	24	26	26	8	17	-	303
Lai Tak Tsuen	136	19	25	12	13	17	-	222
Lai Yiu	295	31	31	49	46	59	11	522
Lakeside Garden	18	2	5	4	-	2	-	31
Lam Tin	397	10	43	124	54	63	14	705
Lee On	312	54	123	111	33	79	13	725
Lei Cheng Uk	352	33	46	84	34	86	11	646
Lei Muk Shue	847	107	174	362	191	227	43	1 951
Lei Tung	448	63	66	103	31	55	29	795
Lei Yue Mun	436	35	78	146	81	98	20	894
Lek Yuen	343	45	56	108	25	53	13	643
Leung King	548	56	111	122	41	131	26	1 035
Lok Fu	399	57	85	107	39	84	9	780
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	23	38	34	26	59	4	504
Lok Wah (North)	156	25	40	58	28	45	8	360
Lok Wah (South)	1 522	50	104	181	26	113	18	2 014
Long Bin Interim Housing	34	8	18	11	2	74	7	154
Long Ping	561	66	139	301	98	161	28	1 354
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	538	61	99	152	41	107	18	1 016
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	505	69	93	165	51	121	18	1 022
Lung Hang	244	26	76	116	81	73	45	661
Lung Tin	70	13	8	7	2	12	1	113
Ma Hang	45	5	14	21	11	7	3	106
Ma Tau Wai	229	18	34	104	16	33	4	438
Mei Lam	431	40	81	147	39	66	19	823

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Mei Tin	362	63	155	352	137	199	50	1 318
Mei Tung	233	11	24	44	12	35	13	372
Ming Tak	175	20	26	41	18	27	2	309
Ming Wah Dai Ha	173	16	18	7	9	25	1	249
Model Housing	43	9	8	15	20	7	4	106
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	3	13	8	4	8	1	128
Nam Cheong	179	17	23	37	12	37	2	307
Nam Shan	351	22	61	121	20	47	16	638
Nga Ning Court	13	1	5	17	11	12	3	62
Ngan Wan	31	4	7	14	4	5	-	65
Oi Man	380	48	110	197	67	81	11	894
Oi Tung	783	67	92	152	59	50	6	1 209
On Tin	25	4	11	47	36	36	4	163
On Ting	651	75	107	153	30	127	23	1 166
On Yam	521	56	76	69	85	92	16	915
Pak Tin	1 480	62	229	268	160	206	39	2 444
Ping Shek	393	38	55	88	28	65	7	674
Ping Tin	949	82	123	169	91	116	23	1 553
Po Lam	311	48	57	124	52	61	15	668
Po Tat	1 065	66	185	304	238	238	30	2 126
Po Tin	889	115	272	114	16	372	24	1 802
Po Tin Interim Housing	127	33	86	12	4	155	6	423
Pok Hong	293	16	81	84	43	48	12	577
Prosperous Garden	101	-	3	1	1	4	-	110
Sai Wan	31	1	12	4	9	5	2	64
Sam Shing	134	19	21	60	9	34	11	288
Sau Mau Ping (South)	403	19	67	195	64	110	20	878
Sau Mau Ping	2 030	143	274	390	279	305	52	3 473
Sha Kok	847	82	135	201	41	103	73	1 482
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	42	5	13	5	7	6	1	79
Shan King	818	84	151	273	61	171	41	1 599
Shek Kip Mei	949	53	142	189	91	120	23	1 567
Shek Lei (I)	699	95	82	157	74	97	26	1 230
Shek Lei (II)	964	125	162	278	199	288	57	2 073
Shek Mun	93	13	46	126	19	76	24	397
Shek Pai Wan	475	68	71	72	87	66	18	857
Shek Wai Kok	620	50	99	170	57	91	20	1 107
Shek Yam (East)	367	41	41	35	25	57	9	575

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shek Yam	404	54	46	76	65	76	10	731
Sheung Lok	143	8	2	6	-	5	1	165
Sheung Tak	536	66	133	173	168	158	17	1 251
Shui Pin Wai	500	23	56	92	22	52	5	750
Shun Lee	477	33	48	111	42	87	12	810
Shun On	454	26	45	73	36	74	8	716
Shun Tin	848	62	142	161	65	147	12	1 437
Siu Sai Wan	338	83	87	135	68	80	12	803
So Uk	115	10	19	17	14	27	2	204
Sun Chui	633	59	105	192	61	104	16	1 170
Sun Tin Wai	261	34	45	98	31	44	14	527
Tai Hang Tung	451	19	69	45	22	32	7	645
Tai Hing	1 186	79	182	253	66	196	40	2 002
Tai Ping	36	5	14	19	7	24	-	105
Tai Wo	608	33	118	85	30	53	14	941
Tai Wo Hau	807	94	131	173	69	141	20	1 435
Tai Yuen	374	42	138	117	78	76	16	841
Tak Tin	792	36	96	77	37	75	11	1 124
Tin Chak	448	53	132	228	84	174	18	1 137
Tin Ching	597	63	146	449	111	257	62	1 685
Tin Heng	232	40	145	422	267	292	30	1 428
Tin King	98	15	29	69	16	40	12	279
Tin Ping	222	29	57	92	27	49	11	487
Tin Shui	562	72	139	286	109	163	39	1 370
Tin Tsz	524	56	87	110	34	104	20	935
Tin Wah	517	46	123	153	80	133	17	1 069
Tin Wan	429	54	78	54	32	40	17	704
Tin Yan	668	87	193	370	63	268	29	1 678
Tin Yat	123	30	77	241	140	155	11	777
Tin Yiu	615	68	197	325	104	222	39	1 570
Tin Yuet	479	39	143	216	137	195	13	1 222
Tsing Yi	177	19	26	32	14	34	8	310
Tsui Lam	155	23	51	113	41	33	3	419
Tsui Lok	122	4	5	14	1	2	2	150
Tsui Ping (South)	522	28	57	67	42	58	11	785
Tsui Ping (North)	1 069	71	170	216	79	154	28	1 787
Tsui Wan	132	30	16	31	4	17	3	233
Tsz Ching	1 372	69	170	244	209	182	26	2 272

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsz Hong	112	14	45	116	113	73	5	478
Tsz Lok	877	61	116	185	105	111	17	1 472
Tsz Man	210	17	43	46	37	46	6	405
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	-	7	2	4	4	2	29
Tung Tau	1 013	82	113	136	51	135	10	1 540
Un Chau	1 157	69	121	107	71	124	13	1 662
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 427	78	162	108	70	159	12	2 016
Upper Wong Tai Sin	812	77	97	141	85	120	19	1 351
Verbena Heights	157	6	23	12	2	21	2	223
Wah Fu	615	109	121	216	102	69	26	1 258
Wah Kwai	317	30	34	28	22	23	5	459
Wah Lai	100	21	35	45	47	48	9	305
Wah Ming	442	44	76	103	41	92	20	818
Wah Sum	175	27	46	52	22	39	4	365
Wan Hon	500	6	8	17	11	12	4	558
Wan Tau Tong	199	32	37	37	7	21	2	335
Wan Tsui	333	44	58	103	42	56	13	649
Wang Tau Hom	419	64	87	137	53	116	20	896
Wo Che	399	76	159	156	82	104	37	1 013
Wo Lok	259	30	40	65	22	33	4	453
Wu King	189	28	73	131	45	87	18	571
Yat Tung	513	113	275	636	419	450	51	2 457
Yau Lai	685	21	107	324	126	143	32	1 438
Yau Oi	739	95	153	267	102	263	39	1 658
Yau Tong	538	47	93	132	107	104	8	1 029
Yiu On	186	37	75	74	16	39	13	440
Yiu Tung	550	65	104	102	57	63	10	951
Yue Kwong Chuen	51	7	9	9	3	7	2	88
Yue Wan	213	30	40	85	24	37	5	434
Yung Shing Court	245	24	59	55	57	89	7	536
Total	88 513	8 516	15 802	24 836	11 482	17 912	3 035	170 096

Table 3: The numbers of CSSA cases by geographical district as at the end of February 2011

Geographical district ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases
Central & Western	3 646
Eastern	14 315
Islands	4 691
Kowloon City	12 953
Kwai Tsing	27 426
Kwun Tong	36 669
North	14 664
Sai Kung	9 223
Sha Tin	17 829
Sham Shui Po	25 397
Southern	8 724
Tai Po	9 560
Tsuen Wan	8 482
Tuen Mun	21 696
Wan Chai	2 090
Wong Tai Sin	22 284
Yau Tsim Mong	11 318
Yuen Long	28 631
Total	279 598

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.
Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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19 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of unemployed recipients and their gender, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, wage as well as residing district in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) the number of low earnings recipients and their gender, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job, wage as well as residing district in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients^[Note 1] with breakdown by selected profile in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Table 1: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Male	20 847	20 928	18 704
Female	11 729	12 563	12 380
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

Table 2: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
15 – 19	1 686	1 780	1 635
20 – 29	2 303	2 526	2 265
30 – 39	3 957	4 099	3 629
40 – 49	9 604	9 677	8 992
50 – 59	15 026	15 409	14 563
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

Table 3: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1 or less	6 141	6 260	4 433
More than 1 - 2	2 802	3 812	3 899
More than 2 - 3	2 591	2 259	2 695
More than 3 - 4	2 340	2 204	1 825
More than 4 - 5	2 425	1 989	1 774
More than 5	16 277	16 967	16 458
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

Table 4: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Cleaner	232	302	323
Clerk	14	20	34
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	95	104	80
Delivery worker	191	250	253
Domestic helper/baby sitter	201	193	220
Driver	49	76	57
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	611	726	767
Salesperson	78	102	121
Waiter/waitress	108	133	133
Watchman/guard	33	45	46
Others	438	550	571
Jobless	30 526	30 990	28 479
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

Table 5: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
\$ 0	30 526	30 990	28 479
Less than \$1,630/\$1,685 ^[Note 1]	2 050	2 501	2 605
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

Table 6 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Central & Western	300	286	251
Eastern	1 182	1 261	1 219
Islands	790	773	679
Kowloon City	1 296	1 334	1 219
Kwai Tsing	3 283	3 273	2 900
Kwun Tong	3 649	3 971	3 769
North	1 506	1 610	1 611
Sai Kung	1 063	1 098	995
Sha Tin	1 834	1 928	1 830
Sham Shui Po	3 529	3 603	3 434
Southern	414	438	490
Tai Po	855	894	796
Tsuen Wan	858	761	644
Tuen Mun	2 707	2 666	2 336
Wan Chai	227	228	216
Wong Tai Sin	2 324	2 396	2 310
Yau Tsim Mong	2 093	2 233	2 082
Yuen Long	4 666	4 738	4 303
Total	32 576	33 491	31 084

- (b) Statistics on CSSA low earnings recipients^[Note 3] with breakdown by selected profile in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Table 1: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Male	10 630	11 026	10 512
Female	10 613	11 078	10 487
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

Table 2: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
15 – 19	1 071	1 100	1 162
20 – 29	3 077	3 395	3 271
30 – 39	3 441	3 510	3 299
40 – 49	8 709	8 833	8 280
50 – 59	4 945	5 266	4 987
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

Table 3: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
1 or less	1 591	1 931	1 418
More than 1 - 2	1 427	1 743	1 883
More than 2 - 3	1 633	1 301	1 401
More than 3 - 4	1 729	1 460	1 227
More than 4 - 5	1 930	1 599	1 344
More than 5	12 933	14 070	13 726
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

Table 4: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Cleaner	3 262	3 271	2 923
Clerk	1 019	990	906
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	892	881	799
Delivery worker	1 058	1 095	1 042
Domestic helper/baby sitter	501	571	550
Driver	922	940	917
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 684	4 971	4 701
Salesperson	1 395	1 588	1 505
Waiter/waitress	1 247	1 322	1 300
Watchman/guard	1 831	1 704	1 569
Others	4 432	4 771	4 787
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

Table 5: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
\$1,630/\$1,685 ^[Note 3] – less than \$4,200	8 531	9 166	8 601
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	6 254	6 312	5 724
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	4 975	4 924	4 787
\$8,000 or above	1 483	1 702	1 887
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

Table 6: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Central & Western	162	156	135
Eastern	862	898	847

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Islands	621	645	645
Kowloon City	659	728	676
Kwai Tsing	2 548	2 571	2 550
Kwun Tong	2 930	3 130	3 073
North	988	1 089	1 036
Sai Kung	1 072	1 098	1 022
Sha Tin	1 436	1 490	1 377
Sham Shui Po	1 610	1 660	1 570
Southern	520	492	418
Tai Po	663	656	621
Tsuen Wan	589	671	665
Tuen Mun	1 243	1 307	1 227
Wan Chai	70	60	61
Wong Tai Sin	2 034	2 089	1 876
Yau Tsim Mong	505	494	439
Yuen Long	2 731	2 870	2 761
Total	21 243	22 104	20 999

[Note 1] CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed but with employment earnings less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630 and \$1,685 with effect from 1 February 2009 and 1 February 2011 respectively).

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 3] CSSA low earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with employment earnings equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630 and \$1,685 with effect from 1 February 2009 and 1 February 2011 respectively).

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)197

Question Serial No.
3346

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme recipients in 2010-11, what is the number of children applicants whose parents are non-Hong Kong residents? What are their age distribution and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : We have started to collect statistics on CSSA applications involving children born in Hong Kong to Mainland parents who are non-Hong Kong residents since August 2006. In 2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011), 43 children whose parents were Mainlanders and non-Hong Kong residents were newly approved with CSSA.

We do not have records of total CSSA expenditure on this group of children. The age profile of these children at the time of application is set out below –

Age Group	Number of Children (up to the end of January 2011)
Below 2	3
2-3	20
4-6	11
7-12	8
13-14	0
15 & above	1
Total	43

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)198

Question Serial No.
3347

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2010-11, what was the total amount of income disregarded? What was the average amount of DE? What was the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income? What was the average number of CSSA cases benefiting from the provision of DE?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The statistics on CSSA recipients benefiting from the provision of DE under the CSSA Scheme in 2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011) were as below –

Year	Total amount of income disregarded (\$ million)	Average monthly amount of DE per recipient (\$)	CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income (\$ million)	Average number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the provision of DE per month
2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)	757.7	1,827	743.5	37 706

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

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Question : Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance and the number of cases receiving rent allowance greater than, equal to and less than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA) respectively in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (please provide a breakdown of the number of cases by recipients living in private housing and public housing and by the number of household members).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010) and 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as below –

Table 1 : Year 2009-10

Number of eligible members	Public housing estate (as at the end of March 2010)				Private housing (as at the end of March 2010)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	65 755	60	2 519	68 334	6 944	740	13 971	21 655
2	44 080	2	206	44 288	5 605	162	4 655	10 422
3	23 677	0	48	23 725	3 228	25	2 814	6 067
4	13 862	0	27	13 889	1 310	0	1 242	2 552
5	5 324	2	10	5 336	320	8	442	770
6 and above	1 924	0	1	1 925	198	0	168	366
Total	154 622	64	2 811	157 497	17 605	935	23 292	41 832

Table 2 : Year 2010-11

Number of eligible members	Public housing estates (as at the end of February 2011)				Private housing (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	66 737	71	3 263	70 071	6 336	707	13 428	20 471
2	44 380	3	303	44 686	5 390	142	4 794	10 326
3	22 657	0	47	22 704	2 995	19	2 879	5 893
4	12 407	0	32	12 439	1 167	1	1 218	2 386
5	4 438	0	9	4 447	278	5	440	723
6 and above	1 553	1	2	1 556	177	0	184	361
Total	152 172	75	3 656	155 903	16 343	874	22 943	40 160

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)200

Question Serial No.
3349

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the existing Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, how many of them are not eligible for rent allowance due to their participation in the Tenant Purchase Scheme (TPS)? Please provide the number and background of the cases as well as their distribution by public housing estate.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Under the CSSA Scheme, no rent allowance is payable to a CSSA recipient who owns a public housing flat under the TPS. If the CSSA recipient reverts to tenant status, rent allowance will be given.

We estimate that there are about 1 300 cases in which the CSSA recipients are residing at public housing flats without rent allowance, but cannot separately ascertain the number of cases which have joined the TPS.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

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Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in 2010-11, how many households were not eligible for CSSA because some of their family members had resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years? Please provide the breakdown of these cases by District Council district, public housing estate as well as age and gender.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The total number of CSSA applications involving persons not meeting the seven-year residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme in 2010-11 (as at the end of January 2011) was as follows –

	Number of CSSA applications involving persons not meeting the seven-year residence requirement in 2010-11 ^[Note] (as at the end of January 2011)
Applications received	3 725
Applications approved (at the discretion of the Director of Social Welfare)	1 850
Applications rejected	21
Applications withdrawn	1 885

^[Note] The statistics involve persons not meeting the seven-year residence requirement, which have no direct relevance to the eligibility for CSSA of the households.

We have no record on the breakdown of these cases.

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Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in 2010-11, how many recipients were secondary school students, primary school students, kindergarten pupils and post-secondary students? Please list out the figures by age, gender and geographical district.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Statistics on the education level of CSSA child recipients by age, gender and geographical district as at the end of December 2010 were as follows –

(i) Breakdown by age

Age group	Education level				Total
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 1]	
Less than 7	12 274	4 254	-	-	16 528
7 – less than 13	-	30 607	4 980	-	35 587
13 – less than 18	-	857	38 875	1 544	41 276
18 – less than 22	-	-	8 594	2 007	10 601
Total	12 274	35 718	52 449	3 551	103 992

(ii) Breakdown by gender

Gender	Education level				Total
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 1]	
Male	6 399	18 339	25 488	2 058	52 284
Female	5 875	17 379	26 961	1 493	51 708
Total	12 274	35 718	52 449	3 551	103 992

(iii) Breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district [Note 2]	Education level				
	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others ^[Note 1]	Total
Central & Western	95	285	315	13	708
Eastern	504	1 475	2 084	175	4 238
Islands	365	1 253	1 729	88	3 435
Kowloon City	573	1 315	1 536	104	3 528
Kwai Tsing	1 276	3 825	5 635	356	11 092
Kwun Tong	1 630	4 726	7 235	608	14 199
North	818	2 170	2 983	185	6 156
Sai Kung	317	1 431	2 758	208	4 714
Sha Tin	757	2 305	3 890	261	7 213
Sham Shui Po	1 123	2 813	3 690	235	7 861
Southern	216	703	1 070	89	2 078
Tai Po	357	1 009	1 580	116	3 062
Tsuen Wan	347	1 075	1 402	85	2 909
Tuen Mun	884	2 383	3 310	210	6 787
Wan Chai	51	158	100	4	313
Wong Tai Sin	780	2 428	4 368	290	7 866
Yau Tsim Mong	502	1 155	1 082	45	2 784
Yuen Long	1 679	5 209	7 682	479	15 049
Total	12 274	35 718	52 449	3 551	103 992

[Note 1] Including institutes under Vocational Training Council and commercial schools.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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Question Serial No.
3352

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the number of fraud and abuse Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in 2009-10 and 2010-11, including –
(a) newly reported cases;
(b) established fraud and abuse CSSA cases as well as the amount of payment involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of newly reported and established CSSA fraud cases and amounts of overpayment involved in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011) were as follows –

	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011)
(a) Newly reported fraud cases	3 061	2 501
(b) Established fraud cases	950	842
(c) Amount of overpayment in (b) involved (\$ million)	59	41.3

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Question Serial No.
3353

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please provide the median duration of stay on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) of CSSA recipients in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The median durations of stay on CSSA of CSSA recipients in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Year	Median duration of stay on CSSA (in years)
2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)	6.6
2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	7.0
2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	7.4

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Question Serial No.
3354

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many low earnings cases were transferred from other Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) case categories over the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Please provide the figures with reference to different case backgrounds.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of CSSA low earnings cases transferred from other categories during 2008-09 to 2010-11 were as below –

Table 1: In 2008-09, among the 16 080 low earnings cases at the end of December 2008, 2 677 cases were originally classified as “other categories” at the end of December 2007.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2007	Number of cases changed to the low earnings category as at the end of December 2008
Old Age	419
Permanent Disability	53
Ill Health	245
Single Parent	407
Unemployment	1 456
Others	97
Total	2 677

Table 2: In 2009-10, among the 15 633 low earnings cases at the end of December 2009, 2 492 cases were originally classified as “other categories” at the end of December 2008.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2008	Number of cases changed to the low earnings category as at the end of December 2009
Old Age	432
Permanent Disability	65
Ill Health	214
Single Parent	422
Unemployment	1 273
Others	86
Total	2 492

Table 3: In 2010-11, among the 14 407 low earnings cases at the end of December 2010, 2 507 cases were originally classified as “other categories” at the end of December 2009.

Nature of case as at the end of December 2009	Number of cases changed to the low earnings category as at the end of December 2010
Old Age	382
Permanent Disability	69
Ill Health	218
Single Parent	414
Unemployment	1 312
Others	112
Total	2 507

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Question Serial No.

3355

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What were the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases which re-applied for CSSA within three years after leaving the CSSA net over the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Please provide the figures with reference to different case backgrounds.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : We do not keep record of the number of CSSA applicants who re-applied for CSSA within three years after leaving the CSSA net.

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Question Serial No.
3374

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services – Subsystem for Disabled Pre-schoolers of the Social Welfare Department shows that, as at 31 January 2011, the numbers of children waitlisting for pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs) are 3 255, 1 045 and 1 177 respectively. Besides, the waiting time for these services is more than one year. Everyone knows that the golden period for the learning and development of a child in various aspects is before the age of six. It is therefore very important to provide suitable training for pre-schoolers with disabilities as early as possible in order to minimise the possibility of hampering their development. The additional transitional treatment services for children and adolescents with autism as stated in the Budget provide no help at all to shorten the waiting time for EETCs, SCCC and IPs. Why is it that the Government, with a surplus of more than \$70 billion in hand, does not allocate additional resources to provide more places for the above services in the 2011-12 Budget?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to enhance the provision of various types of pre-school services, including 608 additional places of EETC and 234 additional places of SCCC in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

3376

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Government is enlarging the scale of the Hospital Authority (HA)'s professional medical team to enhance mental health service to children and youth, so as to provide service for an additional number of 3 000 autistic and hyperactive children per year. It is understood that the purpose of the HA's service as mentioned above is to provide interim support to clients waiting for the HA's other services, such as child psychiatrists and occupational therapists, etc.. In this connection, why does the Government not allocate the above resources directly to services for pre-school children with disabilities (including early education and training centres, special child care centres and integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres, etc.), so that children with special needs can obtain necessary services as soon as possible?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2011-12, the Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding for provision of 842 additional pre-school places to further enhance the support for children with disabilities, including autistic children, and their family members and carers. Meanwhile, the HA will strengthen the professional team comprising healthcare practitioners in various disciplines to provide early identification, assessment and treatment services for autistic children. To dovetail with the initiative of HA, the Social Welfare Department will provide five additional medical social workers to strengthen psychiatric medical social services for autistic children and their families.

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Question Serial No.

3378

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As at 30 September 2010, there are totally 7 259 persons with disabilities waitlisting for various residential institutions as shown in the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of the Social Welfare Department, and severely mentally handicapped persons or severely physically handicapped persons often need to wait for six to 12 years for suitable residential services. Would the Government please inform this Committee of how and how much resources will be allocated to shorten the waiting list and waiting time for subvented residential services in future.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Administration will provide 470 additional places of various types of residential care services in 2011-12. The estimated expenditure for the provision of 12 042 places in 2011-12 is about \$1,353 million. To meet the growing demand for the services, the Administration has identified suitable premises/sites for provision of about 890 additional places of various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities from 2012-13 to 2015-16. We will continue to proactively seek other suitable premises/sites for provision of residential care services to meet service demand.

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Question Serial No.

3380

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Since the implementation of the Work Extension Programme and Extended Care Programme (ECP) for the aged mentally handicapped trainees in 2005, there have been no increase in resources and provision. For the past six years, the two programmes have suffered inadequate resources, staff shortage and insufficient space in service centres. In face of the increasingly severe ageing problem of persons with disabilities, what is the concrete plan and how will resources be allocated to support aged persons with disabilities and their family members?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since October 2005 implemented the ECP and Integrated Work Extended Programme at day activity centres and sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres to cater for the caring/nursing needs of trainees who may not be able to cope with intensive training owing to their old age or deterioration in health conditions and work capacities. SWD provided an additional recurrent subvention of about \$40 million to the residential homes for persons with intellectual disability in 2010 for enhanced provision of physiotherapy and health care services for the older residents. SWD will continue to consult the relevant stakeholders on enhanced measures for meeting the wide spectrum of needs of the ageing service users.

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LWB(WW)211

Question Serial No.
3381

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Since October 2010, 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) have been launched, but only six of them are operating in permanent premises. In order to provide full services as soon as possible, the service operators have begun to locate their premises in private commercial buildings. However, the rents for these premises go far beyond the Government's subsidy limits. At present, the Government has more than \$70 billion surplus in hand, why is it that no additional resources have been allocated, as a relief measure, to help these ICCMWs to rent their premises in private commercial buildings?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the ICCMWs, which are operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs), at 24 service points across the territory since October 2010. Currently, nine ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation while six others have identified permanent sites pending local consultation. In tandem, SWD is actively exploring the feasibility of supporting NGOs to set up temporary accommodation for use as ICCMWs at suitable commercial premises.

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LWB(WW)212

Question Serial No.

3384

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) which are planned to be set up and under construction currently, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the location of these RCHEs;
- (b) the year in which the current location of these RCHEs was decided during the planning process;
- (c) the type and number of service targets planned to be served by these RCHEs;
- (d) the year of service commencement scheduled for these RCHEs in the existing plan;
- (e) whether the service operators of these RCHEs have been selected? If yes, who are they?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The information of the five planned contract RCHEs is as follows –

Location of RCHEs	Year of Confirmation of Location	Type and Number of Subsidised Places	Estimated Year of Service Commencement	Service Operator
Tai Kok Tsui Road, Mongkok	2004	50 nursing home (NH) places and 5 care-and-attention (C&A) places	2012-13	Not yet selected
Willow Street, Mongkok	2004	54 NH places and 6 C&A places	2012-13	Not yet selected
First Street/ Second Street, Western	2005	50 NH places and 6 C&A places	2013-14	Not yet selected
Hoi Ting Road/ Hoi Wang Road, Mongkok	2005	81 NH places and 9 C&A places	2013-14	Not yet selected
Tai Wai, Sha Tin	2006	54 NH places and 6 C&A places	2013-14	Not yet selected

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Question Serial No.

3385

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding various types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities being planned and under construction, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the locations of these homes;
- (b) the years when the present locations were decided in the planning process;
- (c) the types and numbers of service recipients planned for these homes;
- (d) under the existing plan, the years when these homes will come into operation; and
- (e) whether the service providers of these homes have been selected? If yes, please provide their names.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) to (e) In planning for residential care services for persons with disabilities, apart from ensuring that the premises (in terms of space and building structure) will be able to conform to various prevailing statutory requirements, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will take into account various factors, e.g. service demand, the supply of rehabilitation services in the district concerned, the size of the site, complementary transportation arrangements etc.. After a site is identified, SWD will conduct local consultation to ensure that there is community support for the project before proceeding with the application for change in land use, seeking funding allocation to meet the cost of fitting-out works, inviting quality-based proposals from and award the service contract to the non-governmental organisations. Lead time is also required for fitting-out works, purchase of furniture and equipment and

recruitment of staff before commencement of service. In general, it takes an average of one and a half years to complete the process, counting from taking-over of the premises to commencement of service.

The Administration has identified suitable premises/sites for provision of about 890 additional places of various types of residential care services for persons with disabilities during 2012-13 to 2015-16. Since the provision of these places is still at the planning stage, we are unable to provide detailed information on the locations, types and numbers of service recipients of these projects at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.
3764

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : According to the major findings of the Social Development Index 2010 of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the index of family solidarity has dropped tremendously. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee if any research was carried out in the previous five years on the policy, service need and service effectiveness regarding family and child welfare? If yes, what are the particulars of such work and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In October 2008, the Social Welfare Department commissioned a review on the implementation of the integrated family service centre (IFSC) service mode. Information about the review is provided below –

Period	Study	Purpose	Organisation Conducting the Study	Expenditure (\$ million)
October 2008 to October 2009	Review on the Implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre Service Mode – Building Effective Family Services	To review the implementation of the IFSC service mode and consider whether, and if so, what improvements should be made to refine the service mode.	The University of Hong Kong	2.04

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Question Serial No.

3765

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Among the service organisations subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how many of them conducted research on the service need and service effectiveness with government subsidy in the previous five years? If yes, what are the particulars of such work and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility to deploy resources to conduct studies for evaluating the effectiveness of their services subvented by SWD and SWD does not have information on such studies. SWD only has a record on the evaluation studies conducted with resources from the Lotteries Fund (LF) and the Social Welfare Development Fund (SWDF) in the past five years as set out below –

- Evaluations were conducted for pilot schemes implemented by subvented NGOs with LF grants on supervised childminding service and the setting up of a multi-purpose crisis intervention and support centre. Since the project evaluations were part-and-parcel of the pilot schemes, expenditure relating to the evaluations only cannot be separately identified.
- The SWDF was launched in January 2010 with its scope covering, inter alia, service delivery enhancement studies. As at 14 March 2011, about \$2 million under the SWDF has been approved for subvented NGOs to conduct ten studies to evaluate the effectiveness of their services under the Family and Child Welfare Programme, including four on family support services, two on small group home services, two on services against domestic violence, and two on services of integrated services centres. At this stage, SWD does not have information about their actual expenditure.

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Question Serial No.

3766

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 147 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech that the Government will “increase annual recurrent funding by \$45 million to raise the supplements for subsidised residential care homes so that they can take better care of demented or infirm elders. The coverage of the Dementia Supplements will also be extended to all subsidised day care centres”.

- (a) Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the amount of Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) provided by the Government for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and the number of cases involved in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. Of the above, what is the amount of funding provided for subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the number of cases involved? Please give the reply in “Table 1”.
- (b) The Government will soon provide DS to day care centres for the elderly (DEs). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the amount of funding and the number of cases involved. Please give the reply in “Table 2”.
- (c) In the past few years, the amount of funding approved is of different percentages for eligible cases of different units and the variations were great. What are the reasons?

Table 1

	ICS			DS					
	Subvented RCHE			Subvented RCHE			RCHEs Participating in EBPS		
	09-10	10-11	11-12	09-10	10-11	11-12	09-10	10-11	11-12
Number of eligible cases as confirmed by Community Geriatric Assessment Teams/ Psychogeriatric Teams (A)									
Number of cases with funding approved (B)									
Number of cases eligible but with no funding approved (C)									
Percentage of cases with funding approved (B/A x 100%)									
Percentage of cases eligible but with no funding approved (C/A x 100%)									
Amount of funding approved for each case									
Total amount of funding									

Table 2

	DEs
	DS (2011-12)
Estimated number of eligible cases (A)	
Number of cases with funding approved (B)	
Number of cases eligible but with no funding approved (C)	
Percentage of cases with funding approved (B/A x 100%)	
Percentage of cases eligible but with no funding approved (C/A x 100%)	
Amount of funding approved for each case	
Total amount of funding	

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : (a) The provisions for ICS and DS for subsidised RCHEs in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively are as follows –

	ICS			DS					
	Subvented RCHEs			Subvented RCHEs			Private RCHEs participating in EBPS ^[Note 1]		
	09-10	10-11	11-12 ^[Note 2]	09-10	10-11	11-12 ^[Note 2]	09-10	10-11	11-12 ^[Note 2]
Number of qualified cases as confirmed by Community Geriatric Assessment Teams/ Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs)(A)	1 097	1 151	1 300	2 732	2 913	3 100	1 230	1 248	1 400
Number of cases with allocation of supplement ^[Note 3] (B)	1 097	1 151	1 300	2 732	2 913	3 100	1 230	1 248	1 400
Number of cases without allocation of supplement ^[Note 3] (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of cases with allocation of supplement (B)/(A)x100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of cases without allocation of supplement (C)/(A)x100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Allocation of supplement for each qualified case per year (\$) ^[Note 3]	53,780	52,010	59,000	10,720	10,200	14,760	10,720	10,200	14,760
Amount of Allocation (\$ million)	58.7	60.0	76.9	29.8	29.8	46.2	12.7	12.7	21.0

Apart from the above target elders, the ICS and DS will also benefit other service users of the RCHEs concerned who are in need of infirmary or dementia care.

(b) Details of the allocation of DS to Subsidised DEs/Day Care Units for the Elderly (DCUs) are as follows –

	Subsidised DEs/DCUs
	DS (2011-12)
Number of qualified cases ^[Note 4] (A)	440
Number of cases with allocation of DS (B)	440
Number of cases without allocation of DS (C)	0
Percentage of cases with allocation of DS (B/A x 100%)	100%

	Subsidised DEs/DCUs
	DS (2011-12)
Percentage of cases without allocation of DS (C/A x 100%)	0%
Allocation of DS for each qualified case per year (\$)	9,090
Amount of Allocation (\$ million)	4

Apart from the above target elders, the DS will also benefit other service users of the DEs/DCUs concerned who are in need of dementia care.

- (c) The allocation of ICS and DS in the past years was given to individual RCHEs on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the number of qualified cases of the RCHE concerned.

[Note 1] The number of qualified cases in private RCHEs participating in EBPS is derived from making reference to the number of qualified cases as assessed and confirmed by PGTs in the subvented RCHEs.

[Note 2] Qualified cases for ICS & DS in 2011-12 are estimated numbers.

[Note 3] According to the number of qualified cases in subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, the Social Welfare Department will allocate ICS and DS to the RCHEs concerned on a pro-rata basis. All the qualified ICS/DS cases will benefit from supplements allocated to the respective RCHEs.

[Note 4] The number of qualified cases for DS in DEs/DCUs is derived from making reference to the number of qualified cases as assessed and confirmed by PGTs in the subvented RCHEs.

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Question Serial No.

3768

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 50 in the Budget Speech that the Administration has reserved an additional \$100 million for the continuation of the short-term food assistance services as and when needed so as to provide immediate support to people in need.

Since 1999, the fees for integrated home care services (IHCS) have never been revised in light of inflation or the adjustment in the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payment. Also, the Administration, without taking into account factors like inflation, has never increased the subsidy for catering services.

Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether the operators of IHCS can apply for the \$100 million reserved in the Budget? If no, are there any other measures in place to provide support to operators of IHCS so that the catering services provided can withstand the pressure of inflation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The additional \$100 million is reserved for the continuation of the five subvented short-term food assistance projects. The operators of IHCS are hence not eligible to apply for the fund.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subventions system, the Administration has been adjusting the Other Charges item of its subvention to IHCS operators annually, taking into account, inter alia, the changes in food cost. Operators of IHCS also have flexibility in using the subventions to meet their operational needs.

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Director of Social Welfare

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)218

Question Serial No.

3769

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will increase annual recurrent funding by \$76 million to provide a total of 1 700 additional places for community care services for elders, including 1 500 places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and about 200 day care (DC) places for the elderly.

- (a) What are the provisions for EHCCS and DC services for the elderly respectively?
- (b) Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of places served by each EHCCS team, the waiting time in each district as at 28 February 2011, and the distribution of 1 500 additional subsidised places in various districts in 2011-12? Please provide the information in Table 1.
- (c) Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of DC places for the elderly in each district, the waiting time in each district as at 28 February 2011, and the distribution of 200 additional subsidised places in various districts in 2011-12? Please provide the information in Table 2.

(Table 1) The number of places served by each EHCCS team, the waiting time in each district and the distribution of the additional places in various districts as at 28 February 2011

District/Team	Number of places in 2010-11	Additional number of places in 2011-12	Number of persons waiting for EHCCS	Date of application for EHCCS (for applicants newly allocated the EHCCS)
Central & Western				
Islands				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Hong Kong Island (excluding Islands)				
Wong Tai Sin				
Sai Kung				
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung				
Kwun Tong (1)				
Kwun Tong (2)				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Sham Shui Po				
Kowloon City				
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong/ Sham Shui Po				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
North				
Sha Tin/ Tai Po/North				
Yuen Long				
Tsuen Wan				
Kwai Tsing				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long/ Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing/ Tuen Mun				

(Table 2) The number of DC places for the elderly in each district, the waiting time in each district and the distribution of additional places in various districts as at 28 February 2011

District/Team	Number of places in 2010-11	Additional number of places in 2011-12	Number of persons waiting for DC services for the elderly	Date of application for DC services for the elderly (for applicants newly allocated the services)
Central & Western				
Islands				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wong Tai Sin				
Sai Kung				
Kwun Tong				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Sham Shui Po				
Kowloon City				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
North				
Yuen Long				
Tsuen Wan				
Kwai Tsing				
Tuen Mun				

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) The provisions for EHCCS and DC places in 2011-12 are \$172.5 million and \$189.6 million respectively.

(b) The breakdown of EHCCS places by district as at 28 February 2011 was as follows –

District	Number of EHCCS places (as at 28 February 2011)		Number of additional EHCCS places to be provided in 2011-12
	District basis	Cluster basis	
Central & Western	136	99	50
Eastern	186		
Wan Chai	144		
Southern	113		
Islands	124	0	780
Kwun Tong	236	171	
Wong Tai Sin	216	208	
Sai Kung	128		
Kowloon City	170	106	390
Sham Shui Po	125		
Yau Tsim Mong	138		
Sha Tin	147	157	70
Tai Po	99		
North	121		
Yuen Long	133	136	210
Tsuen Wan	145		
Kwai Tsing	211		
Tuen Mun	130		
Total	3 579		1 500

As at the end of February 2011, the average waiting time for EHCCS places was about five months. The breakdown of waiting time by district is not available.

(c) The breakdown of DC places by district as at 28 February 2011 was as follows –

District	Number of DC places (as at 28 February 2011)	Number of additional DC places to be provided in 2011-12
Central & Western	104	0
Eastern	216	0
Wan Chai	72	0
Southern	108	0
Islands	40	0
Kwun Tong	305	45
Wong Tai Sin	237	50
Sai Kung	85	0
Kowloon City	95	50
Sham Shui Po	203	40
Yau Tsim Mong	132	0
Sha Tin	176	20
Tai Po	64	0
North	44	0
Yuen Long	110	0
Tsuen Wan	64	0
Kwai Tsing	149	5
Tuen Mun	110	0
Total	2 314	210

As at the end of February 2011, the average waiting time for DC places was about nine months. The breakdown of waiting time by district is not available.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)219

Question Serial No.

3770

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It has been ten years since the operation of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2001. The service operators have, all along, been selected through tendering processes, and the existing service contracts of 24 EHCCS teams will be due in December this year. Would the Administration inform this Committee how the service operators will be selected for the 24 EHCCS teams and for the additional 1 500 EHCCS places as stated in the Budget? Will the funding be provided in the form of Lump Sum Grant as regular services so as to make EHCCS a regularised and sustainable service to echo the Government's policy objective of "ageing in place"?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The existing service operators of the 24 EHCCS teams will provide the additional 1 500 EHCCS places in 2011-12 through contract variation. At the same time, the contract period of the 24 EHCCS teams will also be extended to continue the provision of EHCCS for frail elders living in the community.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)220

Question Serial No.
3772

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Financial Secretary has stated in paragraph 145 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech that there will be an increase of \$130 million in the annual recurrent funding to provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places. Would the Administration please provide the numbers of additional places by the following types and the years when the statistics were first collected? Please give the reply in the table below –

	Continuum of care (COC) places provided in existing Self-care Hostels/ Homes for the Aged under conversion programme	New places acquired through Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	New COC places in a new contract residential care home for the elderly (RCHEs)	Purchase of nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs/RCHEs	Increase the proportion of NH places in existing subsidised contract RCHEs	New NH places in a new contract RCHE	
Number of places							A total of about 1 300 places
Average cost per place per year (after deducting the administration fee of the Social Welfare Department (SWD))							
Service commencement date							

	Continuum of care (COC) places provided in existing Self-care Hostels/ Homes for the Aged under conversion programme	New places acquired through Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	New COC places in a new contract residential care home for the elderly (RCHEs)	Purchase of nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs/RCHEs	Increase the proportion of NH places in existing subsidised contract RCHEs	New NH places in a new contract RCHE	
Have the numbers of new places been included in the calculation of new places last year (If yes, please deduct the numbers of places already counted and provide the net increase this year)							

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The breakdown of the 1 270 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Item	COC places in Self-care Hostels/ Homes for the Aged under conversion	Care-and-attention places under EBPS	COC places in a new contract RCHE	NH places through purchase scheme	NH places through increasing the proportion of NH places in existing contract RCHEs	NH places in a new contract RCHE
Number of Places	232	793	6	N.A.	185	54
Estimated annual expenditure per place (excluding SWD's administration costs) (\$)	84,684	78,470	143,422	N.A.	138,120	143,422
Estimated time for service commencement	2011-12	2011-12 to 2012-13	2013-14	N.A.	2011-12 to 2014-15	2013-14

The above additional places are new places which have not been counted previously.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)221

Question Serial No.
3773

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech, it is proposed that about 1 700 additional places for community care services for elders, including 1 500 places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and about 200 day care places for the elderly will be provided. Will all these 1 700 places (approx.) be provided in 2011-12? If not, please list out in detail the distribution of the additional places in each year.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Government will allocate an additional \$76 million recurrent funding to provide 1 500 EHCCS places and 185 day care places. For the additional EHCCS places, while all of them will be made available in 2011-12, it is estimated that about 800 new cases will be served in the year because it will take time for the elders to take up the new service places. The remaining 700 new places are expected to be taken up in 2012-13. As for day care places, 165 of them will be provided in 2011-12 and the remaining 20 will be provided in 2012-13.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)222

Question Serial No.

3881

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the employment assistance projects stated in paragraph 11 in the Brief Description, would the Government please inform this Committee of the progress and outcome (e.g. number of project participants and those with job placements, etc.) of the Enhanced New Dawn (ND) Project, the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP), the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) and the Support for Self-reliance Scheme (SFS) in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) implemented the third phase of the ND Project to help single parents and child carers on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 move towards self-reliance through engagement in employment. The third phase of the ND Project, implemented since April 2010, will last up to the end of September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 3 607 participants. Amongst them, 494 participants had secured employment with working hours no less than 32 hours per month.

In 2010-11, SWD also operated the following employment assistance projects for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 under the SFS –

- (a) The IEAS, implemented since October 2008, will last up to the end of September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 85 786 participants. Amongst them, 16 037 participants had secured full-time employment.

- (b) The third phase of the My STEP implemented since October 2009 will last up to the end of September 2011. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 838 participants. Amongst them, 306 participants had secured full-time employment.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)223

Question Serial No.
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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by nature of cases and in total, the most updated number of CSSA households currently living in public housing estates?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The numbers of households on CSSA by nature of case in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011 were listed below –

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	263	72	51	112	43	35	16	592
Bo Shek Mansion	59	1	1	3	3	-	-	67
Broadview Garden	13	3	3	7	2	4	-	32
Butterfly	800	64	121	230	29	121	28	1 393
Chai Wan	214	8	23	35	10	23	4	317
Chak On	363	7	43	73	8	42	6	542
Cheung Ching	335	39	55	77	51	90	21	668
Cheung Fat	262	31	42	46	20	45	5	451
Cheung Hang	361	36	47	60	34	66	10	614
Cheung Hong	907	85	78	168	60	134	26	1 458
Cheung Kwai	28	3	8	8	10	12	-	69
Cheung On	312	47	49	47	20	53	10	538
Cheung Shan	100	10	13	19	18	17	4	181
Cheung Wah	444	28	85	111	41	63	13	785
Cheung Wang	353	65	108	172	125	188	21	1 032
Ching Ho	816	49	172	553	148	260	68	2 066
Cho Yiu Chuen	191	10	9	12	16	22	4	264

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Choi Fai	99	6	27	23	18	30	3	206
Choi Fook	286	8	27	103	42	66	14	546
Choi Ha	183	13	13	14	9	24	-	256
Choi Hung	919	59	131	215	82	118	18	1 542
Choi Ming Court	265	57	100	112	97	82	8	721
Choi Tak	113	10	11	60	14	28	11	247
Choi Wan (I)	421	52	99	141	68	80	20	881
Choi Wan (II)	234	12	47	82	35	36	8	454
Choi Ying	484	19	70	231	53	132	17	1 006
Choi Yuen	863	54	106	190	33	114	30	1 390
Chuk Yuen (North)	350	37	73	66	39	53	12	630
Chuk Yuen (South)	891	70	130	275	59	120	13	1 558
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	109	4	4	11	5	16	-	149
Chun Shek	286	15	48	59	26	27	9	470
Chung On	274	60	89	103	46	102	29	703
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	-	6	7	4	-	78
Easeful Court	13	3	7	14	18	11	1	67
Fortune	577	34	73	41	37	72	5	839
Fu Cheong	1 380	61	187	196	170	178	13	2 185
Fu Heng	439	51	118	82	33	76	5	804
Fu Shan	181	15	25	37	27	29	4	318
Fu Shin	444	39	89	141	31	68	17	829
Fu Tai	402	105	103	175	125	195	17	1 122
Fu Tung	87	15	21	52	19	26	1	221
Fuk Loi	367	26	37	71	20	34	11	566
Fung Tak	500	36	75	44	31	59	8	753
Fung Wah	91	14	10	12	7	11	1	146
Grandeur Terrace	133	27	99	342	164	200	18	983
Hau Tak	382	48	82	101	54	79	8	754
Healthy Village	103	4	7	13	6	4	-	137
Heng On	233	16	59	64	34	33	21	460
High Prosperity Terrace	5	2	8	24	21	15	2	77
Hin Keng	212	30	46	48	29	37	14	416
Hin Yiu	92	13	30	52	10	18	5	220
Hing Man	139	28	24	56	34	31	5	317
Hing Tin	90	11	23	36	23	9	3	195
Hing Tung	193	16	36	51	17	25	1	339
Hing Wah (I)	287	54	50	55	41	36	5	528

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Hing Wah (II)	541	50	49	119	28	61	6	854
Ho Man Tin	635	59	114	110	81	85	17	1 101
Hoi Fu Court	602	26	63	97	67	90	5	950
Hoi Lai	300	33	74	222	175	149	17	970
Hong Tung	216	2	4	6	2	1	-	231
Hung Hom	203	9	22	18	13	19	-	284
Jat Min Chuen	355	24	37	36	21	36	5	514
Ka Fuk	257	21	38	50	19	53	9	447
Ka Wai Chuen	242	9	22	13	10	26	-	322
Kai Tin	347	33	50	49	28	41	4	552
Kai Yip	826	38	66	140	24	60	11	1 165
Kam Peng	30	2	4	4	2	7	-	49
Kin Ming	389	93	218	378	192	237	16	1 523
Kin Sang	97	10	30	30	17	26	7	217
King Lam	453	65	95	73	34	66	4	790
Ko Cheung Court	45	10	31	118	56	46	9	315
Ko Yee	212	10	16	28	11	22	3	302
Kwai Chung	1 170	204	318	669	324	490	80	3 255
Kwai Fong	657	101	126	128	101	120	20	1 253
Kwai Hing	93	10	17	22	7	14	3	166
Kwai Shing (East)	736	94	118	166	112	166	12	1 404
Kwai Shing (West)	485	45	73	122	46	88	20	879
Kwong Fuk	519	52	130	189	69	91	35	1 085
Kwong Tin	175	21	33	54	25	34	10	352
Kwong Yuen	377	63	82	73	27	68	32	722
Kwun Lung Lau	110	8	10	11	17	18	2	176
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	535	28	65	54	50	68	8	808
Lai King	450	40	54	89	58	77	16	784
Lai Kok	500	44	62	127	28	65	13	839
Lai On	202	24	26	26	8	17	-	303
Lai Tak Tsuen	136	19	25	12	13	17	-	222
Lai Yiu	295	31	31	49	46	59	11	522
Lakeside Garden	18	2	5	4	-	2	-	31
Lam Tin	397	10	43	124	54	63	14	705
Lee On	312	54	123	111	33	79	13	725
Lei Cheng Uk	352	33	46	84	34	86	11	646
Lei Muk Shue	847	107	174	362	191	227	43	1 951
Lei Tung	448	63	66	103	31	55	29	795

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lei Yue Mun	436	35	78	146	81	98	20	894
Lek Yuen	343	45	56	108	25	53	13	643
Leung King	548	56	111	122	41	131	26	1 035
Lok Fu	399	57	85	107	39	84	9	780
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	23	38	34	26	59	4	504
Lok Wah (North)	156	25	40	58	28	45	8	360
Lok Wah (South)	1 522	50	104	181	26	113	18	2 014
Long Bin Interim Housing	34	8	18	11	2	74	7	154
Long Ping	561	66	139	301	98	161	28	1 354
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	538	61	99	152	41	107	18	1 016
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	505	69	93	165	51	121	18	1 022
Lung Hang	244	26	76	116	81	73	45	661
Lung Tin	70	13	8	7	2	12	1	113
Ma Hang	45	5	14	21	11	7	3	106
Ma Tau Wai	229	18	34	104	16	33	4	438
Mei Lam	431	40	81	147	39	66	19	823
Mei Tin	362	63	155	352	137	199	50	1 318
Mei Tung	233	11	24	44	12	35	13	372
Ming Tak	175	20	26	41	18	27	2	309
Ming Wah Dai Ha	173	16	18	7	9	25	1	249
Model Housing	43	9	8	15	20	7	4	106
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	3	13	8	4	8	1	128
Nam Cheong	179	17	23	37	12	37	2	307
Nam Shan	351	22	61	121	20	47	16	638
Nga Ning Court	13	1	5	17	11	12	3	62
Ngan Wan	31	4	7	14	4	5	-	65
Oi Man	380	48	110	197	67	81	11	894
Oi Tung	783	67	92	152	59	50	6	1 209
On Tin	25	4	11	47	36	36	4	163
On Ting	651	75	107	153	30	127	23	1 166
On Yam	521	56	76	69	85	92	16	915
Pak Tin	1 480	62	229	268	160	206	39	2 444
Ping Shek	393	38	55	88	28	65	7	674
Ping Tin	949	82	123	169	91	116	23	1 553
Po Lam	311	48	57	124	52	61	15	668
Po Tat	1 065	66	185	304	238	238	30	2 126
Po Tin	889	115	272	114	16	372	24	1 802
Po Tin Interim Housing	127	33	86	12	4	155	6	423

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Pok Hong	293	16	81	84	43	48	12	577
Prosperous Garden	101	-	3	1	1	4	-	110
Sai Wan	31	1	12	4	9	5	2	64
Sam Shing	134	19	21	60	9	34	11	288
Sau Mau Ping (South)	403	19	67	195	64	110	20	878
Sau Mau Ping	2 030	143	274	390	279	305	52	3 473
Sha Kok	847	82	135	201	41	103	73	1 482
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	42	5	13	5	7	6	1	79
Shan King	818	84	151	273	61	171	41	1 599
Shek Kip Mei	949	53	142	189	91	120	23	1 567
Shek Lei (I)	699	95	82	157	74	97	26	1 230
Shek Lei (II)	964	125	162	278	199	288	57	2 073
Shek Mun	93	13	46	126	19	76	24	397
Shek Pai Wan	475	68	71	72	87	66	18	857
Shek Wai Kok	620	50	99	170	57	91	20	1 107
Shek Yam (East)	367	41	41	35	25	57	9	575
Shek Yam	404	54	46	76	65	76	10	731
Sheung Lok	143	8	2	6	-	5	1	165
Sheung Tak	536	66	133	173	168	158	17	1 251
Shui Pin Wai	500	23	56	92	22	52	5	750
Shun Lee	477	33	48	111	42	87	12	810
Shun On	454	26	45	73	36	74	8	716
Shun Tin	848	62	142	161	65	147	12	1 437
Siu Sai Wan	338	83	87	135	68	80	12	803
So Uk	115	10	19	17	14	27	2	204
Sun Chui	633	59	105	192	61	104	16	1 170
Sun Tin Wai	261	34	45	98	31	44	14	527
Tai Hang Tung	451	19	69	45	22	32	7	645
Tai Hing	1 186	79	182	253	66	196	40	2 002
Tai Ping	36	5	14	19	7	24	-	105
Tai Wo	608	33	118	85	30	53	14	941
Tai Wo Hau	807	94	131	173	69	141	20	1 435
Tai Yuen	374	42	138	117	78	76	16	841
Tak Tin	792	36	96	77	37	75	11	1 124
Tin Chak	448	53	132	228	84	174	18	1 137
Tin Ching	597	63	146	449	111	257	62	1 685
Tin Heng	232	40	145	422	267	292	30	1 428
Tin King	98	15	29	69	16	40	12	279

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Ping	222	29	57	92	27	49	11	487
Tin Shui	562	72	139	286	109	163	39	1 370
Tin Tsz	524	56	87	110	34	104	20	935
Tin Wah	517	46	123	153	80	133	17	1 069
Tin Wan	429	54	78	54	32	40	17	704
Tin Yan	668	87	193	370	63	268	29	1 678
Tin Yat	123	30	77	241	140	155	11	777
Tin Yiu	615	68	197	325	104	222	39	1 570
Tin Yuet	479	39	143	216	137	195	13	1 222
Tsing Yi	177	19	26	32	14	34	8	310
Tsui Lam	155	23	51	113	41	33	3	419
Tsui Lok	122	4	5	14	1	2	2	150
Tsui Ping (South)	522	28	57	67	42	58	11	785
Tsui Ping (North)	1 069	71	170	216	79	154	28	1 787
Tsui Wan	132	30	16	31	4	17	3	233
Tsz Ching	1 372	69	170	244	209	182	26	2 272
Tsz Hong	112	14	45	116	113	73	5	478
Tsz Lok	877	61	116	185	105	111	17	1 472
Tsz Man	210	17	43	46	37	46	6	405
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	-	7	2	4	4	2	29
Tung Tau	1 013	82	113	136	51	135	10	1 540
Un Chau	1 157	69	121	107	71	124	13	1 662
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 427	78	162	108	70	159	12	2 016
Upper Wong Tai Sin	812	77	97	141	85	120	19	1 351
Verbena Heights	157	6	23	12	2	21	2	223
Wah Fu	615	109	121	216	102	69	26	1 258
Wah Kwai	317	30	34	28	22	23	5	459
Wah Lai	100	21	35	45	47	48	9	305
Wah Ming	442	44	76	103	41	92	20	818
Wah Sum	175	27	46	52	22	39	4	365
Wan Hon	500	6	8	17	11	12	4	558
Wan Tau Tong	199	32	37	37	7	21	2	335
Wan Tsui	333	44	58	103	42	56	13	649
Wang Tau Hom	419	64	87	137	53	116	20	896
Wo Che	399	76	159	156	82	104	37	1 013
Wo Lok	259	30	40	65	22	33	4	453
Wu King	189	28	73	131	45	87	18	571
Yat Tung	513	113	275	636	419	450	51	2 457

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Yau Lai	685	21	107	324	126	143	32	1 438
Yau Oi	739	95	153	267	102	263	39	1 658
Yau Tong	538	47	93	132	107	104	8	1 029
Yiu On	186	37	75	74	16	39	13	440
Yiu Tung	550	65	104	102	57	63	10	951
Yue Kwong Chuen	51	7	9	9	3	7	2	88
Yue Wan	213	30	40	85	24	37	5	434
Yung Shing Court	245	24	59	55	57	89	7	536
Total	88 513	8 516	15 802	24 836	11 482	17 912	3 035	170 096

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)224

Question Serial No.
 0002

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by nature of cases and in total, the most updated number of CSSA households in each of the District Council districts?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The numbers of CSSA cases by nature of case by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note]	Case nature							Total
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low earnings	Unemployment	Others	
Central and Western	2 394	261	289	212	121	300	69	3 646
Eastern	8 603	1 161	1 086	1 517	638	1 013	297	14 315
Islands	1 713	240	438	886	518	687	209	4 691
Kowloon City	7 811	730	1 075	1 320	488	1 269	260	12 953
Kwai Tsing	14 866	2 206	2 168	3 076	1 776	2 745	589	27 426
Kwun Tong	21 682	1 646	2 809	4 557	2 092	3 179	704	36 669
North	7 748	936	1 327	2 092	611	1 430	520	14 664
Sai Kung	4 152	875	981	1 296	728	858	333	9 223
Sha Tin	8 893	1 483	1 929	2 511	898	1 496	619	17 829
Sham Shui Po	13 844	1 078	2 452	2 603	1 191	3 601	628	25 397
Southern	5 232	1 162	676	695	364	379	216	8 724
Tai Po	5 690	504	996	1 091	341	680	258	9 560

Geographical district ^[Note]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tsuen Wan	5 115	436	581	1 047	401	675	227	8 482
Tuen Mun	11 067	2 198	2 292	2 508	666	2 394	571	21 696
Wan Chai	1 310	94	138	101	46	302	99	2 090
Wong Tai Sin	12 974	1 204	1 833	2 668	1 267	1 914	424	22 284
Yau Tsim Mong	5 381	354	1 182	1 049	354	2 641	357	11 318
Yuen Long	12 589	1 831	2 936	4 929	1 691	3 851	804	28 631
Total	151 064	18 399	25 188	34 158	14 191	29 414	7 184	279 598

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)225

Question Serial No.

0003

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding Disability Allowance (DA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by District Council districts and in total, the most updated numbers of recipients of the above two allowances?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The numbers of DA and OAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note]	DA	OAA	Total
Central and Western	4 049	17 532	21 581
Eastern	12 589	50 502	63 091
Islands	1 767	6 036	7 803
Kowloon City	6 625	30 900	37 525
Kwai Tsing	10 943	40 683	51 626
Kwun Tong	13 541	51 224	64 765
North	5 422	16 109	21 531
Sai Kung	6 338	19 068	25 406
Sha Tin	12 806	38 246	51 052
Sham Shui Po	7 327	29 700	37 027
Southern	6 967	20 133	27 100
Tai Po	6 036	15 991	22 027

Geographical district ^[Note]	DA	OAA	Total
Tsuen Wan	4 957	20 483	25 440
Tuen Mun	9 098	23 119	32 217
Wan Chai	2 454	12 692	15 146
Wong Tai Sin	9 593	40 244	49 837
Yau Tsim Mong	4 366	21 897	26 263
Yuen Long	8 059	23 917	31 976
Total	132 937	478 476	611 413

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)226

Question Serial No.
 0004

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding allowances for the severely disabled and the elderly under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by public housing estate and in total, the most updated number of recipients of these two allowances?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The respective and total numbers of recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) by public housing estate as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Ap Lei Chau	455	1 477	1 932
Bo Shek Mansion	6	18	24
Broadview Garden	4	16	20
Butterfly	178	609	787
Chai Wan	47	113	160
Chak On	88	370	458
Cheung Ching	347	1 805	2 152
Cheung Fat	146	376	522
Cheung Hang	259	987	1 246
Cheung Hong	459	2 209	2 668
Cheung Kwai	30	87	117
Cheung On	485	1 488	1 973
Cheung Shan	131	717	848
Cheung Wah	356	1 116	1 472
Cheung Wang	141	219	360
Ching Ho	192	199	391

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Cho Yiu Chuen	178	952	1 130
Choi Fai	83	335	418
Choi Fook	23	32	55
Choi Ha	211	834	1 045
Choi Hung	479	3 045	3 524
Choi Ming Court	97	233	330
Choi Tak	10	19	29
Choi Wan (I)	489	1 914	2 403
Choi Wan (II)	243	999	1 242
Choi Ying	84	236	320
Choi Yuen	307	1 046	1 353
Chuk Yuen (North)	527	2 811	3 338
Chuk Yuen (South)	368	1 561	1 929
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	87	404	491
Chun Shek	136	473	609
Chung On	159	225	384
Clague Garden Estate	42	286	328
Easeful Court	27	56	83
Fortune	112	336	448
Fu Cheong	255	689	944
Fu Heng	377	714	1 091
Fu Shan	87	521	608
Fu Shin	439	1 086	1 525
Fu Tai	279	517	796
Fu Tung	72	199	271
Fuk Loi	235	1 552	1 787
Fung Tak	333	1 951	2 284
Fung Wah	111	371	482
Grandeur Terrace	150	166	316
Hau Tak	281	749	1 030
Healthy Village	172	841	1 013
Heng On	463	1 202	1 665
High Prosperity Terrace	37	80	117
Hin Keng	478	1 648	2 126
Hin Yiu	32	48	80
Hing Man	164	677	841
Hing Tin	246	956	1 202
Hing Tung	150	363	513
Hing Wah (I)	213	418	631

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Hing Wah (II)	297	1 038	1 335
Ho Man Tin	423	1 912	2 335
Hoi Fu Court	180	598	778
Hoi Lai	236	470	706
Hong Tung	22	129	151
Hung Hom	52	161	213
Jat Min Chuen	264	835	1 099
Ka Fuk	112	232	344
Ka Wai Chuen	143	872	1 015
Kai Tin	174	762	936
Kai Yip	290	1 086	1 376
Kam Peng	18	32	50
Kin Ming	213	309	522
Kin Sang	172	291	463
King Lam	361	921	1 282
Ko Cheung Court	103	171	274
Ko Yee	98	338	436
Kwai Chung	464	1 292	1 756
Kwai Fong	512	2 360	2 872
Kwai Hing	131	865	996
Kwai Shing (East)	363	1 658	2 021
Kwai Shing (West)	313	1 782	2 095
Kwong Fuk	516	1 163	1 679
Kwong Tin	236	848	1 084
Kwong Yuen	319	770	1 089
Kwun Lung Lau	144	653	797
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	356	1 749	2 105
Lai King	288	1 485	1 773
Lai Kok	210	844	1 054
Lai On	135	661	796
Lai Tak Tsuen	234	1 250	1 484
Lai Yiu	165	900	1 065
Lakeside Garden	6	14	20
Lam Tin	74	322	396
Lee On	278	542	820
Lei Cheng Uk	391	1 764	2 155
Lei Muk Shue	555	2 554	3 109
Lei Tung	664	1 797	2 461
Lei Yue Mun	144	470	614

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Lek Yuen	265	998	1 263
Leung King	370	699	1 069
Lok Fu	318	1 260	1 578
Lok Man Sun Chuen	230	1 808	2 038
Lok Wah (North)	253	1 032	1 285
Lok Wah (South)	374	1 523	1 897
Long Bin Interim Housing	7	13	20
Long Ping	455	1 068	1 523
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	482	2 228	2 710
Lower Wong Tai Sin(II)	394	1 811	2 205
Lung Hang	332	1 079	1 411
Lung Tin	18	55	73
Ma Hang	77	203	280
Ma Tau Wai	198	788	986
Mei Lam	348	1 218	1 566
Mei Tin	149	172	321
Mei Tung	55	248	303
Ming Tak	48	204	252
Ming Wah Dai Ha	250	1 291	1 541
Model Housing	74	255	329
Moon Lok Dai Ha	55	396	451
Nam Cheong	141	559	700
Nam Shan	233	757	990
Nga Ning Court	24	23	47
Ngan Wan	17	52	69
Oi Man	553	2 641	3 194
Oi Tung	329	782	1 111
On Tin	39	76	115
On Ting	251	703	954
On Yam	420	2 694	3 114
Pak Tin	524	1 979	2 503
Ping Shek	351	2 091	2 442
Ping Tin	429	1 542	1 971
Po Lam	354	912	1 266
Po Tat	342	1 061	1 403
Po Tin	100	146	246
Po Tin Interim Housing	44	66	110
Pok Hong	503	1 604	2 107
Prosperous Garden	22	96	118

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Sai Wan	67	252	319
Sam Shing	93	326	419
Sau Mau Ping (South)	89	157	246
Sau Mau Ping	861	3 474	4 335
Sha Kok	442	1 688	2 130
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	46	170	216
Shan King	448	1 060	1 508
Shek Kip Mei	343	1 217	1 560
Shek Lei (I)	434	2 021	2 455
Shek Lei (II)	262	926	1 188
Shek Mun	39	30	69
Shek Pai Wan	544	1 048	1 592
Shek Wai Kok	431	2 282	2 713
Shek Yam (East)	162	868	1 030
Shek Yam	150	681	831
Sheung Lok	10	99	109
Sheung Tak	282	693	975
Shui Pin Wai	98	490	588
Shun Lee	362	1 417	1 779
Shun On	198	830	1 028
Shun Tin	530	2 116	2 646
Siu Sai Wan	657	1 806	2 463
So Uk	115	739	854
Sun Chui	538	1 679	2 217
Sun Tin Wai	280	1 139	1 419
Tai Hang Tung	149	628	777
Tai Hing	423	1 394	1 817
Tai Ping	114	191	305
Tai Wo	499	1 030	1 529
Tai Wo Hau	603	2 877	3 480
Tai Yuen	402	1 195	1 597
Tak Tin	449	1 811	2 260
Tin Chak	128	204	332
Tin Ching	98	127	225
Tin Heng	235	316	551
Tin King	193	299	492
Tin Ping	353	615	968
Tin Shui	388	881	1 269
Tin Tsz	154	298	452

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Tin Wah	158	317	475
Tin Wan	297	759	1 056
Tin Yan	109	157	266
Tin Yat	119	175	294
Tin Yiu	475	899	1 374
Tin Yuet	133	262	395
Tsing Yi	242	815	1 057
Tsui Lam	322	828	1 150
Tsui Lok	25	81	106
Tsui Ping (South)	166	656	822
Tsui Ping (North)	651	2 608	3 259
Tsui Wan	229	698	927
Tsz Ching	370	1 718	2 088
Tsz Hong	92	229	321
Tsz Lok	332	1 373	1 705
Tsz Man	171	786	957
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	13	28	41
Tung Tau	512	2 433	2 945
Un Chau	460	2 418	2 878
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	470	2 748	3 218
Upper Wong Tai Sin	292	1 260	1 552
Verbena Heights	28	127	155
Wah Fu	909	3 430	4 339
Wah Kwai	351	1 126	1 477
Wah Lai	67	104	171
Wah Ming	299	550	849
Wah Sum	66	153	219
Wan Hon	40	238	278
Wan Tau Tong	189	434	623
Wan Tsui	331	973	1 304
Wang Tau Hom	472	2 196	2 668
Wo Che	624	1 966	2 590
Wo Lok	120	612	732
Wu King	304	887	1 191
Yat Tung	440	717	1 157
Yau Lai	209	542	751
Yau Oi	515	1 497	2 012
Yau Tong	223	712	935
Yiu On	337	651	988

Public housing estate	Number of recipients		
	DA	OAA	Total
Yiu Tung	341	1 036	1 377
Yue Kwong Chuen	83	435	518
Yue Wan	206	713	919
Yung Shing Court	79	147	226
Total	54 184	193 952	248 136

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LWB(WW)227

Question Serial No.

1209

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons why the 2010-11 revised estimate for the government sector was 2.7% lower than the original estimate under this Programme? Which area has been affected by the reduction of expenditure? Will this involve any reduction in manpower or services?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate for the government sector as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the re-scheduling of the timing for filling of civil service posts and lower than expected requirements for general departmental expenses, partly offset by the 2010 Civil Service Pay Adjustment. There is no decrease in service provision or manpower.

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LWB(WW)228

Question Serial No.

1210

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision” that “Provision for 2011-12 is \$107.6 million (6.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to the full-year effect of new projects implemented in 2010-11 and the additional provision for regularising the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and setting up of a new integrated family service centre (IFSC). In addition, there will be a net increase of 16 posts in 2011-12.” Regarding the net increase of 16 posts stated above, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the work and service area involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The net increase of 16 posts in 2011-12 involves creation of 17 posts in the Social Work Officer grade offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post. The posts are created to extend the coverage of the comprehensive child development service to the whole territory.

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Question Serial No.
1211

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “regularise the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and extend it to 18 districts”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the timetable for implementing the above project; the exact location for delivering the project; the publicity and promotional work relating to the project; and the manpower and expenditure involved in the entire project?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Administration has earmarked \$33 million per annum for the regularisation of the pilot NSCCP and its extension to all 18 districts. SWD will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011. The projects are expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011. Pending award of the 18 NSCCPs, the exact location for delivering the project is not known at the moment. The service providers have the flexibility of deploying the appropriate manpower to run the project but there must be at least one social worker for each project. SWD, together with the service providers, have widely publicised the NSCCP through various media and channels. Such publicity and promotion work will continue upon the regularisation of the NSCCP.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)230

Question Serial No.

1212

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the targets that the number of family aide workers, family life education workers and family support networking teams in the coming year will remain the same as that of the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11). Would the Administration please inform this Committee if any evaluation of the needs for the above services has been conducted? If yes, what are the results? Are the above services, which have remained the same for years, not in line with the family-oriented vision strongly advocated by the Government in recent years? Will the Government consider increasing the number of such workers and support teams?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : Family aide service aims at imparting to individuals/families in need basic skills in personal care, household management and providing care to other members of the family through systematic training programmes. Apart from engaging the service of family aide workers, social workers also refer needy individuals/families to other training programmes or draw on other community resources to meet their needs.

Family Life Education (FLE) is provided not only by FLE workers at the 22 Family Life Education Units. Integrated family service centres, integrated services centres, integrated children and youth services centres and school social work service also provide FLE programmes and related activities as part and parcel of their services. In fact, the majority of FLE programmes are provided by these mainstream service units which may vary the number of their programmes according to service needs.

Family Support Networking Teams (FSNTs) provide outreaching services to vulnerable families and refer needy cases to welfare service units for follow-up services as appropriate. To facilitate the early identification of needy families, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has already introduced the Family Support Programme in 2007. On-going monitoring of FSNTs has been conducted and there is no significant increase of service demand for FSNTs.

In the light of the above, the Administration has no plan to increase the number of family aide workers, family life education units and FSNTs in 2011-12. SWD will continue to closely monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to meet the service demands where necessary.

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LWB(WW)231

Question Serial No.

1213

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in the targets, the number of foster care places will be increased to 1 020. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons and justifications for the increase in the number of places; and the additional expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : Owing to the increase in service demand, an additional 50 foster care places will be provided in 2011-12. The provision for the additional 50 places will be \$5.43 million per annum. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the operators have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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Question Serial No.

1214

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons why the 2010-11 revised estimate for the subvented sector was 2.6% lower than the original estimate under this Programme? Which service area has been affected by the reduction in expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate for the subvented sector as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the lower than expected expenditure in the provision of assistance to torture claimants and asylum seekers, and also short-term food assistance for individuals and families in need.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “continue to provide short-term food assistance for individuals and families in need”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee if review or evaluation on the above short-term food assistance service has been conducted taking the recent soaring inflation rate into consideration? If yes, what are the results? Will the Administration consider enhancing the above service, such as increasing the provision, extending the period of assistance to applicants, expanding the service network, and increasing the number of service operators? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : SWD has commissioned five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in February 2009 to operate five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) covering the whole territory to help individuals and families who have difficulty coping with their daily food expenditure.

SWD has all along been monitoring the operation and effectiveness of the Projects through various means including requesting the NGO operators to submit service statistics as well as carrying out scheduled and surprise inspections of the operating units. SWD is working closely with the five Project operators on enhancing the service, including the type of food to be provided. The \$100 million originally allocated for the five Projects is estimated to be able to support the running of the Projects until at least 2013. Yet we recognise that the recent rise in food cost has an impact on the livelihood of the Projects’ target beneficiaries and have hence reserved an additional \$100 million for the continuation of the Projects.

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Question Serial No.

1221

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will “...combat fraud and abuse”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the situation relating to fraud and abuse of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11); the resources and manpower allocated by the Department to the above area of work; and the ways to combat fraud and abuse of CSSA and, at the same time, prevent the wrong message of “CSSA recipients as parasitic group” from obstructing needy people applying for CSSA?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : To combat fraud, SWD conducts regular case reviews and checks on targetted cases, arranges periodical data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conducts in-depth investigation into suspected fraud cases. There are also a telephone hotline and an information form for the public to report fraud.

As part of the community education programme, anti-fraud panels are installed in all social security field units to remind social security applicants to report their circumstances honestly and be aware of the seriousness of committing any offence. The latest figures on social security fraud cases are announced regularly on the panels. Newspaper cuttings about fraud cases resulting in conviction are also deployed.

The number of fraud cases on CSSA and the amount of overpayment involved in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (up to 31 January 2011) are provided as follows –

	2009-10	2010-11 (up to 31 January 2011)
(a) Report of suspected fraud cases on CSSA	3 061	2 501
(b) Established fraud cases on CSSA	950	842
(c) Amount of overpayment involved	\$59 million	\$41.3 million

The Special Investigation Section (Section) of SWD, which specialises in prevention and detection of fraud and abuse of social security benefits, currently has a total of 120 staff, including eight fraud investigation advisors who are retired officers from the disciplined forces.

The expenditure of the Section in 2009-10 was \$42.9 million and the estimated expenditure in 2010-11 is \$41.1 million.

The CSSA Scheme provides a safety net for those who cannot support themselves financially. It is SWD's goal to support persons suffering from financial hardship for various reasons such as old age, disability, illness, unemployment and low earnings. This message has been clearly disseminated through our publicity materials. Besides, through implementing the Support for Self-reliance Scheme, SWD encourages and assists able-bodied CSSA applicants/recipients who are unemployed or earning low income to move towards full-time paid employment and self-reliance.

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Question Serial No.

1231

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Social Welfare Department “continued to monitor the operation of the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and conducted evaluation of the project”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the remuneration and benefits (including the maximum, minimum and average hourly wage, etc.) of home-based child carers in providing care services in the past; whether the Administration would, along with the implementation of minimum wage, consider making upward adjustment to the remuneration of home-based child carers at least to the minimum wage level? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The pilot NSCCP is a mutual help project rather than an employment project. It aims to promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood and, at the same time, provide flexible child care support for needy families. The home-based child carers of the NSCCP are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others. Given that there is no employment relationship between the carers and the service provider, the statutory minimum wage does not apply in the NSCCP. Currently, home-based child carers under the pilot NSCCP are provided with an incentive payment for their volunteer work at \$18 to \$22 per hour.

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Question Serial No.

1232

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “continued to monitor the operation of the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and conducted evaluation of the project”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the number of enquiries and complaints received by SWD since the implementation of the Project in 2008-09; the main contents of such enquiries and complaints and the follow-up actions taken by SWD; whether SWD has evaluated if there is any room for downward adjustment to the level of fees charged by home-based child care and centre-based care groups; figures about past application for half or full fee waiver/reduction approved/refused by service providers.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : SWD has not received any complaints about the pilot NSCCP since its implementation in 2008-09. SWD does not capture statistics on the number of enquiries on the NSCCP.

The fees charged by the NSCCP are determined by the service providers having regard to the financial affordability of the target beneficiaries and overall financial arrangements for the project. The fees have to be approved by SWD. Service users from low-income families with social needs are eligible for fee waiver/reduction. Out of the 46% of the service users who received fee waiver/reduction, around 78.7% received full-fee waiver while the remaining 21.3% received half-fee reduction. SWD has so far not received any report of needy families unable to obtain fee waiver/reduction.

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Question Serial No.
1233

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “continued to provide training for child care staff working in child care centres (CCC)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of the above-mentioned training in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11); details on training for child care staff; number of child care staff who received such training and their ratio to the total number of staff; number of complaints against child care staff received by SWD in the past three years; brief description of such complaints and the follow-up actions taken by SWD?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : A training subsidy scheme has been launched since 2008-09 to sponsor child care staff to receive in-service training to enhance the service of CCC. The scheme is implemented by the existing staff of SWD. The operators of CCC may receive course fee reimbursement up to \$15,000 per trainee per year for recognised courses. The number of sponsored child care staff and expenditure on course fee reimbursement in the past three years are listed below –

School year	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Expenditure	\$1 million	\$1.7 million	\$2.7 million
Number of sponsored child care staff	127	207	280

The ratio of sponsored child care staff to the total number of in-service child care staff is not available as SWD does not capture statistics on the latter.

From 2008-09 to 2010-11, two complaints against child care staff were received by the Child Care Centres Advisory Inspectorate (CCCAI) of SWD. One complaint was on the staff providing wrong information about the presence of a boy attending the centre and the other was on the unsatisfactory attitude of the staff in addressing a parent's enquiry on a minor injury of her child. For both complaints, advisory letters on the need to improve staff communication skills were served by CCCAI to the operators.

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Question Serial No.

1234

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “continued to launch publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the expenditure and manpower involved in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11); the estimated resources invested in the above area of work in the coming year; and whether the Administration has evaluated the effectiveness of the above publicity and public education programmes. If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the expenditure for the publicity campaign was about \$5 million each year. It will remain at the same level in 2011-12. The activities in the campaign were carried out by existing staff of SWD. To achieve the widest coverage in the territory, SWD will continue to make use of various media channels and means to publicise the messages of prevention of domestic violence. The publicity campaign has achieved positive feedbacks. For example, the 8-episode of docu-drama on various domestic violence issues was broadcast on TVB Jade Channel in the third quarter of 2010-11 and attracted at least a million TV viewers in each episode. With such popular coverage, the docu-drama was broadcast again in TVB High Definition Jade Channel in the fourth quarter of 2010-11. As at 4 March 2011, there were 397 persons giving positive comments to the programme in Facebook.

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Question Serial No.

1235

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Administration will provide “an extra allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. This proposal will involve an additional expenditure of about \$1.9 billion”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of a detailed breakdown of the expenditure on the above one-off relief measures provided for various recipients and the anticipated earliest time for the payment of extra allowances to the recipients?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Financial Secretary announced in his 2011-12 Budget Speech the provision of an extra allowance to CSSA recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to OAA and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. The Administration will brief the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council on the proposal and seek the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council on the necessary financial commitments. Subject to FC’s approval, we aim to implement the proposal sometime in mid-2011. The estimated expenditure is \$1,900 million in total including \$1,200 million for CSSA standard rate, \$500 million for OAA and \$200 million for DA.

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Question Serial No.

1236

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “continued to commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate employment assistance projects including the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) and the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) to assist and encourage unemployed able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant” and “continued to commission NGOs to operate the new phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project to help single parents and child carers on CSSA move towards self-reliance”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure and manpower involved in various employment assistance projects in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11); and whether the Administration has reviewed the progress and effectiveness of the projects? If yes, what are the outcomes?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The estimated expenditures for various employment assistance projects are as follows –

- (a) For the IEAS which has been implemented since October 2008 and will last up to September 2011, the estimated expenditure for the entire implementation period is \$180 million.
- (b) For the third phase of My STEP which has been implemented since October 2009 and will last up to September 2011, the estimated expenditure for the entire implementation period is \$12 million.
- (c) For the Enhanced ND Project which was implemented from October 2007 to March 2010, followed by the third phase of the ND Project which has been implemented since April 2010 and will last up to September 2011, the estimated expenditures for the entire implementation period of the Enhanced ND Project is \$40.5 million and for the third Phase of the ND Project is \$15.9 million.

As regards the manpower involved, resources for administering the employment assistance projects are deployed within SWD.

SWD has been monitoring and reviewing the progress and effectiveness of the IEAS, My STEP and ND Project closely and has commissioned the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong as the Reseach Team to conduct an evaluation study of the ND Project. Based on the key findings of the study which revealed that the responses of the participants and the general public were positive, the Reseach Team concluded that the ND Project was beneficial to both the participants and their children and recommended continuation of the ND Project.

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Question Serial No.
1319

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in the indicators, the average time for processing a new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) case by field units is 28 days. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the reasons for taking a longer average processing time as compared with the estimate of 26 days in previous year; whether it involves any new processing procedures or reduction in manpower; the longest processing time in handling cases in the past; the reasons for taking longer time to process the cases; and whether the Administration can expedite the processing procedures so that persons in need can receive timely assistance? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to processing applications for CSSA without delay, for prudent use of public resources, we have to carefully assess the eligibility of the applicants. Upon receipt of a new application, staff of SWD will conduct investigation into the applicant's circumstances and verify the information provided through office interview(s) and home visit(s). SWD staff will also need to check supporting documents such as the proofs of assets and income and seek information from other government department(s) and organisation(s) (including bank(s)) as circumstances may warrant. The processing time is affected by the time taken by the applicants to provide documents and other government departments and organisations to provide information. We have no information on the longest processing time. In fact there has been no change in the processing procedures or reduction in the manpower involved. The average time in processing a new case in 2011-12, estimated to be 28 days, is the same as that in 2010-11 revised estimate and 2009-10 actual. For cases with immediate needs, SWD staff can arrange urgent assistance where appropriate.

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Question Serial No.
1320

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in the indicators, the number of cases served under the Social Security Allowance Scheme has been on the rise over the past two years. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: as far as the Old Age Allowance (OAA) is concerned, the numbers of elderly persons who received the allowance over the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11), the estimated numbers of elderly persons who will receive the allowance in each of the coming three years, those numbers as a percentage of the total numbers of eligible persons and the relevant expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The average number of OAA recipients per month and OAA expenditure in 2009-10 were as follows –

	Average number of OAA recipients per month	OAA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
2009-10	484 376	6,320

The estimated average numbers of OAA recipients per month and OAA expenditures from 2010-11 to 2013-14 are as follows –

	Estimated average number of OAA recipients per month	OAA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 2]
2010-11	497 100	6,498
2011-12	524 500	6,536
2012-13	557 700	6,928
2013-14	593 200	7,368

Since we do not have information on the asset and income levels of all Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above, and we do not have any information on their duration of stay in Hong Kong each year, we are unable to estimate how many of them are eligible for OAA or provide the estimated number of OAA recipients as a percentage of the eligible population.

[Note 1] The 2009-10 expenditure included the payment of the one additional month of allowance.

[Note 2] The 2010-11 expenditure included the payment of the one additional month of allowance.

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Question Serial No.

1321

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “provision for 2011–12 is \$681.5 million (2.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to increased requirement for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and Social Security Allowance (SSA) payments, partly offset by the additional one-off payments/allowances for CSSA and SSA recipients in 2010–11. In addition, there will be a net increase of four posts in 2011–12”. Regarding the net increase of four posts mentioned above, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the work and service area involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The net increase of four posts involves creation of seven posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Analyst/Programmer grades offset by deletion of three time-limited Statistical grades posts. The duties of the seven new posts are to coordinate the granting of internet subsidy to needy students from CSSA families, strengthen the manpower support in social security field units to cope with the increase in SSA caseload, and support the replacement of the Computerised Social Security System.

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Question Serial No.

1322

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “continued to implement and develop the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP)”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the total number of batterers who participated in the above programme in the past two years; anticipated number of participants of the BIP in the coming year; and the details of developing the BIP and the additional resources required in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : In 2009-10 and 2010-11, a total of 177 batterers participated in the BIP. In 2011-12, ten groups will be held for about 90 participants in BIP. We will develop other treatment modalities such as BIP for women.

There is no breakdown on manpower and funding specifically allocated to BIP as it is an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.

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Question Serial No.

1586

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) throughout the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services for ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and residents of the local community. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the progress of setting up the above-mentioned ICCMWs throughout the territory, the estimated schedule for all ICCMWs to have permanent accommodation to provide services eventually, the latest service utilisation of the existing ICCMWs, the number of ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and residents of the local community that are receiving support service?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up the ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. ICCMWs, operated by non-governmental organisations, provide one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems and their family/carers as well as local residents through a wide spectrum of community support services ranging from casework counselling, therapeutic and supportive groups, outreaching services, day training, drop-in services, social and recreational activities, public education programmes to enhance community understanding of mental health, and where necessary referral of cases to the Hospital Authority (HA) for clinical assessment and psychiatric treatment. To dovetail with the Case Management Programme implemented by HA, these ICCMWs also provide community support services for patients with severe mental illness. With additional recurrent provision of about \$39 million per annum in 2011-12, it is estimated that the ICCMWs will serve about 24 000 discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems as well as their family members/carers per year.

SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Currently, nine ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation while six others have identified permanent sites pending local consultation. SWD will continue to keep in close contact with relevant government departments for identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment housing projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc.. In tandem, SWD is actively exploring the feasibility of setting up ICCMWs at commercial premises. Meanwhile, SWD, together with ICCMW operators, will continue to enlist local support with a view to securing permanent accommodation for ICCMWs.

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Question Serial No.

1587

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Why is the expenditure in 2010-11 revised estimate for the government sector and the subvented sector was reduced by 1.9% and 5.9% (\$180 million) respectively as compared to the original estimate under this Programme? Would the Administration please inform this Committee of which area has been affected by the reduction of expenditure? Will this involve any reduction in manpower or services? Has service quality been affected?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : For the government sector, the decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the re-scheduling of the timing for filling civil service posts and lower than expected requirements for general departmental expenses, partly offset by the 2010 Civil Service Pay Adjustment.

For the subvented sector, the decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the longer lead time required for implementing some new projects for increasing the provision of day services, residential services and pre-school rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and children with special needs, partly offset by the 2010 pay adjustment.

There is no decrease in service provision or manpower and the service quality has not been affected.

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Question Serial No.

1588

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee: With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May, whether it has assessed the impact on subvented sheltered workshops (SWs) providing the training and vocational services for persons with disabilities under this Programme? If yes, what are the findings? Will it bring about additional financial implications on the service units? Will the Administration allocate additional resources to the service units affected? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : SWs provide persons with disabilities, who are not yet able to take up open employment, with appropriate vocational training in a specially designed work environment, in which they can learn to adjust to normal work requirements, develop social skills and relationships, and prepare for potential advancement to supported and open employment. The service users will receive training allowance for the vocational training in the SWs. As there is no employer-employee relationship between the service operator and the service user, the SMW does not apply to SWs.

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Question Serial No.

1589

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for an increase of about 6% in the cost per supervision case served per month of the Community Service Orders (CSO) from \$1,544 in 2010-11 to \$1,638 in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The increase in the unit cost for the supervision cases under the CSO Scheme in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the increase in salaries provision arising from the granting of increment to eligible civil service staff and the full-year effect of filling of vacant civil service posts in 2010-11.

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Question Serial No.
1590

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision” that “...there will be a net increase of 29 posts in 2011-12”. Regarding the net increase of 29 posts mentioned above, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure, work and service area involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 29 posts is \$17 million. These include creation of 34 posts in the Social Work Officer, Station Officer/Divisional Officer and Survey Officer grades, offset by deletion of five supporting general grades posts. The additional posts will be deployed to strengthen the psychiatric medical social services for persons with mental health problems, children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and their family members, and to strengthen the administrative support for the Registration Office of Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities which will undertake statutory duties related to the implementation of the licensing scheme for residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

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Question Serial No.

1591

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards outreaching social work stated in the indicators, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the current number of outreaching social work teams (OSWTs), the districts served and the number of social workers in each team having regard to the rising trend in the number of cases served and the anticipated increase of the number to 14 569 in 2011-12; whether the Government will consider increasing the number of outreaching social workers employed and OSWTs to meet the growing demand for outreaching service?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : There are 16 OSWTs rendering outreaching social work service on a territory-wide basis for young people who do not normally participate in conventional social or youth activities and are vulnerable to negative influence. To meet changing service demand, each team has been provided with two additional social worker posts, one in 2008-09 and another in 2010-11, to strengthen the proactive outreaching services to at-risk youths. There are 12 outreaching social workers for each OSWT. The Administration will keep in view the demand for outreaching social work services.

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Question Serial No.
1592

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the contract home services for the elderly, would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the government expenditure involved and the number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places provided in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) and in the coming year; and the reasons for an increase of over 20% in the cost per place per month for contract homes from \$7,198 in 2010-11 to \$8,682 in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The provision of contract home places and government expenditures are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
No. of subsidised places	1 064	1 218	1 355	1 470
Expenditure on subsidised places (in \$ million)	\$68.47 (Actual)	\$100.29 (Actual)	\$109.04 (Revised Estimate)	\$155.36 (Estimate)
No. of non-subsidised places	929	1 015	1 107	1 183

The increase in cost per place in 2011-12 as compared to 2010-11 is mainly due to the enhanced provision of manpower and care support to meet the operational needs of the increased ratio of nursing home places in contract homes from an average of 50% to 90%.

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Question Serial No.

1593

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (pilot projects) to reach out through the Internet to youths in need, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the above pilot projects as well as the resources and manpower involved in the work?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : In view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of youths, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, SWD will commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund (LF). The pilot projects, which are expected to commence service by August 2011, will adopt multi-level intervention strategy (viz. preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial level), and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. The manpower of individual pilot projects will be subject to the plans proposed by the selected NGOs. SWD will also commission a consultant to conduct an evaluation study to examine the effectiveness of the pilot projects and feasibility of interfacing this new service mode with the existing youth services and make recommendations on the way forward. A total amount of \$17 million has been earmarked from the LF for the pilot projects and evaluation study.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)253

Question Serial No.

1594

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee that along with the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May whether it has evaluated the possible impact on the subvented organisations/private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under this Programme? If yes, what are the results? What will be the financial implications on subvented RCHEs in general? Will the Administration consider providing additional resources to these RCHEs in response to the implementation of SMW? If yes, how much resources will be allocated? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : Since the Administration's announcement of the SMW being set at \$28 per hour, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been assessing the impact of SMW on all services subvented by SWD, including those under the Services for Elders programme. SWD would consider, in the light of the assessment, if there is a need for additional resources for non-governmental organisations to comply with the SMW requirement in respect of subvented welfare services. As for private RCHEs which are operated on a commercial basis and the business of which is driven by the market, it is for the operators to consider how to comply with the SMW. We will closely keep in view the market change with a view to safeguarding the well-being of elder residents.

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LWB(WW)254

Question Serial No.
1595

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that “Provision for 2011-12 is \$52.2 million (3.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to additional provision for enhancing the school social work service in secondary schools and the full-year effect of service enhancement implemented in 2010-11.”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure and manpower involved for school social work in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) and in the coming year; and the details of the enhanced school social work service for secondary schools as mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The total recurrent provisions for school social work service and the number of school social workers (SSWs) in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Year	Amount (\$ million)	Number of SSWs
2008-09 Actual Expenditure	222.7	486
2009-10 Actual Expenditure	218.3	484
2010-11 Revised Estimate	218.3	482
2011-12 Estimate	250.7	578

The Administration will enhance school social work service in all secondary schools by a 20% increase in manpower to help prevent and tackle student drug abuse and related problems.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards residential training mentioned in the indicators, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for an increase of almost 5.6% in the cost per resident per month for probation home, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge from \$37,086 in 2010-11 to \$39,161 in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The increase in the cost per resident per month for the probation home, reformatory school and remand home/place of refuge in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenditure on catering and education services.

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LWB(WW)256

Question Serial No.

1597

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards school social work stated in the indicators, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total number of schools with stationing school social workers (SSWs) under the existing “one SSW for each secondary school” policy and the percentage to the total number of schools. Among schools with stationing social workers, how many of them are allocated with fractional SSW posts? What is/are the reason(s)? Will the Administration consider employing additional SSWs to reduce the number of cases served by each social worker and provide more than one SSW in schools with higher demand? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has implemented the “one SSW for each secondary school” policy since 2000-01. Each of the 482 secondary schools is being provided with one stationing SSW.

To help prevent and tackle student drug abuse and related problems, the Administration will enhance school social work service in secondary schools in 2011-12 by a 20% increase in manpower, i.e. 96 additional SSWs. This will significantly improve the provision of social work services in secondary schools.

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LWB(WW)257

Question Serial No.

1598

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In connection with the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether it has evaluated the impact on the subvented sector under this Programme? If yes, what are the results? What will be the financial implications on the subvented sector in general? Will the Administration provide additional resources to the subvented sector in response to the implementation of SMW? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : Subsequent to the Administration's announcement of SMW at \$28 per hour, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is assessing the impact of SMW on all subvented services, including those under the Family and Child Welfare Programme. In the light of the assessment, the Administration will consider if there is a need to provide additional resources to non-governmental organisations for their compliance with SMW requirements in respect of welfare services subvented by SWD.

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Question Serial No.

1599

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department “provided a wide range of training programmes for social security staff in the investigation and verification techniques, customer service skills as well as management and legal knowledge”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of complaints relating to social security staff received by the Department in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11); the major areas of complaints and the follow-up actions taken by the Department; the expenditure and manpower involved in providing the above training programmes in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11); and the number of social security staff who have received training, and this number as a percentage of the total number of social security staff?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The numbers of complaints relating to social security staff received by the Department in the past two years were 71 for 2009 and 54 for 2010. “Attitude of staff” and “inefficiency or ineffectiveness of staff” were the major areas of complaints received. The Department will continue to enhance the knowledge and skills of social security staff in the delivery of quality service. We will review the training programmes where necessary by making reference to the complaint cases handled.

The total costs for conducting the training programmes for social security staff were \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million for 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. The training programmes were mainly coordinated by three Social Security Officer grade staff with the support of four General Grades staff (i.e. two Executive Officers and two clerical staff).

The numbers and percentages of social security staff who received training in 2009-10 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Training programmes	2009-10		2010-11	
	Number of social security staff who received training	Percentage against the total number of social security staff	Number of social security staff who received training	Percentage against the total number of social security staff
Investigation & verification techniques	500	31%	500	31%
Customer service skills	350	22%	300	19%
Management knowledge	450	28%	500	31%
Legal knowledge	350	22%	300	19%
Other professional knowledge	150	9%	200	13%

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Question Serial No.

1600

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) “provides material assistance in the form of food and other essential articles for victims of natural and other disasters”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the incidents that required the above assistance in the previous year (i.e. 2010-11), the number of persons who had received assistance in the above incidents and the expenditure involved, as well as the provision reserved for the purpose of assistance in the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : 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. The numbers of disasters and victims who received emergency relief service in 2010-11 (up to 28 February 2011) were as follows -

Type of Disaster	Number of Disasters	Number of Victims
Fire	12	397
Flooding	2	209
Landslide	1	10
Total	15	616

The total amount of expenditure on emergency relief service in 2010-11 (as at 28 February 2011) was \$422,000, including assistance provided to the victims of the disasters listed in the above table and expenditure on blankets distributed to needy persons during cold spells. The provision reserved for emergency relief service for 2011-12 is \$1 million.

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Question Serial No.

1601

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) which has income and asset limits, would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the numbers of cases which were found having income and assets exceeding the prescribed limits in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11); the follow-up actions taken by the Administration; and whether the Administration will consider further relaxing the income and asset limits or even removing the income and asset requirements as in the case of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA)? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Social Welfare Department does not keep record on the number of NOAA applicants having income and assets exceeding the prescribed limits.

Old Age Allowance is a non-contributory social security scheme. To ensure the prudent use of public funds and the long-term sustainability of the scheme, NOAA applicants aged 65 to 69 are subject to a means test. The Administration has no plan to remove the income and asset requirements for NOAA, but will continue to make annual adjustments to the limits according to the established mechanism.

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LWB(WW)261

Question Serial No.

1602

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision” that “Provision for 2011-12 is \$352.5 million (8.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to additional provision for increasing the supply of subsidised day/residential care places and home care places, making full use of the space in existing subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to provide more long-term care (LTC) places, strengthening the care for infirm/demented elders in RCHEs and day care centres/units for the elderly as well as the full-year effect of new projects implemented in 2010-11. In addition, there will be a net increase of five posts in 2011-12.” Regarding the net increase of five posts stated above, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the work and service area involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The net increase of five posts involves creation of six posts in the Social Work Assistant and Registered Nurse grades offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post. The posts are created to strengthen the manpower support for the assessment of LTC needs of elders as well as that for inspection of RCHEs.

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Question Serial No.

1603

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons why the expenditure in 2010-11 revised estimate for the government sector and the subvented/private sectors was reduced by 2.5% and 2.2% (\$85 million) respectively as compared to the original estimate under this Programme? Which area has been affected by the reduction of expenditure? Will this involve any reduction in manpower or services?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : For the government sector, the decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to the lower than expected requirements for general departmental expenses and re-scheduling of the timing for filling of civil service posts, partly offset by the 2010 Civil Service Pay Adjustment.

For the subvented/private sector, the decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared to the 2010-11 original estimate is mainly due to longer lead time for completing new projects to increase the supply of subsidised day/residential care places, making full use of the space in existing subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to provide more long-term care places, and purchasing subsidised nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs/RCHEs, partly offset by the 2010 pay adjustment.

There is no decrease in service provision or manpower.

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Question Serial No.
1604

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), would the Administration please inform this Committee of: the government expenditure involved and the number of places purchased under the scheme in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) and in the coming year; and the reasons for an increase of almost 6.5% in the cost per place per month for private RCHEs participating in the EBPS from \$6,265 in 2010-11 to \$6,669 in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The number of subsidised residential care places purchased under the EBPS and the expenditure involved from 2008-09 to 2011-12 are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Number of places purchased under EBPS	6 621	6 923	7 200	7 593
Expenditure (\$ million)	459.3	474.6	514.3	590.5

The increase in cost per place per month for private homes participating in the EBPS in 2011-12 estimate as compared to 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the increase in purchase price of EA1 places^[Note] in 2011-12.

^[Note]EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under the EBPS.

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LWB(WW)264

Question Serial No.
1610

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention” that the Administration will oversee the enhancement of the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the specific details of the aforesaid enhancement of services. It is learned that some difficulties were encountered in identifying premises for setting up such community centres in the past. In this respect, what follow-up action will be taken by the Administration to address the issue, and what is the latest progress of setting up the ICCMWs in various districts?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The ICCMW has established 24 service points across the territory since October 2010. To dovetail with the Hospital Authority’s extension of the Case Management Programme for persons with severe mental illness to five more districts in 2011-12, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional annual recurrent provision of about \$39 million to strengthen the manpower and supervisory support of ICCMWs. SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Currently, nine ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation while six others have identified permanent sites pending local consultation. SWD will continue to keep in close contact with relevant government departments for identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government properties, school premises and public housing units, etc.. In tandem, SWD is actively exploring the feasibility of setting up ICCMWs at commercial premises.

Meanwhile, SWD, together with ICCMW operators, will continue to enlist local support with a view to securing permanent accommodation for ICCMWs.

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Question Serial No.

2021

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Social Welfare Department has been providing short-term food assistance to individuals and families in need since 2009. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the eligibility criteria for applying for short-term food assistance? How many poor people are estimated to meet the eligibility criteria?
- (b) What is the breakdown of the total expenditure on short-term food assistance in 2010 according to the five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating food banks? Is it lower than expected? If yes, will the eligibility criteria be relaxed?
- (c) Will the operating NGOs restrict service recipients from reapplying for short-term food assistance based on the number of their previous applications? Please list in a table the employment status, family income and number of family members of successful applicants of food assistance. Please also provide the numbers of first-time and subsequent individual and family applicants, and the number of successful individual and family applicants for short-term food assistance.
- (d) For service recipients having applied for food assistance more than once, please list in a table the duration of assistance for them in terms of weeks.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

- Reply :
- (a) The five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) commenced operation in February 2009 covering the whole territory to help individuals and families who have difficulty coping with their daily food expenditure. The operating NGOs will assess the eligibility and needs of target service users as well as the level and type of assistance to be provided to ensure that the assistance rendered is proper and adequate to meet the basic needs of the service users. While we do not have data on the number of people eligible for assistance, we estimate that the Projects will benefit a minimum of 50 000 persons.
- (b) The Projects have served their purpose of providing immediate support to people in need. The Social Welfare Department is working closely with the five Project operators on enhancing the service including the type of food to be provided. From 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011, the total expenditure of the Projects, broken down by NGO operator is set out below –

Operator	Expenditure (from 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011) (\$ million)
St. James Settlement	0.78
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3.45
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	4.68
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	0.87
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	1.94
Total	11.72

- (c) Subject to review of individual case merits, the operating NGOs may provide assistance to service users more than once. From 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011, there were 10 978 new service users from 5 676 households and 3 950 service users from 1 957 households re-applied for assistance. We do not have the breakdown of the employment status, family income and number of family members of the persons served.
- (d) As at 31 January 2011, the breakdown of the duration of assistance provided to service users who have ceased receiving assistance is listed below –

Duration of Assistance	Number of Service Users
less than 2 weeks	4 837
2 weeks to less than 4 weeks	7 252
4 weeks to 6 weeks	26 458
more than 6 weeks	2 604
Total	41 151

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Question Serial No.
2022

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of persons waitlisting for places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), subsidised Nursing Homes (NHs) and subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)?

What is the waiting time for such places? What is the estimated number of places to be increased in the next three years? To which category of homes will the additional places belong? What is the expected waiting time to be shortened?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract RCHEs or in private RCHEs under the EBPS, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.

For the years from 2008-09 to 2010-11, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A places by the end of each month is provided as follows –

Month	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)
April	16 735	18 175	19 577
May	16 802	18 323	19 800
June	16 932	18 576	19 799
July	17 129	18 694	19 798
August	17 365	18 925	20 009
September	17 526	19 186	20 328

Month	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)
October	17 664	19 337	20 342
November	17 811	19 546	20 370
December	17 795	19 545	20 519
January	17 810	19 592	20 395
February	17 966	19 519	20 355
March	17 948	19 556	Not available yet

For the years from 2008-09 to 2010-11, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised NH places by the end of each month is provided as follows –

Month	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)
April	6 265	6 259	6 257
May	6 288	6 273	6 365
June	6 378	6 384	6 392
July	6 403	6 330	6 380
August	6 482	6 348	6 458
September	6 409	6 340	6 535
October	6 424	6 385	6 449
November	6 418	6 465	6 471
December	6 345	6 415	6 581
January	6 267	6 334	6 471
February	6 303	6 274	6 388
March	6 220	6 259	Not available yet

As at 31 January 2011, the average waiting time for admission to NH places, C&A places in subvented/contract homes, and C&A places in EBPS homes was 39 months, 33 months and eight months respectively.

In 2011-12, the Government will increase recurrent funding by \$131 million to provide 1 270 additional subsidised residential care places, which include 234 NH places, 243 long-term care places offering a continuum of care; and 793 higher-quality C&A (i.e. EA1 places) under EBPS. These places will come into service gradually from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, there will be another 1 011 additional subsidised residential care places coming into operation (including 971 NH places and 40 C&A places), the resources of which have been earmarked in previous

years. Hence, there will be a total of about 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places coming into service in the upcoming four years.

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of residential care places	Number of new places
EBPS	393
NH	404
C&A	325
Total	1 122

In addition to the above-mentioned new places, the Administration has secured premises and would continue to earmark sites in public housing estate developments, projects under the Urban Renewal Authority as well as vacant government premises and schools for provision of residential and community care services for the elderly. Additional resources will be sought in the coming years when the construction works are near completion. We will in due course work out the provision of additional residential and community care places from 2012-13 onwards.

The additional places will help ease the pressure on the waiting time for subsidised NH places and C&A places. However, as the waiting time is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant has requested to join family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turn-over rate of individual homes, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services and has requested deferred placement, etc., we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)267

Question Serial No.
2664

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform of the following –

What were the respective numbers of elders who had waitlisted for nursing homes (NH) and subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places in 2010-11? How many of them were allocated with NH/subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waitlisting respectively? As regards the elders who had waitlisted for NH places, what were the respective numbers of these elders by accommodation status while waiting (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), public housing, private housing and others (such as hospitals))?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : In 2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011), 9 088 and 30 532 elders were waitlisted for subsidised NH places and C&A places respectively. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the same period are set out below –

Reasons for leaving the waiting list	Number of NH applicants	Number of C&A applicants
Allocated places	535	3 832
Withdrew applications	225	2 056
Passed away	1 697	2 843

The accommodation status of all the elders who were waitlisted for subsidised NH and C&A places over a period is not available. However, the accommodation status of the 6 388 elders waiting for subsidised NH places and 20 355 elders waiting for subsidised C&A places as at the end of February 2011 is available and set out below for reference –

Type of accommodation	Number of NH applicants	Number of C&A applicants
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	680	786
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	3 765	5 815
Public housing	795	7 751
Private housing	1 086	5 747
Others (e.g. hospitals)	62	256
Total	6 388	20 355

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)268

Question Serial No.

0035

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration provided training for social workers and professionals on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence in 2010 and it will continue to provide such training in 2011-12. What are the details of the training? What were/are the expenditures involved in the provision of these training programmes in 2010 and 2011-12 respectively? How many training places were provided in 2010 and how many of them will be provided in 2011-12 by the Administration? As regards these training places, what were/will be the training hours of each social worker and professional?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has provided and will continue to provide a series of training programmes on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence cases for social workers and relevant professionals including clinical psychologists, police officers, teachers and medical personnels. Besides providing basic knowledge and skills in crisis handling and working with families-in-need, the training also puts much emphasis on multi-disciplinary collaboration as well as in-depth clinical skills and treatment approaches in working with victims and batterers.

In 2010-11, the training programmes provided about 7 400 training places for social workers and relevant professionals, and the total expenditure was about \$1.85 million. There is no record on the training hours of individual participants as they attended the programmes according to their own training needs. It is expected that about 7 000 training places will be offered in 2011-12 with an estimated expenditure of \$2 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)269

Question Serial No.

0084

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of CSSA cases that received rent allowance in 2010-11 and the expenditure involved;
- (b) amongst these cases, the number of CSSA cases that paid an actual rent greater than, equal to and less than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA) (please provide a breakdown of the number of cases living in private housing and those living in public housing by the number of household members); and
- (c) the number of CSSA cases that paid an actual rent greater than, equal to and less than the MRA in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

- Reply :
- (a) The estimated CSSA expenditure (up to the end of January 2011) in 2010-11 on rent allowance was \$2,269 million. The total number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance as at the end of February 2011 was 247 513.
 - (b) The numbers of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2010-11 were as below –

Number of eligible members	Public housing estates (as at the end of February 2011)				Private housing (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	66 737	71	3 263	70 071	6 336	707	13 428	20 471
2	44 380	3	303	44 686	5 390	142	4 794	10 326
3	22 657	-	47	22 704	2 995	19	2 879	5 893
4	12 407	-	32	12 439	1 167	1	1 218	2 386
5	4 438	-	9	4 447	278	5	440	723
6 and above	1 553	1	2	1 556	177	-	184	361
Total	152 172	75	3 656	155 903	16 343	874	22 943	40 160

(c) The numbers of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by geographical district) in 2010-11 were as below –

Geographical district ^[Note]	Public housing estates (as at the end of February 2011)				Private housing (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
Central and Western	178	1	40	219	402	12	740	1 154
Eastern	7 063	3	195	7 261	792	33	1 446	2 271
Islands	2 693	1	52	2 746	294	5	266	565
Kowloon City	3 628	1	93	3 722	1 451	57	2 240	3 748
Kwai Tsing	18 819	6	563	19 388	526	13	595	1 134
Kwun Tong	27 588	18	870	28 476	822	39	1 186	2 047
North	6 414	5	28	6 447	1 275	29	1 502	2 806
Sai Kung	6 023	2	125	6 150	222	2	230	454
Sha Tin	11 406	2	361	11 769	535	5	437	977
Sham Shui Po	12 568	10	287	12 865	2 343	265	3 701	6 309
Southern	4 286	6	112	4 404	124	4	175	303

Geographical district <small>[Note]</small>	Public housing estates (as at the end of February 2011)				Private housing (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
Tai Po	4 262	2	26	4 290	598	15	834	1 447
Tsuen Wan	3 707	1	72	3 780	591	13	838	1 442
Tuen Mun	12 425	2	28	12 455	989	29	1 054	2 072
Wan Chai	1	-	-	1	305	13	579	897
Wong Tai Sin	15 403	11	628	16 042	444	13	526	983
Yau Tsim Mong	808	-	42	850	2 159	249	4 059	6 467
Yuen Long	14 900	4	134	15 038	2 471	78	2 535	5 084
Total	152 172	75	3 656	155 903	16 343	874	22 943	40 160

[Note] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)270

Question Serial No.
0260

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Programme (3) Services for Elders, would the Government please inform this Committee of the numbers of places to be provided in each of the 18 districts in the territory in 2011-12 in respect of district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), social centres for the elderly (SEs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)? What is the number of elders waitlisting for each type of these centres in 2010-11 and their average waiting time? What is the estimated expenditure involved in the provision of services by the centres mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The number of DECCs, NECs and SEs, and the number of places provided by DEs/DCUs in each of the 18 districts in 2011-12 are as follows –

District	Number of DECCs	Number of NECs	Number of SEs	Number of places in DEs/DCUs
Central & Western	2	4	4	104
Eastern	4	7	6	216
Wan Chai	2	1	1	72
Southern	2	8	0	108
Islands	1	3	1	40
Kwun Tong	4	14	6	350
Wong Tai Sin	4	12	2	287
Sai Kung	2	5	0	145
Kowloon City	3	5	4	161
Sham Shui Po	3	10	2	243
Yau Tsim Mong	2	7	3	132
Sha Tin	3	10	4	196
Tai Po	1	4	3	64

District	Number of DECCs	Number of NECs	Number of SEs	Number of places in DEs/DCUs
North	1	2	4	44
Yuen Long	2	4	4	110
Tsuen Wan	1	5	2	64
Kwai Tsing	2	12	3	154
Tuen Mun	2	4	4	110
Total	41	117	53	2 600

The services provided by DECCs, NECs and SEs are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above, and there is no limit on the number of members. Therefore, there is no waiting list or waiting time for services provided by these centres.

As at January 2011, the number of elders waiting for day care places was 1 515 and the average waiting time was about nine months.

The estimated expenditure of various types of elderly centres in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of Centre	Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)
DECCs	252.5
NECs	212.9
SEs	48.4
DEs/DCUs	189.6

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Reply Serial No.
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Question Serial No.
 0261

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Programme (3) Services for Elders, would the Government please inform this Committee of the numbers of places provided by self-care (S/C) hostels/homes for the aged (H/As), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract RCHEs respectively in each of the 18 districts in the territory? How many elders are waitlisting for the above-mentioned residential care places in 2010-11? What is the average waiting time for these subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places? What are the estimated expenditures involved in the provision of services by the homes mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly by district and type of home as at the end of January 2011 was as follows –

District	Number of Places by Type of Home				
	H/A	C&A Home	NH	Contract Home (including C&A and NH places)	EBPS Home
Central & Western	37	205	0	153	493
Eastern	22	418	0	144	314
Wan Chai	0	462	0	0	54
Southern	246*	1 241	0	0	397

District	Number of Places by Type of Home				
	H/A	C&A Home	NH	Contract Home (including C&A and NH places)	EBPS Home
Islands	67	317	0	0	42
Kwun Tong	0	1 038	250	179	549
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 016	280	187	231
Sai Kung	0	702	292	0	0
Kowloon City	7	641	0	100	1 108
Sham Shui Po	30	768	0	70	282
Yau Tsim Mong	0	98	0	0	534
Sha Tin	0	1 201	0	0	0
Tai Po	0	1 171	0	0	98
North	0	865	299	0	326
Yuen Long	0	914	0	73	761
Tsuen Wan	0	507	316	74	771
Kwai Tsing	75	1 697	60	238	821
Tuen Mun	0	880	216	0	402
Total	518	14 141	1 713	1 218	7 183

* One elderly home in the district also provides 24 S/C hostel places in addition to H/A places.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) ceased to accept new application for placement in S/C Hostel and H/A on 1 January 2003. As of 31 January 2011, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places, and the respective average waiting time were as follows –

Type of Subsidised Residential Care Places	Number of elders on the waiting list and waiting time
C&A	
(a) Number of applicants ^[Note 1]	20 395
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 2]	
• Subvented homes and contract homes	33
• Private homes participating in the EBPS	8
NH ^[Note 3]	
(a) Number of applicants	6 471
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 2]	39

[Note 1] As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes, SWD only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.

[Note 2] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months.

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

SWD has no statistics on the waiting time for non-subsidised residential care places.

The breakdown of the Government's estimated expenditure on the various types of homes in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of home	H/A	C&A Home	NH	Contract Home	EBPS Home
Estimated expenditure per month (\$ million)	1.9	76.6	24.9	12.8	50.6

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)272

Question Serial No.

1628

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the social welfare services (grants), the Administration plans to provide a total of over \$9 billion in 2011-12. Which organisations will benefit from the grants? What is the amount of provision to be allocated to each of these organisations? What is the increase or decrease in the estimated amount of provision to be received by each of these organisations in 2011-12? What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The list of 171 subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs), together with the provisional amount of subventions to be allocated to each of these NGOs in 2011-12 as well as the change in the estimated amount of provision to be allocated to them in 2011-12 as compared with that in 2010-11, is attached at Annex.

The increases in provisional subventions are mainly due to the allocation of new projects in 2010-11 and annual adjustments to subventions according to the established mechanism, including the pay adjustments in 2010-11.

The decreases in provisional subventions are mainly due to the downward adjustment of salaries towards the benchmark (i.e. the mid-point salaries of recognised establishment) in some NGOs under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system and the employment of new staff arising from staff turnover in NGOs under the conventional subvention mode.

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Social Welfare Department
Subvention Allocation 2011-12 (provisional)

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12^[Note 1]</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) as compared to 2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
1	ABERDEEN KAI-FONG WELFARE ASSN SOCIAL SERVICE CTR	49,898,410	292,918
2	ASIAN OUTREACH HONG KONG LTD	955,963	8,068
3	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING & MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES	9,656,851	126,372
4	LOK CHI ASSOCIATION LIMITED	1,473,846	7,589
5	ASSOCIATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT VICTIMS LIMITED	673,365	3,457
6	AGAINST CHILD ABUSE LTD	1,297,605	7,870
7	AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE	1,535,954	9,171
8	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE CHARITY FOUNDATION	36,392,317	276,487
9	ALICE LAN & VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND LTD	1,341,444	8,041
10	THE ABM HONG KONG SWATOW BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION LTD	8,868,646	66,360
11	ASBURY METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	11,975,480	32,603
12	ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE LTD	30,545,174	378,659
13	ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM (HK) LTD	12,821,657	29,031
14	BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS	1,729,273	8,973
15	BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE	49,455,088	7,066,356
16	BARNABAS CHARITABLE SERVICE ASSOCIATION LTD	5,210,698	1,291,392
17	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	212,253,056	2,225,187
18	THE BOYS' BRIGADE HONG KONG LIMITED	3,538,276	22,172
19	HK BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION	33,196,495	1,574,856

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	Subvention Allocation <u>2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	Increase (Decrease) as compared to <u>2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
20	THE HONG KONG BODHI SIKSA SOCIETY LTD	13,175,819	459,070
21	CARITAS - HK	653,820,813	10,139,516
22	CHEUNG SHA WAN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSN LAM TAM YIN WAH DAY NURSERY	458,277	(2,119)
23	CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE	2,482,321	(36,759)
24	THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF HONG KONG	9,037,602	64,510
25	CHI LIN NUNNERY	33,053,574	714,333
26	CHINA PENIEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY INC	1,008,746	4,720
27	CHINESE EVANGELICAL ZION CHURCH LTD	6,423,097	15,528
28	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH HK SYNOD	47,205,524	3,078,145
29	CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG	132,660,276	3,529,428
30	CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HK LTD	20,376,698	217,252
31	THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH UNION (HK) LTD	11,669,368	89,962
32	THE CHRISTIAN NEW BEING FELLOWSHIP LTD	8,449,271	1,788,407
33	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE	154,802,656	8,709,789
34	CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION	3,059,876	293,904
35	CHRISTIAN NATIONALS' EVANGELISM COMMISSION AGED PEOPLE CENTRE	1,020,260	6,131
36	CHUK LAM MING TONG LTD	18,632,926	420,999
37	CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED LTD	22,758,634	429,024
38	CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY	22,782,098	703,011
39	HOP YAT CHURCH SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	928,983	3,894
40	HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL	431,311,619	9,049,555

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	Subvention Allocation <u>2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	Increase (Decrease) as compared to <u>2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
41	ENDEAVOURERS BERT JAMES YOUNG SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	966,320	4,578
42	THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED LTD	10,673,303	299,062
43	EMMANUEL CHURCH	385,695	(2,993)
44	EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME	5,841,473	60,428
45	ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES OF HK	8,426,061	45,437
46	ELCHK SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD OFFICE	145,665,996	3,182,418
47	THE FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION	5,633,128	687,733
48	FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL	15,248,099	589,883
49	FIVE DISTRICTS BUSINESS WELFARE ASSN	756,670	409
50	FUNG YING SEEN KOON	2,024,033	34,947
51	THE MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF ANGERS AT H K	13,555,376	151,963
52	HANS ANDERSEN CLUB LTD	2,569,437	11,321
53	HARMONY HOUSE LIMITED	5,301,064	38,818
54	HEEP HONG SOCIETY	157,385,404	1,283,995
55	HELPING HAND	46,323,923	1,584,369
56	HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION	102,535,000	4,431,117
57	HK & KLN KAIFONG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LTD	3,360,721	(13,522)
58	HK & MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH	9,066,631	170,784
59	HONG CHI ASSOCIATION	168,324,374	4,841,023
60	HONG KONG BLIND UNION	2,626,334	12,612
61	HK CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL	10,231,313	(155,703)
62	HK CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES	124,725,742	6,259,155
63	HK CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB	22,648,180	589,417

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation</u> <u>2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u> <u>as compared to</u> <u>2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
64	HK CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	2,307,092	(17,027)
65	HK CHRISTIAN SERVICE	221,639,059	6,817,991
66	HK COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE	29,143,860	305,016
67	THE HONG KONG DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION	8,677,771	56,492
68	HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE LTD	6,952,638	24,510
69	HONG KONG WOMEN FOUNDATION LTD	1,064,485	8,757
70	HK FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY	183,503,158	1,258,099
71	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH	2,907,605	15,324
72	HK FEDERATION OF THE BLIND	1,428,464	7,417
73	HK FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS	180,053,049	1,914,209
74	HK JUVENILE CARE CENTRE	12,186,281	114,306
75	HK LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HK SYNOD	177,078,809	11,288,671
76	H K MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT ASS LTD	2,079,371	25,552
77	HK PHAB ASSOCIATION	23,516,875	119,840
78	HK PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION	78,268,228	1,170,426
79	HONG KONG RED CROSS	3,896,799	335,362
80	HONG KONG REHABILITATION POWER LIMITED	2,200,537	10,680
81	HK SOCIETY FOR THE AGED	189,882,079	8,157,388
82	HK SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND	85,568,537	225,311
83	HK SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF	22,343,108	172,430
84	THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION	24,907,377	212,537
85	HK SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN	30,486,476	108,314

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation</u> <u>2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u> <u>as compared to</u> <u>2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
86	HK SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1,409,549	8,035
87	HK STUDENT AID SOCIETY	36,496,514	386,054
88	THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSN	17,614,463	339,931
89	THE NESBITT CENTRE LIMITED	1,335,994	6,772
90	HK YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION	172,379,174	2,189,047
91	HK-MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS	10,160,756	45,862
92	INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY (HONG KONG) LIMITED	1,004,316	4,634
93	INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HK BRANCH	66,737,530	1,185,744
94	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE LIMITED	1,004,215	25,536
95	JORDAN VALLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	1,053,810	(16,077)
96	HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE	121,443,717	2,333,525
97	KIANGSU CHEKIANG & SHANGHAI RESIDENTS (H.K.) ASSOCIATION	17,482,375	1,112,535
98	KOWLOON CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	2,365,860	15,411
99	WAI JI CHRISTIAN SERVICE	110,708,715	3,753,100
100	KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB	9,733,681	480,720
101	KWUN TONG METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	10,091,273	89,897
102	LAM TIN ESTATE KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION LTD	1,030,983	18,424
103	LIGHT AND LOVE HOME LIMITED	989,301	4,515
104	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON	30,090,717	974,778
105	INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HK DIST LTD	2,546,536	(43,450)
106	LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE LTD	3,179,393	(5,478)

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	<u>Increase (Decrease) as compared to 2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
107	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HK	134,002,799	10,614,333
108	THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	3,235,629	1,658,437
109	METHODIST CHURCH HK MEVCC SW ^[Note 2]	34,740,866	(390,043)
110	MONG KOK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION LTD	24,393,990	166,731
111	MOTHER'S CHOICE LTD	13,807,223	12,699
112	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL	200,979,720	3,842,925
113	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST HK LTD	2,063,258	10,848
114	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION	177,216,853	16,588,764
115	NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN & JUVENILES WELFARE ASSOCIATION LTD	4,830,651	21,996
116	OPERATION DAWN LIMITED	6,143,767	919,454
117	S K H ST SIMON'S SOCIAL SERVICES	1,271,258	(6,367)
118	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF HK	18,174,355	279,505
119	PO LEUNG KUK	352,571,229	56,005,147
120	POK OI HOSPITAL	120,216,881	2,282,893
121	THE SUPERIORESS OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD	9,290,715	(128,187)
122	PROJECT CARE	6,370,032	36,613
123	THE RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP OF HK	34,126,686	4,662,642
124	SALVATION ARMY	274,559,936	8,089,650
125	SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HK	29,033,758	805,869
126	SHAMSHUIPO KAI-FONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	872,479	4,833
127	SIK SIK YUEN	100,570,335	3,051,275
128	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	1,450,054	(1,496)
129	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION LTD	1,622,863	7,795
130	THE SOCIETY OF REHABILITATION AND	78,225,618	4,607,267

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12^[Note 1]</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) as compared to 2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
	CRIME PREVENTION HK		
131	SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES	37,107,455	232,485
132	FU HONG SOCIETY	224,168,035	6,652,802
133	SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	553,725	(962)
134	SAHK	223,362,667	31,755,036
135	HONG KONG PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE & SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED	1,637,236	(62,921)
136	SHENG KUNG HUI ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME LTD	35,591,911	334,713
137	ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT	133,327,472	1,682,973
138	S K H ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL LIMITED	728,547	(968)
139	STEWARDS LIMITED	46,679,810	6,151,694
140	TAI HANG YOUTH CENTRE	2,445,655	11,105
141	THE CHURCH OF UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HK LTD	14,155,025	98,785
142	THE METHODIST CENTRE	20,643,296	234,512
143	THE MISSION COVENANT CHURCH LIMITED	1,644,842	8,150
144	THE TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION	971,230	4,632
145	THE SAMARITAN BEFRIENDERS HONG KONG	6,813,380	30,325
146	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE FOR THE DEAF	2,702,770	14,299
147	THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS	1,635,106	15,502
148	THE TSUNG TSIN MISSION OF HONG KONG SOCIAL SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED	20,796,887	1,273,108
149	TUEN MUN YUK CHI RESOURCE CENTRE LTD	2,052,073	16,214
150	TUNG LUM BUDDHIST AGED HOME	7,182,899	275,377
151	TUNG SIN TAN HOME FOR THE AGED	4,048,262	127,464
152	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS	712,685,848	30,935,267

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	Subvention Allocation <u>2011-12</u> ^[Note 1]	Increase (Decrease) as compared to <u>2010-11</u>
		\$	\$
153	UNITED CHRISTIAN NETHERSOLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE	6,718,980	51,353
154	WATCHDOG LTD	3,424,831	21,316
155	HONG KONG WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH ELDERLY CENTRE	935,317	6,557
156	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB EASTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG	20,192,699	65,244
157	WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB WESTERN DISTRICT HK	3,339,887	15,860
158	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	237,150,311	8,484,958
159	YAN OI TONG LTD	69,534,595	2,029,463
160	YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE	101,509,421	2,744,759
161	YOUTH OUTREACH	10,241,247	2,050,853
162	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LTD	19,749,893	(80,098)
163	THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE	23,254,207	469,945
164	ZION SOCIAL SERVICE LIMITED	6,395,096	78,526
	Sub-total for 164 NGOs (A)	8,474,314,413	331,334,144

NGOs under Conventional Subvention Modes

165	BAPTIST CONVENTION OF HK	103,815	695
166	CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA	8,623,152	351,378
167	HK CHIU CHOW PO HING BUDDHISM ASSN LTD	1,010,795	(1,169)
168	NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION LTD- NURSERY	1,489,843	14,427
169	SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	6,030,561	168,777
170	SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS	3,254,760	133,241

<u>S/N NGOs under Lump Sum Grant</u>	<u>Subvention Allocation 2011-12^[Note 1]</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) as compared to 2010-11</u>
	\$	\$
171 YAN TIN BAPTIST CHURCH	840,203	(66,471)
Sub-total for 7 NGOs (B)	<u>21,353,129</u>	<u>600,878</u>
Grand total for 171 NGOs ^[Note 3] (A) + (B)	<u>8,495,667,542</u>	<u>331,935,022</u>

[Note 1] The provisional subvention allocation for 2011-12 is calculated with reference to the financial position as at 22 February 2011. Subject to any subsequent adjustment to the allocation before the end of March 2011, the finalised figures for the year may be further adjusted.

[Note 2] Decrease in provisional subventions to be allocated to the Methodist Church, HK, MEVCC SW (S/N 109) is mainly due to deletion of one school social worker post upon closure of a school served by the NGO.

[Note 3] The \$9 billion social welfare subventions for 2011-12 includes provisional subventions of \$8.5 billion to be allocated to all the 171 subvented NGOs and \$0.5 billion to be allocated separately to NGOs running new projects in 2011-12 and for other on-going initiatives.

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LWB(WW)273

Question Serial No.

1634

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration plans to strengthen the care for the infirm and demented elders in the residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2011-12. What are the details of the work? What is its estimated expenditure? What is the estimated increase in the manpower to carry out related work?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : To enhance the support for infirm and demented elders staying in subsidised RCHEs, an additional recurrent funding of \$41 million will be provided to RCHEs taking care of these elders by way of Infirm Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2011-12. The total recurrent allocation in the provision of ICS and DS for RCHEs in 2011-12 is \$151 million.

The eligibility of elders for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of Hospital Authority (HA). Based on the number of infirm elders in individual RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will allocate ICS to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

As regards DS, SWD will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elders for DS in the RCHEs will then be confirmed by HA's Psychogeriatric Teams (PGT). Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elders in private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. DS will be allocated to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis according to the estimated number of demented elders. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the allocation of the supplements, RCHEs can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers and care workers, etc., or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the care for the infirm and demented elders.

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Reply Serial No.
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Question Serial No.
1635

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that two new contract residential care homes for the elderly were set up in 2010. What is the geographical distribution of these two homes? How many subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places are provided by these two homes respectively? What are the expenditures involved? What are the enrolment rates of the subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places in these two homes? Which organisations are operating these two homes?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The information of the two new contract homes set up in 2010 is as follows –

Location	Name of operator	Number of subsidised places	Number of non-subsidised places	Estimated expenditure per year
Sham Shui Po	Yan Chai Hospital	67	45	\$17.9 million
Tung Chung	Po Leung Kuk	70	47	

The two homes will start to admit residents in around August 2011 upon completion of the fitting-out works.

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Question Serial No.

1636

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly by setting up new contract residential care homes for the elderly. How many new contract homes will be set up in 2011-12? What is the geographical distribution of these homes? How many subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places will be provided by each of these homes respectively? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : Two new contract homes, both located in Yau Tsim Mong district, will be set up in 2011-12. They will provide 55 and 60 subsidised residential care places, as well as 36 and 40 non-subsidised residential care places respectively. The annual government expenditure is estimated to be \$16.5 million.

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Question Serial No.

1637

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration commenced the seventh and eighth classes of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector in 2010-11. How many ENs of the Welfare Sector would have been trained in the above two classes? What is the expenditure involved? What is the duration of training under the programme? Who are the target trainees of the programme? How many of them are still working in social welfare organisations upon completion of training? The Administration plans to continue organising the programme in 2011-12, how many training places will be offered by the Administration? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Hospital Authority, launched the seventh and eighth batches of the EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide a total of 220 training places at a cost of \$13.6 million.

It is a two-year full-time training course. The entry requirements for the applicants are having attained the age of 18 and have completed Secondary Five education in Hong Kong. Priority was accorded to those who were then working in non-governmental or private organisations providing welfare services and who aspired to continue serving in the welfare sector as ENs after graduating from the programme. While the tuition fees for the trainees are fully subsidised by SWD, they will have to work in the welfare sector as ENs for at least two consecutive years after graduation.

According to available information, nearly 90% of the 300 graduates of the first three classes of the Training Programme have been employed as EN in the welfare sector. This will help alleviate the problem of shortage of nurses in the sector.

In 2011-12, SWD will launch two batches of the Training Programme providing a total of 220 training places at an estimated cost of \$14.2 million.

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Question Serial No.

1638

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated by the Administration, training courses were offered for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders in 2010-11. What are the details? How many people have been trained? What is the expenditure involved? The Administration plans to strengthen the care for the infirm and demented elders in residential care homes for the elderly (RHCEs) in 2011-12. What are the details of the programme? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The training programmes conducted in 2010-11 for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders covered the subjects of medical, psychological and care needs of demented elders, support to carers, legal issues relating to the care of demented elders as well as caring skills for the carers. 116 professional staff and 169 non-professional staff attended the training programmes in 2010-11 with a total cost of \$0.162 million.

To enhance the support for infirm and demented elders staying in subsidised RCHEs, recurrent funding of \$151 million will be provided to RCHEs taking care of these elders by way of Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2011-12.

The eligibility of elders for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of Hospital Authority (HA). Based on the number of infirm elders in individual RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will allocate ICS to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

As regards DS, SWD will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elders for DS in the RCHEs will then be confirmed by HA's Psychogeriatric Teams (PGT). Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will

estimate the number of eligible elders in private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. DS will be allocated to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis according to the estimated number of demented elders. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the allocation of the supplements, RCHEs can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers and care workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the care for the infirm and demented elders.

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Question Serial No.
1639

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the increase of day care places for the elderly in 2010-11, in which districts are the additional day care places located (broken down by the 18 districts throughout the territory)? What is the expenditure involved? For the additional day care places to be provided in 2011-12, where are they located (broken down by the 18 districts throughout the territory)? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The geographical distribution of the additional day care places for the elderly provided/to be provided in 2010-11 and 2011-12 is as follows –

Year : 2010-11

District	Number of Additional Day Care Places
Sai Kung	60
Kowloon City	16
Total	76

Year : 2011-12

District	Number of Additional Day Care Places
Wong Tai Sin	50
Kowloon City	50
Kwun Tong	45
Sham Shui Po	40
Shatin	20
Kwai Tsing	5
Total	210

The estimated annual expenditures of the 76 places created in 2010-11 and the 210 places to be created in 2011-12 are \$5.54 million and \$15.3 million respectively.

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Question Serial No.

2972

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards short-term food assistance to individuals and families in need, please inform this Committee of the number of cases served in 2010 and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply : From 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011, the total number of persons served by the five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) was 14 928. The estimated expenditure for the Projects in 2011-12 is around \$24 million.

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Question Serial No.

3543

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to regularise the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and extend it to 18 districts in 2011-12. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the findings of the pilot NSCCP, the expected timeframe for the NSCCP to be regularised and extended to 18 districts, the specific schedules and expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply : The review findings of the pilot NSCCP indicate that the NSCCP has achieved its aims of promoting community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood and, at the same time, providing flexible child care support for needy families. The Administration has reserved \$33 million for the regularisation of the pilot NSCCP and its extension to all 18 districts in 2011-12. SWD will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011. The projects are expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011.

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Question Serial No.

3544

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the services for elders, some private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) face pressure of operational difficulties, especially due to high rent and manpower shortfall. In this connection, will the Administration provide additional resources to assist private homes in alleviating operational difficulties. If yes, please give the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply : The purchase prices of subsidised places under EBPS in 2011-12 have factored in necessary price movement. The Government will provide additional recurrent funding of \$40 million to raise the purchase prices of EA1 places^[Note] under EBPS, so that the homes concerned can employ physiotherapists or purchase related professional service for the provision of physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly as appropriate.

^[Note] EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under EBPS.

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Question Serial No.

2453

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list by type of institutions the expenditures of various boys' and girls' homes in the past three financial years. What items were covered by such expenditures? Among which, how much was spent on education and training? How many boys and girls of different categories had been taken care of and helped by these homes? Among them, how many were sent to these homes due to involvement in an offence (including illegal immigrants and cases ordered by the courts)? To which category did they belong (such as illegal immigrants) and what was their number under each category? How effective was their rehabilitation? Besides, how many boys and girls were sent to the homes not due to involvement in any offences (for example, only under the care of the Director of Social Welfare)? To which category did they belong and what was their number under each category?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : In 2007, the Social Welfare Department re-located and co-located all of its six probation homes, reformatory school and remand homes/places of refuge into one residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH). Since then, expenditure items of TMCJH are applicable to all children and juveniles admitted for residential training therein. In 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, the total operation cost of TMCJH was \$84.5 million, \$80.8 million and \$72.5 million^[Note] respectively. The average annual expenditure on educational and pre-vocational training is around \$14.5 million.

Since commencement of operation in 2007, there were 13 770 admissions of children and juveniles (6 807 boys and 6 963 girls) into TMCJH. Among them, 8 613 admissions (2 803 boys and 5 810 girls) were admitted for temporary care, supervision and custody owing to non-offence-related causes including illegal immigrant cases; 4 530 admissions (3 533 boys and 997 girls) were admitted on short term remand pending police investigation, court trial or sentencing; while 627 admissions (471 boys and 156 girls)

involved juvenile offenders who were sentenced by the courts for residential training in the probation home or reformatory school of TMCJH.

In 2009-10, the rate of successful completion of residential training for the probation home and the reformatory school was 92% and 56% respectively. 75% and 100% of residents who had satisfactorily completed residential training in the probation home and the reformatory school respectively had successfully re-integrated into the community upon discharge.

[Note] Operation cost up to 28 February 2011.

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LWB(WW)283

Question Serial No.

3296

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In taking forward the enactment of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill (the Bill), will the Government plan to reserve funding for the provision of a transitional relief measure for those residential care homes which fail to meet the licensing requirements and their residents?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : The Administration introduced the Bill into the Legislative Council (the LegCo) in June 2010 with a view to implementing a licensing scheme to regulate the operation of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). In tandem with the legislative exercise, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been seeking funding from the Lotteries Fund for subvented RCHDs by batches to undertake fire safety/building safety rectification measures in order to meet the licensing requirements. After the passage of the Bill by the LegCo, the Administration will implement a Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to provide subsidies for private RCHDs to carry out the necessary improvement works in compliance with the licensing requirements in building and fire safety. Subject to the progress of the legislative exercise, SWD plans to consult relevant stakeholders on the FAS in the second quarter of 2011.

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Question Serial No.
 3297

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please inform this Committee of the expenditure on day training programmes, vocational rehabilitation services, pre-school services and residential homes places provided for persons with disabilities, the number of places available and the number of people on the waiting lists.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : The requested information is as follows –

Type of service	2011-12 (Estimated expenditure) (\$ million)	Places (as at the end of December 2010)	Applicants on waiting list (as at the end of December 2010)
Pre-school			
EETC	148.9	2 363	2 462
SCCC	231.8	1 622	1 033
IP	86.9	1 860	1 101
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	336.4	4 632	1 094
SW	232.1	5 133	2 603
SE	42.7	1 645	87
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	137.2	4 023	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	7.4	432	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	9.6	311	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	21.3	453	N.A.

Type of service	2011-12 (Estimated expenditure) (\$ million)	Places (as at the end of December 2010)	Applicants on waiting list (as at the end of December 2010)
Residential			
HWH	137.2	1 509	784
LSCH	162.7	1 507	1 113
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	7.6	170	N.A.
HMMH	175.7	2 269	1 407
HSMH	471.1	3 193	2 032
HSPH	83.8	573	405
C&A/SD	147.4	908	382
C&A/AB	98.3	825	89
SGH(MMHC)	7.5	64	52
SHOS	42.8	482	1 037
RSCCC	19.4	110	53

[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have its own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of sheltered workshop and supported employment.

[Note 2] Applicants may apply to the operating units directly or through referral. There is no central waiting list for these services.

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 – on the job training programme for young people with disabilities
- IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)
- HWH – halfway house
- LSCH – long stay care home
- IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
- HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
- HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
- HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
- C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
- C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
- SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/
integrated small group home
- SHOS – supported hostel
- RSCCC – residential special child care centre

The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding for provision of 842 additional pre-school places, 511 additional day training and vocational rehabilitation places as well as 470 additional residential care places in 2011-12. The planned provision is made having regard to the demand for the various services and availability of suitable premises for setting up the services.

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Question Serial No.
3298

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please state the expenditure for the additional support to the demented elders in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and day care centres for the elderly; the number of places involved; the number of elders waitlisting and the estimated waiting time.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : The additional allocation of Dementia Supplement (DS) to subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of centres/units	Additional allocation
Subvented/Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	\$24.7 million
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	\$4 million

With the allocation of DS, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs concerned can employ additional staff, including occupational therapists, nurses and social workers or purchase professional services to enhance the care and training for the demented elders.

Apart from the target beneficiaries of about 5 000 demented elders staying in RCHEs or receiving services at DEs/DCUs, DS will also benefit other service users who are in need of dementia care in the RCHEs or DEs/DCUs concerned. There is no waiting list or waiting time for the additional support service.

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Question Serial No.
3303

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What assistance will be available to pre-school autistic children, their parents and kindergartens? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : The Administration strives to provide children with disabilities (including autistic children) from birth to six years old with early intervention through pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training (EETC), special child care centre (SCCC) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP), to enhance their physical, psychological and social developments, thereby improving their opportunities for participating in ordinary schools and daily life activities and helping their families meet their special needs. The provision of places as at the end of December 2010 and the estimated expenditure in 2011-12 of the above-mentioned services are as follows –

Type of service	Provision of places (as at the end of December 2010)	2011-12 (Estimated expenditure) (\$ million)
EETC	2 363	148.9
SCCC	1 622	231.8
IP	1 860	86.9

Furthermore, the Social Welfare Department also provides support services to parents and family members of children with disabilities at parents/relatives resource centres for disabled persons. These services aim

to enhance their understanding and acceptance of children with disabilities, thereby providing better care for them, through individual counselling, group discussions, community education and other activities.

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Question Serial No.

2679

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Programme (2) Social Security, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) a breakdown of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the number of recipients, by nature of cases, in 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of cases and the number of recipients respectively under the “single parent”, “unemployment” and “low earnings” categories, by the duration of stay on CSSA, in 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (c) a breakdown of the number of cases with employment earnings, by range of earnings, in 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (d) a breakdown of the number of recipients with employment earnings, by range of earnings, in 2009-10 and 2010-11; and
- (e) a breakdown of the number of “low earnings” CSSA cases transferred from other case categories (including the number of cases and the number of recipients) (by comparing the figures as at the end of 2008 with those as at the end of 2009).

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply : (a) The average numbers of CSSA recipients per month and CSSA expenditures by nature of cases in 2009-10 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Nature of cases	2009-10 (Actual)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	197 988	9,542
Permanent disability	26 572	1,177
Ill health	44 081	1,785
Single parent	89 549	3,111
Low earnings	52 678	1,163
Unemployment	61 167	1,841
Others	10 449	408
Total	482 483	19,028

Nature of cases	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]
Old age	197 300	9,511
Permanent disability	26 400	1,171
Ill health	43 400	1,789
Single parent	86 100	3,015
Low earnings	49 600	1,111
Unemployment	56 800	1,728
Others	11 200	441
Total	470 800	18,766

^[Note] CSSA expenditure in both 2009-10 and 2010-11 included one additional month of standard rate payment. Also, individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

- (b) Numbers of cases and recipients in CSSA single parent (SP), unemployment (UT) and low earnings (LE) cases, with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA, in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as below –

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases with eligible members by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)			2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)		
	SP cases	UT cases	LE cases	SP cases	UT cases	LE cases
1 or less	3 137	5 794	1 120	2 691	4 015	804
More than 1 - 2	3 206	3 709	1 056	3 137	3 644	1 102
More than 2 - 3	2 481	2 108	762	2 709	2 551	843
More than 3 - 4	2 569	1 964	923	2 278	1 638	749
More than 4 - 5	2 542	1 751	1 052	2 317	1 544	850
More than 5	19 626	12 221	8 984	19 092	11 800	8 617
Total	33 561	27 547	13 897	32 224	25 192	12 965

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients involved by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)			2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)		
	SP cases	UT cases	LE cases	SP cases	UT cases	LE cases
1 or less	8 843	10 677	4 540	7 602	7 245	3 426
More than 1 - 2	8 680	7 296	4 349	8 547	7 100	4 415
More than 2 - 3	6 876	4 208	3 354	7 260	4 975	3 490
More than 3 - 4	7 070	4 166	3 889	6 211	3 337	3 173
More than 4 - 5	6 878	3 881	4 337	6 272	3 319	3 475
More than 5	49 910	29 273	31 424	47 907	27 318	29 554
Total	88 257	59 501	51 893	83 799	53 294	47 533

- (c) The numbers of CSSA cases with employment earnings, with breakdown by range of the earnings, in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as follows –

Employment earnings	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Less than \$1,000	5 584	5 528
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	4 562	4 477
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	4 899	4 589
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	4 563	4 493
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	3 942	3 752
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	3 939	3 551
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	3 279	3 113
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 964	2 019
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	1 121	1 136
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	614	629
\$10,000 or above	1 053	1 189
Total	35 520	34 476

- (d) The numbers of CSSA recipients with employment earnings, with breakdown by range of the earnings, in 2009-10 and 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as follows –

Employment earnings	2009-10 (as at the end of March 2010)	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
Less than \$1,000	6 074	5 998
\$1,000 – less than \$2,000	5 243	5 159
\$2,000 – less than \$3,000	5 608	5 241
\$3,000 – less than \$4,000	5 141	5 087
\$4,000 – less than \$5,000	4 348	4 162
\$5,000 – less than \$6,000	4 360	3 931
\$6,000 – less than \$7,000	3 530	3 322
\$7,000 – less than \$8,000	1 946	2 015
\$8,000 – less than \$9,000	978	964
\$9,000 – less than \$10,000	392	448
\$10,000 or above	494	653
Total	38 114	36 980

- (e) Of the 15 633 low earnings cases involving 52 446 recipients as at the end of December 2009, 2 492 cases involving 8 125 recipients were originally classified as “other categories” as at the end of December 2008. Details are set out below –

Nature of case as at the end of December 2008	Number of low earnings cases changed from other categories as at the end of December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	432	1 423
Permanent Disability	65	222
Ill Health	214	747
Single Parent	422	1 096
Unemployment	1 273	4 354
Others	86	283
Total	2 492	8 125

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Question Serial No.

2680

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What was the total number of elders who had waitlisted for nursing home (NH) places during the period from March 2010 to February 2011? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waitlisting?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply : During the period from March 2010 to February 2011, 9 397 elders were waitlisted for subsidised NH places. In the same period, 603 elders were allocated places, 263 elders withdrew their applications and 1 879 elders passed away while waiting for allocation of service.

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Question Serial No.

1035

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of family and child protection workers in the Government in 2011-12 will be the same as the 2010-11 revised estimate, but it is estimated that there will be an increase in the number of supervision cases in 2011-12 as compared with that in 2010-11. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Given the unchanged manpower provision but growing number of cases, why is there a reduction in the number of supervision cases per worker in 2011-12 as compared with 2010-11?
- (b) Has any assessment been conducted on whether the unchanged manpower provision can cater for the needs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : (a) Various service improvement measures have been introduced in recent years to enhance the effectiveness of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in helping victims of child abuse and spouse battering, their families and the abusers. These include increasing the number of social workers, enhancing support services like refuge centres for women and childcare services, strengthening the multi-disciplinary collaboration among relevant professionals and deploying supporting staff to assist social workers. The average time required to complete the helping process has thus been shortened, resulting in more cases closed upon achievement of the treatment goals and a fewer number of active supervision cases being handled by the social workers. As the number of case workers in FCPSUs will remain at the existing level and there is no sign of any upturn in the active supervision cases, the projected number of supervision cases per social worker in 2011-12 will be reduced by 2 to 31 although there will be a slight increase in the number of supervision cases served.

- (b) With the various service improvement measures and the enhanced work effectiveness, the existing manpower of FCPSUs is able to cope with the service needs.

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Question Serial No.

1036

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that a new integrated family service centre (IFSC) will be set up. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) Why is there a reduction in the number of groups and programmes of IFSC as compared with the 2010-11 revised estimate?
- (b) What impacts does the Administration expect that this change will have on service users?
- (c) What are the project details of the new IFSC? What are the estimated manpower and resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2011-12 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs. The estimated number therefore does not reflect the actual number of groups and programmes to be provided.

The new IFSC to be set up in 2011-12 will be operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) and located in Sham Shui Po District. The annual provision for the new IFSC will be \$9 million per annum. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGO concerned has the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. As the new IFSC will share out the work of the existing IFSCs, it will strengthen support for individuals and families in need in the district where the IFSC will be set up, while the overall demand for IFSC services is not expected to vary significantly.

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Question Serial No.

1037

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated in the Estimates that the cost per place per month for each contract home in 2011-12 will be about 20% more than the 2010-11 revised estimate. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the reasons why the increase in the cost per place per month of other homes (e.g. homes for the aged (H/As), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), etc.) is lower than contract home places?
- (b) the ways for the Administration to evaluate whether the increase in the cost per place per month of other homes (e.g. H/As, C&A homes, NHs, etc.) is sufficient?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

- Reply :
- (a) The unit costs of subsidised places in H/As, C&A homes and NHs per month in 2011-12 are similar to those in 2010-11. The 20% increase in cost per place for contract homes is mainly due to the enhanced provision of manpower and care support to meet the operational needs of raising the ratio of NH places in contract homes from an average of 50% to 90%.
 - (b) The financial provision for subvented H/As, C&A homes and NHs in 2011-12 has already taken into account price increase and salary adjustment.

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Question Serial No.

1038

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention”, the Administration will continue to provide training for staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders and care staff serving persons with disabilities in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams in 2011-12. In this connection, would the Administration please advise this Committee of –

- (a) the number of participants as well as the manpower and resources for conducting the three training programmes;
- (b) whether the Administration has evaluated the effectiveness of the training programmes? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide training for staff of RCHEs, professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders, and care staff serving persons with disabilities in IHCS teams in 2011-12. For training programmes conducted in 2010-11, the details are as follows –

- (i) In collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and the Hospital Authority (HA), SWD organised four training workshops for 2 179 staff of RCHEs. As the training was conducted by staff of SWD, DH and HA (about nine in total) with the cost absorbed within existing provision, no additional expenditure was incurred by the government.
- (ii) SWD organised five training programmes for 116 professional staff and 169 non-professional staff serving demented elders at a total cost of \$162,000, and two other training workshops for 89 care staff of IHCS teams serving persons with disabilities at a total cost of

\$31,582. The training programmes were coordinated by two Social Work Officers with the support of two clerical staff.

- (b) The effectiveness of the training programmes was evaluated through various channels such as collection of feedbacks from course participants, trainers and discussion with stakeholders. The overall comments were positive and the participants considered the training relevant to their work.

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Question Serial No.

1039

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that it will continue to help implement the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) what are the current number of RCHEs receiving visiting pharmacist services and the pharmacists required since the commencement of the Scheme?
- (b) what are the frequency of visits and number of hours served by the visiting pharmacists? Please provide the information by type of services provided under the Scheme.
- (c) whether the Administration will consider regularising the Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

- Reply :
- (a) Since the launch of the three-year Scheme in 2010-11, a total of 26 RCHEs have been served by three full-time and five part-time pharmacists.
 - (b) As at 31 January 2011, the visiting pharmacists paid 1 229 visits to the 26 RCHEs and provided 4 161 hours of service. They completed 3 053 medication reconciliations, 851 medication reviews and answered 63 calls via hotline services.
 - (c) Since the Scheme will last for three years, the Administration will review the effectiveness of the Scheme upon its completion in 2013 and decide on the way forward.

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Question Serial No.

3037

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to monitor private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through the implementation of the Voluntary Registration Scheme (VRS). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What is the number of private RCHDs joining VRS since its implementation? What is the percentage against total number of private RCHDs in the territory?
- (b) Has the effectiveness of the VRS been evaluated? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) How does the Administration monitor the quality of those private RCHDs that have not participated in the VRS?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : (a) to (c) In preparation for the licensing scheme to regulate all RCHDs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a VRS for private RCHDs since 2006 to enhance their service quality. Under VRS, the private RCHDs have to meet the requirements in general management, fire safety, building safety and health care. As at the end of February 2011, a total of eight private RCHDs have registered under VRS out of 69 homes known to SWD. In tandem with the introduction of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill into the Legislative Council in June 2010, as a complementary measure, SWD has launched the pilot Bought Place Scheme for private RCHDs in October 2010 to upgrade the service standard of private RCHDs and help the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities. The Administration will also implement a Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to provide subsidies for private RCHDs to carry

out the necessary improvement works in compliance with the licensing requirements in building and fire safety. SWD plans to consult relevant stakeholders on the FAS in the second quarter of 2011.

For the private RCHDs not joining VRS, SWD conducts quarterly visits to give advice on such areas as general management, building and fire safety, health care etc. and provides training to the private RCHDs in respect of health care.

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Question Serial No.

3038

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In 2011-12, the Administration will make additional provision to strengthen the manpower of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs). In this regard, would the Administration please provide –

- (a) the number of service recipients and allied health staff in ICCMWs by districts; and
- (b) the estimated number of additional allied health staff by categories to be employed. Has the Administration assessed, with the intake of additional staff, whether the number of allied health and professional medical staff will be sufficient to meet the demands of service recipients? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply : (a) & (b) The ICCMW has commenced operation at 24 service points in the territory since October 2010. With an additional annual recurrent provision of \$39 million in 2011-12 on top of the existing annual recurrent provision of \$135 million, it is estimated that the ICCMWs will provide a wide range of community support services to a total of about 24 000 discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems as well as their family members/carers per year.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, while the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange the suitable staffing and strengthen their manpower to ensure service quality and meet service needs, the operating NGOs of the ICCMWs are required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist, psychiatric nurse and other supporting staff. To address the manpower shortage of para-medical staff in the social welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD)

has since 2006 commissioned the Hospital Authority to organise a two-year full-time Enrolled Nurse Training Programme, including places for psychiatric nurses dedicated for the social welfare sector. SWD has provided the manpower projections of the allied health professionals in the welfare sector to the University Grants Committee (UGC) through the Education Bureau for reference by various institutions in drawing up their academic development proposals. UGC will consider the proposals and related funding requirements on a triennial basis. SWD will continue to liaise with different stakeholders to examine the manpower demand and explore possible measures to increase the para-medical manpower supply.

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Question Serial No.
3039

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration will increase the provision in 2011-12 for regularising the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). Would the Administration please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the details, timeframe, resources and manpower requirement of the project; and
- (b) the estimated number of service users?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

- Reply :
- (a) The Administration has reserved \$33 million per annum for the regularisation of the pilot NSCCP and its extension to all 18 District Council districts. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011. The projects are expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011. The service providers have the flexibility of deploying appropriate number of staff, which should include at least one social worker, to run the project.
 - (b) Upon regularisation and extension of the service, the 18 NSCCPs will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.

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Question Serial No.

3041

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Administration will increase annual recurrent funding by \$40 million to raise the purchase prices for EA1 places. The residential care homes concerned will be required to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following -

- (a) what are the details of the scheme?
- (b) who will be responsible for providing physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly? Please provide the breakdown by service type.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

- Reply :
- (a) To enhance the care and support services for the frail elders staying in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), an additional recurrent funding of \$40 million will be allocated to those RCHEs providing EA1 places^[Note] to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly through employment of physiotherapists or purchase of related professional service.
 - (b) The physiotherapist employed or the related professional service purchased by the EA1 homes under EBPS will be responsible for formulating individual therapeutic programme or physical exercise training for the concerned frail elders to help alleviate their health deterioration owing to inactivity. Apart from the 3 620 elders occupying the EA1 places, other elders living in the same RCHE will also benefit from the enhanced service.

^[Note]EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under the EBPS.

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Question Serial No.
 3006

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The objective of the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme is to enable elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who meet the prescribed criteria to receive cash assistance if they choose to retire permanently in Guangdong or Fujian. At present what are the numbers of PCSSA cases in these two provinces and the CSSA payments involved? How many new applications were received in each of the past three years? How many of them were approved? How many of them were rejected? What were the reasons for rejecting the applications? How many recipients left the Scheme due to death or other reasons? What was the average cost per case served?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply : The numbers of PCSSA cases in Guangdong and Fujian as at the end of January 2011 were 2 533 and 179 respectively, and the estimated total expenditure on PCSSA payments for 2010-11 is \$101 million.

The statistics on PCSSA cases from 2008-09 to 2010-11 were as follows –

PCSSA cases	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011)
Number of applications received ^[Note]	383	357	281
Number of applications approved	347	339	269
Number of applications rejected for various reasons –	35	23	18
i) on CSSA for less than 1 year before application	1	0	0
ii) residence in Hong Kong less than 7 years	2	0	0

PCSSA cases	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of January 2011)
iii) refusal to surrender public housing unit	2	0	0
iv) not meeting the minimum qualifying age of 60	6	5	6
v) withdrawal of application	18	14	7
vi) other reasons	6	4	5
Number of cases leaving the PCSSA Scheme because of –			
i) death	419	322	278
ii) other reasons	137	128	99

[Note] The number of applications received may not equal to the sum of number of applications approved and rejected in the year as these are cases brought forward from the preceding year and cases not yet completed carried forward to the next year.

The Social Welfare Department has commissioned a non-governmental organisation as the agent to provide services for PCSSA recipients and the estimated expenditure in 2010-11 is \$2 million.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please list out the number of persons with disabilities waitlisting for day service, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school service and residential service, and their median waiting time, their average waiting time, their longest waiting time as well as the number of places for each of the above services for the past three years.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The provisions of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities from 2008-09 to 2010-11 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of places		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of December 2010)
Pre-school			
EETC	2 186	2 318	2 363
SCCC	1 544	1 544	1 622
IP	1 860	1 860	1 860
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	4 442	4 495	4 632
SW	5 113	5 133	5 133
SE	1 655	1 645	1 645
IVRSC	3 675	3 685	4 023
OJT	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311
IVTC(Day)	453	453	453
Residential			
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509
LSCH	1 407	1 407	1 507
IVTC(Res)	170	170	170

Type of service	Number of places		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of December 2010)
HMMH	2 178	2 178	2 269
HSMH	3 012	3 058	3 193
HSPH	528	528	573
C&A/SD	807	857	908
C&A/AB	825	825	825
SGH(MMHC)	56	56	64
SHOS	400	400	482
RSCCC	110	110	110

The waiting lists from 2008-09 and 2010-11 were as follows –

Type of service	Number of persons on waiting list		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of December 2010)
Pre-school			
EETC	1 481	2 218	2 462
SCCC	734	1 042	1 033
IP	911	1 156	1 101
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	968	1 028	1 094
SW	2 445	2 496	2 603
SE	151	151	87
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Residential			
HWH	638	816	784
LSCH	768	992	1 113
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 357	1 330	1 407
HSMH	1 934	1 965	2 032
HSPH	410	370	405
C&A/SD	381	341	382
C&A/AB	52	64	89
SGH(MMHC)	87	70	52
SHOS	801	944	1 037

Type of service	Number of persons on waiting list		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of December 2010)
RSCCC	64	61	53

The average waiting time from 2007-08 and 2009-10 were as follows –

Type of service	Average Waiting Time (months)		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Pre-school			
EETC	8.5	8.6	10.0
SCCC	11.9	12.4	12.8
IP	8.3	8.6	8.7
Day training and vocational rehabilitation			
DAC	21.6	26.4	31.2
SW	15.6	14.3	14.8
SE	2.4	2.2	2.3
IVRSC ^[Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OJT ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Residential			
HWH	4.6	5.6	6.2
LSCH	34.0	22.9	31.8
IVTC(Res) ^[Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	48.0	39.6	79.1
HSMH	78.0	51.6	68.4
HSPH	89.6	112.4	61.9
C&A/SD	38.4	36.0	39.6
C&A/AB	6.2	2.6	3.2
SGH(MMHC)	14.3	14.9	23.1
SHOS	20.4	27.2	15.3
RSCCC	7.9	13.8	16.6

^[Note 1] Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres do not have their own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of sheltered workshop and supported employment.

^[Note 2] Applicants may apply to the operating units directly or through referral. There is no central waiting list for these services.

Legend:

EETC – early education and training centre
 SCCC – special child care centre
 IP – integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
 DAC – day activity centre
 SW – sheltered workshop
 SE – supported employment
 IVRSC – integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
 OJT – on the job training programme for people with disabilities
 Sunnyway – sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people
 with disabilities
 IVTC(Day) – integrated vocational training centre (day service)
 HWH – halfway house
 LSCH – long stay care home
 IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
 HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
 HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
 HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
 C&A/SD – care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
 C&A/AB – care-and-attention home for the aged blind
 SGH(MMHC) – small group home for mildly mentally handicapped
 children/integrated small group home
 SHOS – supported hostel
 RSCCC – residential special child care centre

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Question Serial No.

3440

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –
In the 2011-12 Budget, how much will be spent on providing help for persons with disabilities; and whether this includes providing more places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The Administration has reserved additional recurrent allocation for provision of 842 additional pre-school places, 511 additional day training and vocational rehabilitation places as well as 470 additional residential care places in 2011-12.

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LWB(WW)301

Question Serial No.

3442

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the manpower involved in various integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) since their establishment? What is the ratio of dedicated staff to mental patients in the district? What is the number of people waiting for the service in each centre? What is the median, average and longest waiting time for the service?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the ICCMWs, which are operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs), at 24 service points across the territory for operation in October 2010. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the operating NGOs have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The operating NGOs of the ICCMWs are required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist, psychiatric nurse and other supporting staff. There is no waiting list for the service of ICCMWs. The applicants may access the services through self-application or referrals by doctors, social workers, allied health workers or government departments.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)302

Question Serial No.

3443

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of cases received by each integrated community centre for mental wellness (ICCMW) since their establishment? What is the average time needed for handling various types of cases? Please provide the information by categories of cases.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has set up the ICCMWs at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. As at 20 December 2010, there were a total of some 5 600 members at 24 ICCMW service points in the 18 districts. In the first two months of service commencement, nearly 4 000 referrals were handled, over 8 000 outreaching visits paid to discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems, around 50 therapeutic groups organised, on top of the public education and publicity programmes arranged for the public, and some 31 000 persons were provided with the necessary community support services.

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Question Serial No.

3444

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : (a) Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the respective numbers of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) that have and do not have their own premises for operation. Has the Administration assessed the impact on services for ICCMWs not having their own premises?

(b) Would the Administration provide premises for those ICCMWs without their own premises? If yes, what is the timetable? How will the Government ensure that the ICCMW in the respective districts will have their own premises as soon as possible? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the ICCMWs, which are operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs), at 24 service points across the territory in October 2010. SWD has been proactively identifying suitable sites for use by ICCMWs. Currently, nine ICCMWs have secured permanent accommodation while six others have identified permanent sites pending local consultation. Pending availability of permanent accommodation, the NGO operators make use of suitable premises of their organisations as temporary service points to provide one-stop community support services in their service areas. For some ICCMWs which have no suitable premises in their service areas for the time being, the operators provide services including outreaching visits, group services, casework counselling, activities and community education through existing facilities and networks, such as schools and other welfare services units, in their respective districts.

SWD will continue to keep in close contact with relevant government departments for identifying suitable premises in new development or redevelopment projects, vacant government

properties, school premises and public housing units, etc.. In tandem, SWD is actively exploring the feasibility of setting up ICCMWs at commercial premises. Meanwhile, SWD, together with ICCMW operators, will continue to enlist local support with a view to securing permanent accommodation for ICCMWs.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)304

Question Serial No.
3628

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As shown in the indicators in the 2011-12 estimate, there will be a reduction in the number of “intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases” served as well as the number of “groups and programmes” organised by integrated family service centres (IFSCs). What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The estimated number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases to be served by IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the 2011-12 estimate (91 060) is similar to that in the 2010-11 revised estimate (91 056). Both figures are estimated with reference to the latest figures available. For the 2010-11 revised estimate, the figures are projected based on the actual number of active cases brought forward from 2009-10 and new/reactivated cases handled in the first two quarters of 2010-11. For the 2011-12 estimate, the case numbers are projected based on the number of cases handled in the first two quarters of 2010-11. Furthermore, social workers in IFSCs make use of different intervention approaches, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families which will affect the actual number of cases handled.

The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2010-11 is a projection based on the actual number of groups and programmes organised in the first two quarters of 2010-11, whereas the estimated number in 2011-12 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the short-term food assistance, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure, the numbers of beneficiaries and locations where the food was distributed over the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11)? What are the estimated expenditure, the numbers of beneficiaries and locations where the food is distributed in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The expenditure, number of persons served, and number of service points for the five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) in the past three years are listed below –

Period	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Persons Served	Number of Service Points
27 February 2009 to 31 March 2009	14.32	5 372	Information not available as the service just newly commenced
1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010	19.17	23 527	386
1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011	11.72	14 928	413

In 2011-12, the Projects are expected to serve 21 000 persons at an estimated expenditure of \$24 million. The operating non-governmental organisations will continue to engage suitable partner organisations in establishing more service points to enhance accessibility and delivery of the service.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), what were the expenditure and the number of beneficiaries over the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What are the estimated expenditure and number of beneficiaries in 2011-12? Please provide the information by district in table form.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The Administration has reserved a total of \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. The NSCCP was first launched in October 2008 in six districts with a higher demand for child care services, i.e. Tung Chung, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Chung, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Kwun Tong. In March 2009, it was extended to five other districts, thereby covering all the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The provision per NSCCP per annum is \$1.27 million.

Since the full launch of the 11 NSCCPs, the total number of children served from April 2009 to December 2010 are provided in the table below –

SWD's administrative district	Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Kwun Tong	Sham Shui Po	Central Western/ Southern/Islands	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Sha Tin	Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Tai Po/ North	Eastern / Wan Chai	Total
Total number of children served ^[Note]												
April 2009 to March 2010	765	361	443	581	750	648	528	258	431	437	236	5 438
April 2010 to December 2010	536	446	605	376	803	528	371	299	514	442	258	5 178
Total	1 301	807	1 048	957	1 553	1 176	899	557	945	879	494	10 616

^[Note] The same child was counted once in the month.

SWD will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011, thereby extending the coverage of the NSCCP to all 18 districts. The total provision for the 18 NSCCPs will be \$33 million in 2011-12. The 18 NSCCPs which are expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011 will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.

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Question Serial No.
3631

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What were the Administration's expenditures on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for children, youths, single-parent families and the elderly and on Old Age Allowance, and the respective numbers of beneficiaries in the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, as well as the respective estimated expenditures and estimated number of beneficiaries in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply : The average numbers of CSSA recipients per month and CSSA expenditures by nature of case in 2008-09 and 2009-10 were as follows –

Nature of case	2008-09 (Actual)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
Old Age	197 564	9,349
Permanent Disability	26 281	1,137
Ill Health	44 093	1,737
Single Parent	90 004	3,099
Low Earnings	55 241	1,218
Unemployment	58 006	1,714
Others	9 287	360
Total ^[Note 2]	480 475	18,613

Nature of case	2009-10 (Actual)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 3]
Old Age	197 988	9,542
Permanent Disability	26 572	1,177
Ill Health	44 081	1,785
Single Parent	89 549	3,111
Low Earnings	52 678	1,163
Unemployment	61 167	1,841
Others	10 449	408
Total ^[Note 2]	482 483	19,028

The estimated average numbers of CSSA cases per month and expenditures in 2010-11 and 2011-12 by nature of case are as follows –

Nature of case	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 3]
Old Age	197 300	9,511
Permanent Disability	26 400	1,171
Ill Health	43 400	1,789
Single Parent	86 100	3,015
Low Earnings	49 600	1,111
Unemployment	56 800	1,728
Others	11 200	441
Total ^[Note 2]	470 800	18,766

Nature of case	2011-12 (Estimate)	
	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million)
Old Age	199 200	9,698
Permanent Disability	27 100	1,213
Ill Health	44 500	1,864
Single Parent	85 400	3,069
Low Earnings	50 400	1,161
Unemployment	56 100	1,751
Others	12 000	476
Total	474 700	19,232

The average numbers of Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) cases per month and the expenditures incurred in 2008-09 and 2009-10 were as follows –

Allowance Type	2008-09 (Actual)	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 4]
HOAA	404 302	5,543
NOAA	66 029	872

Allowance Type	2009-10 (Actual)	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 5]
HOAA	417 330	5,429
NOAA	67 046	891

The estimated average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and expenditures in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Allowance Type	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 5]
HOAA	427 800	5,590
NOAA	69 300	908

Allowance	2011-12 (Estimate)
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Type	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	449 700	5,603
NOAA	74 800	933

- [Note 1] CSSA expenditure included two additional months of standard rate payment.
- [Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.
- [Note 3] CSSA expenditure included one additional month of standard rate payment.
- [Note 4] Expenditure included payments of a one-off grant of \$3,000 and two additional months of allowance.
- [Note 5] Expenditure included the payment of one additional month of allowance.

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Question Serial No.
 0621

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration plans to provide additional funding of \$45 million to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) serving infirm or demented elders. The coverage of the Dementia Supplement (DS) will also be extended to all subsidised day care centres for the elderly (DEs) for the provision of more targetted services to patients residing in the community. What is the respective amount of funding allocated to the RCHEs serving infirm or demented elders? What are the type and number of RCHEs and DEs receiving the funding? Please provide the information in the tables below –

(a) Allocation of Funding

	Infirmity Care Supplement (ICS)	Dementia Supplement (DS)	Total
Amount			\$45 million

(b) Details of Funding Allocation

	Funding allocated to subsidised RCHEs		Funding allocated to private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	
ICS	Number of RCHEs:	Number of beneficiaries:	Number of RCHEs:	Number of beneficiaries:
	Amount :		Amount:	
DS	Number of RCHEs:	Number of beneficiaries:	Number of RCHEs:	Number of beneficiaries:
	Amount :		Amount:	

	Funding allocated to DEs	
ICS	Number of DEs:	Number of beneficiaries:
	Amount:	
DS	Number of DEs:	Number of beneficiaries:
	Amount:	

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : (a) The breakdown of the additional allocation of ICS and DS in 2011-12 is as follows –

	ICS	DS ^[Note]	Total
Amount of additional allocation	\$16.3 million	\$28.7 million	\$45 million

^[Note]The coverage of DS will be extended to all subsidised DEs and day care units for the elderly (DCUs) in 2011-12.

(b) Details of the funding allocation are as follows –

	Subvented RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	
ICS	Number of RCHEs: 90	Number of beneficiaries: 1 300	Number of RCHEs: 30	Number of beneficiaries: 120
	Amount of allocation: \$76.9 million		Amount of allocation: \$6.9 million	
DS	Number of RCHEs: 130	Number of beneficiaries: 3 100	Number of RCHEs: 140	Number of beneficiaries: 1 400
	Amount of allocation: \$46.2 million		Amount of allocation: \$21 million	

	DEs/DCUs	
DS	Number of DEs/DCUs : 59	Number of beneficiaries: 440
	Amount of allocation: \$ 4 million	

Apart from the above target beneficiaries, the ICS and DS will also benefit other service users of the RCHE and DEs/DCUs concerned who are in need of infirmary or dementia care.

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Question Serial No.
0622

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration will provide additional funding of about \$45 million to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) for taking care of infirm and demented elders. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the criteria for allocating the funding to RCHEs? Regarding the subsidised residential care services provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as at the end of January 2011, what are the amounts of Infirm Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) allocated to subsidised RCHEs, and the number of elders covered by the respective supplements? Furthermore, what is the number of elders who have met the eligibility criteria as assessed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams (CGATs) and by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority (HA), but yet to receive the supplements? Please reply in the table below.

	Total number of infirm and demented elders in subsidised RCHEs	Number of elders with allocation of supplements (as at the end of January 2011)	Amount of provision (\$)	Number of elders without allocation of supplements (as at the end of January 2011)
Infirm elders				
Elders with dementia				

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The eligibility of elders for ICS is confirmed by the CGATs of HA. Based on the number of infirm elders in individual RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will allocate ICS to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

As regards DS, SWD will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elders for DS in the RCHEs will then be confirmed by HA's PGTs. Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elders in private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. DS will be allocated to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is also conducted annually.

The provision of ICS and DS in 2010-11 is as follows –

	Number of qualified cases as confirmed by CGATs/PGTs	Number of cases with allocation of supplements as at the end of January 2011	Amount of allocation (\$ million)	Number of cases without allocation of supplements as at the end of January 2011
ICS	1 296	1 296	67.5	0
DS	4 161	4 161	42.5	0

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Question Serial No.

0623

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the proposal of the Administration to provide 1 300 residential care places by increasing the funding of about \$130 million, please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) How many of these places are subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes places provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)? When will the places be available for the elders? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What is the number of additional places in the respective districts?
- (b) How many of these places are subsidised nursing homes (NHs) places provided by NGOs? When will the places be available for the elders? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What is the number of additional places in the respective districts?
- (c) How many of these places are provided by private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)? When will the places be available for the elders? What is the cost per place? In which District Council districts are such places located? What is the number of additional places in the respective districts?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and C&A places is as follows –

Initiative	Number of places		Estimated time of service commencement	Estimated annual expenditure per place
	NH	C&A		
(1) Providing additional subsidised residential care places in existing contract RCHEs ^[Note 1]	180	5	2011-12 to 2014-15	\$138,120
(2) Providing additional subsidised residential care places through one new contract RCHE ^[Note 2]	54	6	2013-14	\$143,422
(3) Making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more places with continuum of care ^[Note 1]	0	232	2011-12	\$84,684
(4) Providing additional subsidised C&A places through the EBPS ^[Note 1]	0	793	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$78,470
Total	1 270			

^[Note 1] Residential care places provided over the territory.

^[Note 2] Residential care places provided in Sha Tin.

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Question Serial No.
 0624

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please provide the number of elders who had waitlisted for nursing home (NH) places in the period from March 2010 to February 2011? How many of them were allocated with NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waitlisting? What were their accommodation statuses (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing and private housing)?

	April 2009 to April 2010	March 2010 to February 2011
Number of elders who were allocated with places		
Number of elders who withdrew their applications		
Number of elders who passed away while waitlisting		

Type of accommodation	Number of applicants	
	(April 2009 to April 2010)	(March 2010 to February 2011)
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)		
Private RCHEs (including those participating in the EBPS)		
Public housing		
Private housing		
Others (e.g. hospitals)		

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : From March 2010 to February 2011, about 9 397 elders were waitlisted for subsidised NH places. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the above period are as follows –

Reasons for leaving the waiting list	Number of elders
Elders who were allocated with places	603
Elders who withdrew their applications	263
Elders who passed away while waitlisting	1 879

The accommodation status of all the elders who were waitlisted for subsidised NH places over a period is not available. However, the accommodation status of the 6 388 elders waitlisted for subsidised NH places as at the end of February 2011 is available and is set out below for reference –

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	680
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	3 765
Public housing	795
Private housing	1 086
Others (e.g. hospitals)	62
Total	6 388

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Question Serial No.
0625

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the expenditure that the Government will spend on measures against elder abuse in 2011-12. What projects will be covered by such service?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Administration is committed to preventing and tackling domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department has all along been providing a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need, including victims of elder abuse. Services pertaining to the prevention and tackling of elder abuse cases are provided through the joint efforts of 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.. There is no breakdown of funding specifically allocated for the prevention and tackling of elder abuse.

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Question Serial No.
0627

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please provide the total number of elders who had waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places (excluding those who had waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) in the period from March 2010 to February 2011? How many of them were allocated subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waitlisting? What were the accommodation statuses (private RCHEs, public housing or private housing) of these elders waiting for subsidised C&A places? What was the average waiting time required for such places in various districts (excluding elders who had chosen designated homes as their preference or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)?

	March 2010 to February 2011
Number of elders who were allocated with places	
Number of elders who withdrew their applications	
Number of elders who passed away while waitlisting	

Type of accommodation	Number of applicants March 2010 to February 2011
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	
Private RCHEs (including those participating in the EBPS)	
Public housing	
Private housing	
Others (e.g. hospitals)	

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract RCHE or EBPS homes, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places. From March 2010 to February 2011, about 31 511 elders were waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs and/or EBPS homes. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the above period are as follows –

Elders who left the waiting list	Number of elders
Elders who were allocated with places	4 156
Elders who withdrew their applications	2 251
Elders who passed away while waitlisting	3 155

The accommodation status of all the elders who were waitlisted for subsidised C&A places over a period is not available. However, the accommodation status of the 20 355 elders waitlisted for subsidised C&A places as at the end of February 2011 is available and is set out below for reference –

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	786
Private RCHEs (including those participating in EBPS)	5 815
Public housing	7 751
Private housing	5 747
Others (e.g. hospitals)	256
Total	20 355

As all applicants for subsidised residential care places (including subsidised C&A places) are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis, there is no separate waiting list for individual districts and thus waiting time for applicants by districts is not available. That said, the overall average waiting time for subsidised C&A places as of 31 January 2011 was as follows –

Type of RCHE	Average waiting time (months) ^[Note]
Subvented homes and contract homes	33
Private homes participating in the EBPS	8

^[Note] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months.

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Question Serial No.

0628

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the expenditure that the Government will spend on measures to handle women battering cases. What projects will be covered by such service?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Administration is committed to preventing and tackling domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department has all along been providing 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, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc.. In 2011-12, the total estimated provision for these services is \$1,853 million. There is no breakdown on funding specifically allocated for women battering. Except for the Refuge Centres for Women which are exclusively for women, all support services for victims and abusers of domestic violence are provided to all persons in need, irrespective of gender.

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Question Serial No.

0629

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the expenditure that the Government will spend on measures to handle men battering cases. What projects will be covered by such service?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Administration is committed to preventing and tackling domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department has all along been providing 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, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc.. In 2011-12, the total estimated provision for these services is \$1,853 million. There is no breakdown on funding specifically allocated for men battering. Except for the Refuge Centres for Women which are exclusively for women, all support services for victims and abusers of domestic violence are provided to all persons in need, irrespective of gender.

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Question Serial No.

0630

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the expenditure that the Government will spend on measures to handle child abuse. What projects will be covered by such service?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Administration is committed to preventing and tackling domestic violence, including child abuse. The Social Welfare Department has all along been providing 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, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc.. In 2011-12, the total estimated provision for these services is \$1,853 million. There is no breakdown on funding specifically allocated for tackling child abuse.

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Question Serial No.

0631

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the expenditure that the Government will spend on measures against sexual violence. What projects will be covered by such service?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : Following a review of the services for victims of sexual violence, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has since March 2007 introduced a new comprehensive, one-stop service model involving multi-disciplinary assistance for victims of sexual violence. Under the new service model, a designated social worker is assigned to provide a range of services including 24-hour outreaching and immediate support, counselling services, reporting to the Police, arrangement of medical treatment and forensic examination, as well as escorting and accompanying the victims to go through all necessary procedures. This service model enables victims to receive service and go through all relevant procedures in a convenient, safe, confidential and supportive environment and minimises the need for the victims to repeat their unpleasant experience. Resources required for the provision of services by SWD and the relevant departments are absorbed within their existing provisions.

As an integral part of this service model, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (the Centre) has been set up and operated on a three-year pilot basis since 2007 with funding provided by the Lotteries Fund. In light of the effective performance of the Centre in providing crisis intervention and support services including short-term accommodation to victims of sexual violence and their family members, it has been funded by recurrent subvention since 1 January 2010. In 2011-12, the total estimated provision for the Centre is \$9.6 million.

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Question Serial No.
0632

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the amount of provision for integrated home care services (IHCS) of the Social Welfare Department in 2011-12. What is the difference in provision for “food ingredients” as compared with that in 2010-11? What is the utilisation rate for the service? What is the waiting time for meal delivery service and home cleaning service of each district?

District	Waiting time for meal delivery service	Waiting time for home cleaning 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

Reply : The provision for IHCS in 2011-12 is \$453.6 million. We do not have a separate breakdown on food cost which is included under “Other Charges” of the Lump Sum Grant.

As at the end of January 2011, the utilisation rate of the frailty-tested home care (including meal delivery and household cleaning) services under IHCS was 92.9%, and the average waiting time was about four months. We do not keep statistics on waiting time by district.

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Question Serial No.
 0633

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Government will provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly through increasing the funding by about \$130 million in 2011-12. At present, over 20 000 elderly are waiting for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes. To what extent will the waiting time be shortened by such measure? With the provision of 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly, what is the average waiting time for service admission for elders in various districts (excluding elders who had chosen designated homes or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)? Please give reply in the table below –

Waiting Time District	Waiting time	
	Subsidised C&A homes	Subsidised nursing homes (NHs)
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		

Waiting Time District	Waiting time	
	Subsidised C&A homes	Subsidised nursing homes (NHs)
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : As all applicants for subsidised residential care places (including subsidised NH places and C&A places) are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis, there is no separate waiting list for individual districts.

The additional places will help ease the pressure on waiting time. However, as the waiting time for subsidised NH places and C&A places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant has requested for joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turn-over rate of individual homes, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services and has requested deferred placement, etc., we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

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Question Serial No.
0634

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Government please provide the provision for taking care of the demented elders living in the community in 2011-12, the number of centres providing that kind of services and the waiting time for such services in each district?

	Waiting Time
Central & Western	
Eastern	
Southern	
Wanchai	
Kowloon City	
Kwun Tong	
Sham Shui Po	
Wong Tai Sin	
Yau Tsim Mong	
Islands	
Kwai Tsing	
North District	
Sai Kung	
Tai Po	
Shatin	
Tsuen Wan	
Tuen Mun	
Yuen Long	
Total	

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Administration provides subsidised community care services (CCS) through 59 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCSs) teams, 60 Integrated Home Care Services (IHCSs) teams to support the frail elders (including demented

elders) living in the community. The total expenditure for the subsidised CCS is estimated to be \$815.7 million in 2011-12. As at the end of January 2011, the average waiting time for day care places is nine months and that for home-based services (i.e. EHCCS and IHCS) varies from a few days to a few months, with an average of four months.

Three service teams under the three-year Pilot Scheme for Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) also provide services to users with dementia in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po districts starting from March 2011. The total expenditure for this Pilot Scheme is about \$55 million. The Pilot Scheme will serve at least 510 cases in the said districts over the three-year period. The eligible users will be admitted to services without waiting.

Starting from 2011-12, an additional funding of \$4 million will be allocated to provide Dementia Supplement (DS) to all subsidised DEs/DCUs for the provision of more targetted services to demented elders residing in the community. The DEs/DCUs, with the allocation of the DS, can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, health workers and care workers, or purchase professional service to enhance the care and training for the demented elders.

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Question Serial No.
0635

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide details on the provision for day care centres for the elderly (DEs), the number of centres providing day care services and the waiting time for such services in 2011-12. In view of the fact that the utilisation rate of DEs has already exceeded 110%, will the Government increase the area of and provide additional funding for these centres to meet the requirements of Fire Services Ordinance, the activity space for the elderly and the demand of the elderly in this respect?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : In 2011-12, the estimated annual expenditure on day care services, comprising 2 600 day care places in 63 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), is \$189.6 million. As at the end of January 2011, the average waiting time for day care places was about nine months.

Since some elders occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elders to fill in the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the day care places is set at 110% accordingly to maximise the utilisation. The Social Welfare Department would make reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of DEs/DCUs in allocating funding, and subject to availability of premises, provide additional space for the centres to meet the service needs of the users. The design and fitting-out of all DEs/DCUs project are in compliance with fire safety requirements.

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Question Serial No.
0636

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the provision for the services for hidden elders in 2011-12? Please provide the number of social workers dedicated to serve hidden elders in various districts in the following table –

District	Number of social workers serving hidden elders
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

Reply : In 2007-08, an additional recurrent provision of about \$42 million was provided to all district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in the territory for each of them to recruit one more social worker to enhance the outreaching services for

singleton and hidden elders. As the strengthening of outreach services will result in higher demand for DECC services, a further recurrent funding of \$18 million has been provided since June 2008 for each DECC to recruit one more worker to strengthen their counselling and referral services. These additional recurrent provisions have been included in the annual subvention of DECCs and NECs thereafter and there is no breakdown on this expenditure alone in 2011-12.

The number of additional social workers allocated to DECCs and NECs in 18 districts for this initiative is as follows –

District	Number of additional social workers
Central & Western	8
Eastern	15
Wan Chai	5
Southern	12
Islands	5
Kwun Tong	22
Wong Tai Sin	20
Sai Kung	9
Kowloon City	11
Sham Shui Po	16
Yau Tsim Mong	11
Sha Tin	16
Tai Po	6
North	4
Yuen Long	8
Tsuen Wan	7
Kwai Tsing	16
Tuen Mun	8
Total	199

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There are still over 20 000 elders on the waiting list for the residential care places for the elderly. Does the Government have any long-term planning in the coming five years? What is the actual number of additional residential places per year?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : In 2011-12, the Government will increase recurrent funding by \$131 million to provide 1 270 additional subsidised residential care places, which include 234 subsidised nursing home (NH) places, 243 long-term care places offering a continuum of care; and 793 higher-quality care-and-attention (C&A) places (i.e. EA1 places) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. These places will come into service gradually from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

From 2011-12 to 2013-14, there will be another 1 011 additional subsidised residential care places coming into operation (including 971 NH places and 40 C&A places), the resources of which have been earmarked in previous years. Hence, there will be a total of about 2 300 additional subsidised residential care places coming on stream in the coming four years.

The planned provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of Residential Care Places	Number of new places
NH Places	404
C&A Places	718
Total	1 122

In addition to the above-mentioned new places, the Administration has secured premises and would continue to earmark sites in public housing estate developments, projects under the Urban Renewal Authority as well as vacant government premises and schools for provision of residential care services for the elderly. Additional resources will be sought in the coming years when the construction works are near completion. We will in due course work out the provision of additional residential care places from 2012-13 onwards.

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Question Serial No.

2031

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) was launched in 2009 because the Secretary was deeply moved, and the Chief Executive also spoke highly of the project in last year's Policy Address and decided to regularise the project and extend its coverage from 11 districts to the whole territory. The Chief Executive said he was glad to learn that the project had achieved its desired effect. This Committee would also like to know the effectiveness. It is learned that a review has been conducted on the pilot project. When will the report be publicised for the public to gain understanding and for the purpose of accountability?

Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the findings of the review report of the pilot project?
- (b) What is the expenditure of the project? What is the provision for each district?
- (c) What is the amount of allowance for female volunteers serving as home-based child carers? What is its percentage to the expenditure? What is the maximum and minimum hourly allowance for the volunteer work? What is the average amount?
- (d) How many carers have received training in each district? What is the percentage of serving carers to those who have received training?
- (e) What is the attendance rate of carers in each district? What is the average working hours per carer?
- (f) What is the number of beneficiary cases in each district (excluding repeated cases) and the total number of service sessions?
- (g) What is the total number of service hours spent on beneficiary cases in each district? What is the average number of hours spent on each service session?

- (h) What is the quota for fee reduction and waiver to beneficiary families? What are the numbers of families receiving fee reduction and waiver? What is the background of these families receiving fee assistance and reasons for the need of such service (Are both parents working full-time, or being single-parent, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients or due to emergency...)?
- (i) What is the percentage of the number of beneficiary cases against the children population aged 0 to six in the district? (What is the number of beneficiary families estimated by the Government? Has the target been met in each district? What is the shortfall? What are the reasons for failing to meet the target?)
- (j) Does the government have any data showing the service demand for such service in each district?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

- Reply :
- (a) The review findings of the pilot NSCCP indicate that the NSCCP has achieved the objectives of promoting community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood and at the same time providing flexible child care support for needy families. The Administration will extend this district-based child care service to all 18 districts. The major findings of the review are summarised in the discussion paper submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services for its meeting on 10 January 2011. The paper is accessible to the public.
 - (b) The Administration has reserved a total of \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. There are 11 projects under the NSCCP in the pilot stage, one in each administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The provision per project per annum is \$1.27 million in the pilot stage.
 - (c) At present, home-based child carers under the pilot NSCCP, who are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others, are provided with an incentive payment at \$18 to \$22 per hour. Each service provider can flexibly deploy the annual provision of \$1.27 million (excluding the designated fee subsidy for needy cases) and the fee income to meet service needs. We therefore do not have information on the incentive payment for child carers as a percentage of the total expenditure.
 - (d)-(g) The service figures of the NSCCP by district since its full launch in April 2009 to December 2010 are provided in the table below –

Item \ SWD's Administrative District	Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Kwun Tong	Sham Shui Po	Central Western/ Southern / Islands	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Sha Tin	Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Tai Po/ North	Eastern/ Wan Chai	Total
Total number of participants in the training programmes conducted for home-based child carers and volunteers ^[Note 1]	207	158	185	233	340	84	270	279	118	221	87	2 182
Number of minimum home-based child care places ^[Note 2]	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	286
Total number of children served (one child being counted once in the month)	1 301	807	1 048	957	1 553	1 176	899	557	945	879	494	10 616
Total number of home-based child care service hours ^[Note 3]	56 133	53 027	64 092	46 899	41 501	79 273	39 433	28 684	48 535	49 779	15 943	523 299

[Note 1] Service providers are required to provide training to the home-based child carers if they have not received similar training before, as well as regular refresher training. SWD does not capture statistics on the number of training programmes (or their number of participants) provided exclusively for home-based child carers.

[Note 2] SWD does not capture the number of home-based child carers or service hours/cases each carer has served.

[Note 3] SWD does not capture the number of service hours each time service is delivered or the total number of service hours each child received per service session.

(h) Service users from low income families with social needs are eligible for fee reduction/waiver. Out of the 46% of the service users who received fee reduction/waiver, around 78.7% received full fee waiver while the remaining 21.3% received half fee reduction. SWD does not capture statistics exclusively on the family background of service users receiving fee assistance.

- (i)&(j) We have not estimated the number of children served as a percentage of the total children population under the age of six years old in each of the districts as that ratio does not represent the level of service demand. In any event, service providers have the flexibility to increase the number of home-based child care places to meet the service demand of their respective districts. SWD has so far not received any report of needy children unable to receive the NSCCP service.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)325

Question Serial No.

2042

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the total number of elders who passed away while waitlisting for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes in the past three years?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : There were 2 556, 2 716 and 2 971 elders who passed away when waitlisting for subsidised C&A places in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

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LWB(WW)326

Question Serial No.

2043

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the total number of elders who passed away while waitlisting for subsidised nursing homes (NHs) in the past three years?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : There were 1 847, 1 822 and 1 823 elders who passed away when waitlisting for subsidised NHs places in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)327

Question Serial No.
2046

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : When and how will the Government grant the one additional month of standard rate payments to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients and one additional month of allowances to Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The Financial Secretary announced in the 2011-12 Budget Speech the provision of an extra allowance equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments to CSSA recipients, and an extra allowance equal to one month of the allowances to OAA and DA recipients. The Administration will brief the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council on the proposal and seek the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council on the necessary financial commitments. We aim to implement the proposal shortly after FC's approval.

The extra allowance will be paid to recipients concerned through the existing payment method (i.e. normally through bank payment credited to the designated bank account).

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Question Serial No.
2158

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There is an existing performance pledge made by the Housing Department that elders will be allocated a public housing unit in three years' time. As regards the admission to subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by non-governmental organisations for the elderly, will the Social Welfare Department also make a performance pledge for elders for admission to such places in three years' time?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The waiting time for subsidised NH places and C&A places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes; whether the applicant has requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home; the turn-over rates of individual homes; whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services and has requested deferred placement, etc.. Since it is difficult to estimate the waiting time, setting a performance pledge on the time required for admission is therefore not practicable.

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Question Serial No.
2584

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please inform this Committee of the provision for integrated home care services (IHCS) in the financial year 2011-12. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, what are the number of calls for assistance received from individual districts from March 2010 to February 2011, the details of assistance requested, and the hotline numbers and addresses of the service units providing 24-hour emergency support service in each district?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : In 2011-12, the estimated annual expenditure for IHCS is \$453.6 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the number of calls for assistance received from frailty-tested elders from April to December 2010 with breakdown by district was as follows –

District	Number of Calls
Central & Western	1
Eastern	2
Wan Chai	4
Southern	7
Islands	0
Kwun Tong	60
Wong Tai Sin	12
Sai Kung	0
Kowloon City	1
Sham Shui Po	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0
Sha Tin	6
Tai Po	1
North	0

District	Number of Calls
Yuen Long	0
Tsuen Wan	14
Kwai Tsing	9
Tuen Mun	0
Total	117

The majority of the calls for assistance were related to domestic accidents and acute health problems. All operators of IHCS will provide an emergency contact number to their service users for the 24-hour support service.

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Question Serial No.
2585

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please inform this Committee of the provision for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2011-12. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under EHCCS, what are the number of calls for assistance received from individual districts from March 2010 to February 2011, the details of assistance requested, and the hotline numbers and addresses of the service units providing 24-hour emergency support service in each district?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : In 2011-12, the estimated annual expenditure for EHCCS is \$172.5 million. Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under EHCCS, the number of calls for assistance received from March to December 2010 with breakdown by district is as follows –

EHCCS Teams	Number of Calls
Central & Western	32
Eastern	120
Wan Chai	17
Southern	0
Islands	4
Kwun Tong	114
Wong Tai Sin	107
Sai Kung	6
Kowloon City	68
Sham Shui Po	2
Yau Tsim Mong	80
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po	20
North	12
Yuen Long	47
Tsuen Wan	32
Kwai Tsing	42

EHCCS Teams	Number of Calls
Tuen Mun	39
Hong Kong Cluster	8
Yau Tsim Mong & Kowloon City Cluster	28
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung Cluster	20
Kwun Tong Cluster	145
New Territories East Cluster	3
New Territories West Cluster	63
Total	1 010

The majority of the calls for assistance were related to acute health problems and seeking medical, nursing or paramedical advice on health-related issues. The operators of EHCCS will provide the emergency contact number(s) to their service users for the 24-hour support service.

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LWB(WW)331

Question Serial No.

1076

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Chief Executive stated in paragraph 139 of his Policy Address delivered on 13 October 2010 that the 3 000 temporary work opportunities created for young people aged between 15 and 29 would be extended to March 2012. What are the details and implementation timetable as well as the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : In April 2008, 3 000 Programme Worker (PW) time-limited posts were created for young people aged between 15 and 29 and allocated to subvented welfare non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 for them to gain work experience. The Administration has decided to extend the PW posts for one year up to March 2012 before their eventual phasing-out. The Social Welfare Department will follow up with the NGOs on the extension arrangements. The expenditure involved is about \$310 million in 2011-12.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)332

Question Serial No.
1082

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the hourly rate paid to home-based child carers under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)? What is their average number of working hours per week? How much additional expenditure will be required if the hourly rate is raised to the minimum wage level?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The pilot NSCCP is a mutual help project rather than an employment project. It aims to promote community participation and mutual help in the neighbourhood and, at the same time, provide flexible child care support for needy families. The home-based child carers of the NSCCP are providing service as volunteers in the spirit of care for others. Since there is no employment relationship between the carers and the service provider, the statutory minimum wage does not apply in the NSCCP.

Home-based child carers under the pilot NSCCP are currently provided with an incentive payment for their volunteer work at \$18 to \$22 per hour. The Social Welfare Department does not capture the number of home-based child carers or service hours each carer has served.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What were the numbers and age distribution of cases which have been on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) under the unemployment category for more than five years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11)? What were the amount of payments as a percentage of the total expenditures on CSSA?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The numbers of CSSA unemployment cases having received CSSA for more than five years and the estimated expenditures on these cases as a percentage of the total expenditure on CSSA from 2006-07 to 2010-11 were as follows –

Year	CSSA unemployment cases having received CSSA for more than five years	
	Number (as at the end of the financial year)	Estimated expenditure as a percentage of total expenditure on CSSA
2006-07	10 019	3.9%
2007-08	10 934	4.4%
2008-09	11 912	4.7%
2009-10	12 221	4.9%
2010-11	11 800 (as at the end of February 2011)	4.7% (up to the end of January 2011 ^[Note])

^[Note] This is the latest available figure.

We do not have record on the age distribution of the recipients concerned.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Over the past five years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11) –

What were the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households under the low earnings category with breakdowns by percentage of median household income in ten bands (i.e. 1% to 10%, 11% to 20%, and so on)?

What were the numbers of CSSA recipients under the low earnings category who left the CSSA net over the past five years?

Amongst those who have not yet left the CSSA net, what is the increase rate of their household income?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : Numbers of CSSA low earnings cases with employment earnings by percentage of median employment earnings from 2006-07 to 2010-11 were set out below –

Employment earnings as a percentage of the median employment earnings	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)
10% or less	51	69	45	45	31
More than 10% - 20%	65	55	41	43	42
More than 20% - 30%	194	180	102	90	64
More than 30% - 40%	447	406	494	511	482
More than 40% - 50%	640	649	595	642	545
More than 50% - 60%	1 080	992	978	916	868
More than 60% - 70%	1 075	964	941	1 005	920
More than 70% - 80%	1 153	1 037	1 030	1 025	1 026
More than 80% - 90%	1 350	1 249	952	887	789
More than 90%	1 793	1 700	1 412	1 455	1 402
Overall ^[Note]	7 848	7 301	6 590	6 619	6 169
Median employment earnings	\$5,144	\$5,225	\$5,293	\$5,300	\$5,320

[Note] The number of CSSA cases as at the end of the financial year.

We do not keep record of the number of recipients involved in closed cases. The numbers of CSSA low earnings cases closed from 2006-07 to 2010-11 were set out below –

Year	Number of cases closed
2006-07	3 846
2007-08	3 858
2008-09	3 237
2009-10	2 640
2010-11 (up to the end of February 2011)	2 760

We do not keep record of the increase rate of household income for CSSA low earnings cases.

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LWB(WW)335

Question Serial No.

1087

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide the following information for the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11): number of refuge centres for victims of domestic violence throughout the territory; number of service users; number of persons under real threat of domestic violence; and number of victims of domestic violence who have to waitlist or be rejected for admission due to insufficient places; and the number of their accompanying children.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : Five refuge centres for women (Refuge Centres) have been established since December 2009, providing temporary accommodation and support services to women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis. The capacity of these Refuges Centres was increased from 220 places in 2008-09 to 260 places in 2009-10. The total numbers of service users were 774 in 2009-10 and 568 between April and December 2010. According to the statistics captured by the Central Information System on Battered Spouse and Sexual Violence Cases (CISBSSV), the numbers of newly reported spouse battering cases in 2009 and 2010 were 4 807 and 3 163 respectively. However, not all cases reported to the CISBSSV were in need of placement in the Refuge Centres.

Taking into account the fluctuating service demand, the Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission with a view to meeting the service demand as far as possible. Moreover, there is a mutual referral mechanism among the five Refuge Centres to ensure that women and children-in-need will not be denied access to the service owing to shortage of places in the Refuge Centre which the victim approaches. So far, the Social Welfare Department has not received any reported waitlisted/rejected cases because of no vacancy.

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LWB(WW)336

Question Serial No.
0680

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, it is stated that the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) will be extended to 18 districts. In this connection, please give a breakdown, by District Council (DC) districts, of the number of service users since implementation of the project in 2008 and the expected number of service users in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : The pilot NSCCP was first launched in October 2008 in six districts with a higher demand for child care services, i.e. Tung Chung, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Chung, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Kwun Tong. In March 2009, it was extended to five other districts, thereby covering all the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). During the pilot stage, the 11 NSCCPs provided at least 440 places in total, consisting of 286 home-based child care places and 154 centre-based care group places. Since the full launch of the 11 NSCCPs, the total number of children served is captured according to SWD’s administrative districts instead of DC districts. Figures from April 2009 to December 2010 are provided in the table below –

SWD’s Administrative District	Period		Total Number of Children Served ^[Note]
	April 2009 to March 2010	April 2010 to December 2010	
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	765	536	1 301
Kwun Tong	361	446	807
Sham Shui Po	443	605	1 048
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	581	376	957

SWD's Administrative District	Period		Total Number of Children Served ^[Note]
	April 2009 to March 2010	April 2010 to December 2010	
Tuen Mun	750	803	1 553
Yuen Long	648	528	1 176
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	528	371	899
Sha Tin	258	299	557
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	431	514	945
Tai Po/ North	437	442	879
Eastern/ Wan Chai	236	258	494
Total	5 438	5 178	10 616

[Note] The same child was counted once in a month.

Following the extension to all 18 DC districts in 2011-12, the NSCCP will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.

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LWB(WW)337

Question Serial No.
0681

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : With regard to the short-term food assistance service which has been implemented since February 2009, please give a breakdown, by district, of the number of applications received, the number of beneficiaries, the amount involved, and the number of cases of repeated applications.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : We do not have the number of applications received by the five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects). From February 2009 to January 2011, the Projects served a total of 43 827 persons. The number of persons served, the number of reactivated cases from 27 February 2009 to 31 January 2011, and the total expenditure of the non-governmental organisation (NGO) operators of the Projects as at 31 January 2011 by district are listed below –

Operating NGOs	Serving districts	Number of persons served (from 27 Feb 2009 to 31 Jan 2011)	Number of reactivated cases (from 27 Feb 2009 to 31 Jan 2011)	Total expenditure (up to 31 Jan 2011) (\$million)
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	6 916	130	9.73
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po	11 667	4 197	10.64
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	7 920	710	8.04
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District	5 547	1 984	8.17

Operating NGOs	Serving districts	Number of persons served (from 27 Feb 2009 to 31 Jan 2011)	Number of reactivated cases (from 27 Feb 2009 to 31 Jan 2011)	Total expenditure (up to 31 Jan 2011) (\$million)
St James' Settlement	Hong Kong, Other Islands and Tung Chung, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	11 777	171	8.63
Total		43 827	7 192	45.21

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LWB(WW)338

Question Serial No.
 2610

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme under Programme (2) Social Security, would the Administration please provide the following information –

- (a) the age distribution (with every five years as an age group) of the recipients with breakdown by District Council district; and
- (b) the number of recipients and the number of households with breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : (a) The numbers of CSSA recipients by geographical district (with breakdown by age group) as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 or above	Total
Central & Western	123	191	276	218	35	67	104	144	219	236	204	241	2 461	4 519
Eastern	630	1 073	1 614	1 628	366	244	462	833	1 114	1 222	1 251	1 111	10 421	21 969
Islands	427	903	1 443	1 284	214	112	289	545	689	720	610	474	2 158	9 868
Kowloon City	777	1 022	1 271	1 203	289	284	454	740	911	975	980	943	8 771	18 620
Kwai Tsing	1 419	2 842	4 263	4 621	999	548	1 021	1 882	2 668	3 096	2 911	2 758	18 558	47 586
Kwun Tong	1 791	3 635	5 154	5 785	1 353	636	1 070	2 334	3 256	3 815	3 579	3 211	28 170	63 789
North	947	1 673	2 297	2 391	538	343	566	950	1 280	1 589	1 549	1 313	9 176	24 612
Sai Kung	360	876	1 884	2 174	525	219	343	686	1 033	1 400	1 227	925	5 333	16 985
Sha Tin	896	1 720	2 752	3 054	747	503	669	1 258	1 630	2 075	2 142	1 789	11 916	31 151

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 or above	Total
Sham Shui Po	1 396	2 127	2 894	2 932	691	469	802	1 439	2 000	2 456	2 398	2 284	16 531	38 419
Southern	279	470	811	870	200	217	351	469	688	719	687	582	6 390	12 733
Tai Po	453	795	1 135	1 283	368	215	358	562	716	904	887	819	6 890	15 385
Tsuen Wan	489	790	1 095	1 115	218	169	291	520	655	728	697	578	5 974	13 319
Tuen Mun	1 088	1 906	2 829	2 707	580	554	915	1 480	1 867	2 181	2 282	2 192	13 526	34 107
Wan Chai	76	121	116	73	18	34	56	96	81	93	126	135	1 333	2 358
Wong Tai Sin	914	1 716	3 008	3 529	726	352	573	1 215	1 854	2 495	2 404	2 091	16 118	36 995
Yau Tsim Mong	762	909	1 043	797	200	244	507	786	790	861	921	994	5 873	14 687
Yuen Long	2147	3 719	5 910	6 065	1 291	865	1 469	2 503	3 381	3 988	3 532	2 833	15 142	52 845
Total ^[Note 2]	14 974	26 488	39 795	41 729	9 358	6 075	10 300	18 442	24 832	29 553	28 387	25 273	184 741	459 947

(b) The numbers of CSSA cases by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases
Central & Western	3 646
Eastern	14 315
Islands	4 691
Kowloon City	12 953
Kwai Tsing	27 426
Kwun Tong	36 669
North	14 664
Sai Kung	9 223
Sha Tin	17 829
Sham Shui Po	25 397
Southern	8 724
Tai Po	9 560

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases
Tsuen Wan	8 482
Tuen Mun	21 696
Wan Chai	2 090
Wong Tai Sin	22 284
Yau Tsim Mong	11 318
Yuen Long	28 631
Total ^[Note 2]	279 598

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils. The geographical districts mainly refer to the information collected at the time of application.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)339

Question Serial No.

2611

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s continuation to monitor private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through the implementation of the Voluntary Registration Scheme (VRS) as stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12", please provide the number of inspections conducted in 2010-11, and the number of homes that were de-registered for not meeting the required standards. Will the Administration consider requiring all private RCHDs to register?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : In preparation for a licensing scheme to regulate all RCHDs, SWD has implemented a VRS for private RCHDs since 2006 to enhance their service quality. SWD conducts unannounced visits every three months to the private RCHDs registered under VRS to ensure that they continue to meet the requirements in general management, fire safety, building safety and health care. A RCHD registered under VRS was de-registered owing to the change of ownership of the business, and not for non-compliance with the requirements of VRS. The Administration introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill into the Legislative Council on 30 June 2010 to implement a statutory licensing scheme, with a view to regulating the operation of all RCHDs.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)340

Question Serial No.

2612

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Concerning the pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, please list the types and estimated number of places to be provided.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : With a view to upgrading the service standard of private RCHDs, increasing the supply of subsidised residential care places and helping the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched a four-year pilot BPS for private RCHDs in October 2010 by adopting a two-phase approach in purchasing BPS places, with an initial purchase of around 150-233 places in the first year, and an increase to a total of around 300 places from the second year onwards. Under BPS, places will be offered to applicants for long stay care home or hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, having regard to the existing resident profile of the private RCHDs which are now providing residential care largely for persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities. SWD will review BPS, including whether to extend it to persons with other disabilities, in due course.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)341

Question Serial No.

2613

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As shown in the indicators under this Programme, it is expected that in respect of school social work, cases served by the subvented sector will increase from 23 597 in 2010-11 to 25 907 in 2011-12, but the caseload per worker will remain unchanged. Will the Administration increase the number of social workers? By how many?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : There will be a 20% increase in manpower, i.e. 96 additional school social workers in 2011-12. The additional recurrent provision is \$49.8 million per annum.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)342

Question Serial No.

0160

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the scheme under which allowance is granted to persons with severe disabilities, would the Government please provide –

- (a) the numbers of recipients of this allowance in full and in half respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2010-11; and
- (b) the numbers of recipients of this allowance in full and in half respectively in each public housing estate in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : (a) The expenditures^[Note 1] of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in 2010-11 were \$579 million and \$2,063 million respectively. We do not have expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The numbers of HDA and NDA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Central and Western	592	3 457	4 049
Eastern	1 759	10 830	12 589
Islands	150	1 617	1 767
Kowloon City	945	5 680	6 625
Kwai Tsing	1 238	9 705	10 943

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Kwun Tong	1 978	11 563	13 541
North	698	4 724	5 422
Sai Kung	943	5 395	6 338
Sha Tin	1 832	10 974	12 806
Sham Shui Po	1 019	6 308	7 327
Southern	687	6 280	6 967
Tai Po	648	5 388	6 036
Tsuen Wan	683	4 274	4 957
Tuen Mun	884	8 214	9 098
Wan Chai	488	1 966	2 454
Wong Tai Sin	1 189	8 404	9 593
Yau Tsim Mong	535	3 831	4 366
Yuen Long	876	7 183	8 059
Total	17 144	115 793	132 937

(b) We do not have information on expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The numbers of HDA and NDA recipients by public housing estate as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Ap Lei Chau	42	413	455
Bo Shek Mansion	1	5	6
Broadview Garden	-	4	4
Butterfly	8	170	178
Chai Wan	7	40	47
Chak On	8	80	88
Cheung Ching	33	314	347
Cheung Fat	11	135	146
Cheung Hang	28	231	259
Cheung Hong	28	431	459

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Cheung Kwai	1	29	30
Cheung On	60	425	485
Cheung Shan	17	114	131
Cheung Wah	32	324	356
Cheung Wang	16	125	141
Ching Ho	17	175	192
Cho Yiu Chuen	18	160	178
Choi Fai	13	70	83
Choi Fook	2	21	23
Choi Ha	22	189	211
Choi Hung	49	430	479
Choi Ming Court	7	90	97
Choi Tak	-	10	10
Choi Wan (I)	58	431	489
Choi Wan (II)	25	218	243
Choi Ying	13	71	84
Choi Yuen	41	266	307
Chuk Yuen (North)	65	462	527
Chuk Yuen (South)	27	341	368
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	10	77	87
Chun Shek	8	128	136
Chung On	19	140	159
Clague Garden Estate	5	37	42
Easeful Court	4	23	27
Fortune	9	103	112
Fu Cheong	23	232	255
Fu Heng	26	351	377
Fu Shan	5	82	87
Fu Shin	36	403	439
Fu Tai	24	255	279
Fu Tung	2	70	72
Fuk Loi	34	201	235
Fung Tak	37	296	333
Fung Wah	7	104	111
Grandeur Terrace	9	141	150
Hau Tak	35	246	281
Healthy Village	22	150	172
Heng On	55	408	463
High Prosperity Terrace	4	33	37

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Hin Keng	63	415	478
Hin Yiu	1	31	32
Hing Man	19	145	164
Hing Tin	23	223	246
Hing Tung	13	137	150
Hing Wah (I)	18	195	213
Hing Wah (II)	17	280	297
Ho Man Tin	31	392	423
Hoi Fu Court	16	164	180
Hoi Lai	33	203	236
Hong Tung	4	18	22
Hung Hom	1	51	52
Jat Min Chuen	28	236	264
Ka Fuk	11	101	112
Ka Wai Chuen	17	126	143
Kai Tin	26	148	174
Kai Yip	31	259	290
Kam Peng	3	15	18
Kin Ming	23	190	213
Kin Sang	13	159	172
King Lam	44	317	361
Ko Cheung Court	11	92	103
Ko Yee	8	90	98
Kwai Chung	42	422	464
Kwai Fong	52	460	512
Kwai Hing	16	115	131
Kwai Shing (East)	35	328	363
Kwai Shing (West)	19	294	313
Kwong Fuk	37	479	516
Kwong Tin	31	205	236
Kwong Yuen	34	285	319
Kwun Lung Lau	16	128	144
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	53	303	356
Lai King	26	262	288
Lai Kok	26	184	210
Lai On	17	118	135
Lai Tak Tsuen	30	204	234
Lai Yiu	11	154	165

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Lakeside Garden	-	6	6
Lam Tin	5	69	74
Lee On	31	247	278
Lei Cheng Uk	39	352	391
Lei Muk Shue	46	509	555
Lei Tung	48	616	664
Lei Yue Mun	14	130	144
Lek Yuen	29	236	265
Leung King	24	346	370
Lok Fu	31	287	318
Lok Man Sun Chuen	23	207	230
Lok Wah (North)	32	221	253
Lok Wah (South)	37	337	374
Long Bin Interim Housing	-	7	7
Long Ping	29	426	455
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	54	428	482
Lower Wong Tai Sin(II)	54	340	394
Lung Hang	37	295	332
Lung Tin	1	17	18
Ma Hang	4	73	77
Ma Tau Wai	19	179	198
Mei Lam	40	308	348
Mei Tin	11	138	149
Mei Tung	5	50	55
Ming Tak	5	43	48
Ming Wah Dai Ha	15	235	250
Model Housing	9	65	74
Moon Lok Dai Ha	6	49	55
Nam Cheong	10	131	141
Nam Shan	16	217	233
Nga Ning Court	1	23	24
Ngan Wan	2	15	17
Oi Man	54	499	553
Oi Tung	31	298	329
On Tin	5	34	39
On Ting	17	234	251
On Yam	44	376	420
Pak Tin	50	474	524

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Ping Shek	43	308	351
Ping Tin	50	379	429
Po Lam	41	313	354
Po Tat	35	307	342
Po Tin	5	95	100
Po Tin Interim Housing	-	44	44
Pok Hong	70	433	503
Prosperous Garden	3	19	22
Sai Wan	12	55	67
Sam Shing	8	85	93
Sau Mau Ping (South)	8	81	89
Sau Mau Ping	89	772	861
Sha Kok	57	385	442
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	3	43	46
Shan King	23	425	448
Shek Kip Mei	33	310	343
Shek Lei (I)	39	395	434
Shek Lei (II)	27	235	262
Shek Mun	5	34	39
Shek Pai Wan	42	502	544
Shek Wai Kok	34	397	431
Shek Yam (East)	11	151	162
Shek Yam	11	139	150
Sheung Lok	2	8	10
Sheung Tak	37	245	282
Shui Pin Wai	6	92	98
Shun Lee	34	328	362
Shun On	15	183	198
Shun Tin	57	473	530
Siu Sai Wan	57	600	657
So Uk	6	109	115
Sun Chui	58	480	538
Sun Tin Wai	27	253	280
Tai Hang Tung	9	140	149
Tai Hing	25	398	423
Tai Ping	16	98	114
Tai Wo	53	446	499
Tai Wo Hau	64	539	603
Tai Yuen	36	366	402

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Tak Tin	55	394	449
Tin Chak	8	120	128
Tin Ching	6	92	98
Tin Heng	14	221	235
Tin King	15	178	193
Tin Ping	40	313	353
Tin Shui	33	355	388
Tin Tsz	11	143	154
Tin Wah	10	148	158
Tin Wan	18	279	297
Tin Yan	9	100	109
Tin Yat	7	112	119
Tin Yiu	29	446	475
Tin Yuet	9	124	133
Tsing Yi	17	225	242
Tsui Lam	26	296	322
Tsui Lok	2	23	25
Tsui Ping (South)	21	145	166
Tsui Ping (North)	94	557	651
Tsui Wan	19	210	229
Tsz Ching	20	350	370
Tsz Hong	7	85	92
Tsz Lok	34	298	332
Tsz Man	19	152	171
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	-	13	13
Tung Tau	44	468	512
Un Chau	55	405	460
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	59	411	470
Upper Wong Tai Sin	36	256	292
Verbena Heights	2	26	28
Wah Fu	76	833	909
Wah Kwai	33	318	351
Wah Lai	5	62	67
Wah Ming	23	276	299
Wah Sum	7	59	66
Wan Hon	7	33	40
Wan Tau Tong	14	175	189
Wan Tsui	40	291	331
Wang Tau Hom	50	422	472

Public housing estate	Number of DA recipients		
	HDA	NDA	Total
Wo Che	77	547	624
Wo Lok	18	102	120
Wu King	25	279	304
Yat Tung	23	417	440
Yau Lai	22	187	209
Yau Oi	32	483	515
Yau Tong	28	195	223
Yiu On	37	300	337
Yiu Tung	21	320	341
Yue Kwong Chuen	5	78	83
Yue Wan	22	184	206
Yung Shing Court	4	75	79
Total	5 239	48 945	54 184

[Note 1] Disability Allowance (DA) Expenditure (2010-11 revised estimate) includes one additional month of allowance of \$41 million and \$141 million for HDA and NDA respectively.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils. The geographical districts mainly refer to the information collected at the time of application.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)343

Question Serial No.
0256

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the pre-school services and vocational rehabilitation services, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places provided by early education and training centres, integrated programme in child care centres, occasional child care services, special child care centres and special provision for autistic children in special child care centres in each of the 18 districts throughout the territory in 2011-12? What are the respective expenditures involved for the above centres or programmes? What are the respective numbers of persons waitlisting for the above services provided by each of the centres or programmes in each district in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : The distribution of places in various types of pre-school rehabilitation services as at the end of December 2010 was as follows –

District \ Type of Service	Early Education and Training Centre	Integrated Programme in Kindergarten Child Care Centre	Special Child Care Centre [Note 1]	Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	205	132	199	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	174	180	6
Kwun Tong	166	204	66	4
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	355	234	297	10
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	171	192	24	2
Sham Shui Po	155	84	157	8
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	277	192	168	6

District \ Type of Service	Early Education and Training Centre	Integrated Programme in Kindergarten Child Care Centre	Special Child Care Centre [Note 1]	Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children
Sha Tin	191	156	138	7
Tai Po/North	205	168	192	8
Yuen Long	132	186	81	6
Tuen Mun	165	138	120	7
Total	2 363	1 860	1 622	68

The Administration will provide an additional recurrent funding of \$36.58 million per annum to provide 610 additional pre-school service places in 2011-12. The planned provision is made having regard to the demand for the respective services and availability of suitable premises for setting up the services.

The numbers of applicants waitlisting for places in various types of pre-school rehabilitation services ^[Note 2] as at the end of December 2010 were as follows –

District \ Type of Service	Early Education and Training Centre	Integrated Programme in Kindergarten Child Care Centre	Special Child Care Centre
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	231	34	66
Eastern/Wan Chai	281	58	97
Kwun Tong	285	106	98
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	403	153	135
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	267	74	113
Sham Shui Po	95	60	60
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	186	143	113
Sha Tin	263	135	106
Tai Po/North	229	194	110
Yuen Long	127	94	84
Tuen Mun	95	50	51
Total	2 462	1 101	1 033

[Note 1] Including the Special Provision Programme for Autistic Children in Special Child Care Centre.

[Note 2] While the Social Welfare Department monitors the overall utilisation of the occasional child care services for children with disabilities, its computer system currently does not capture the statistics on the number of applications and the waiting time for such service since the service unit admits children directly.

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Question Serial No.
 0257

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the pre-school services and vocational rehabilitation services, would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of places provided by sheltered workshops (SWs), supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs), On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) respectively in each of the 18 districts throughout the territory in 2011-12? What are the respective expenditures involved for the above centres or programmes? What are the respective numbers of persons waitlisting for the above services provided by each of the centres or programmes in each district in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : The distribution of places in various types of vocational rehabilitation services as at the end of December 2010 in the territory was as follows –

District \ Service Type	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC (Day Service)	OJT [Note 1]	Sunnyway [Note 1]
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	315	115	545	0	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	521	378	200	0	-	-
Kwun Tong	661	197	170	0	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	275	370	653	0	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	580	95	302	220	-	-
Sham Shui Po	520	120	210	0	-	-

District \ Service Type	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC (Day Service)	OJT [Note 1]	Sunnyway [Note 1]
Sha Tin	260	20	749	0	-	-
Tai Po/North	291	65	0	233	-	-
Yuen Long	364	70	207	0	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	746	180	450	0	-	-
Tuen Mun	600	35	537	0	-	-
Total	5 133	1 645	4 023	453	432	311

The Administration will provide an additional 170 vocational rehabilitation service places in 2011-12. The estimated expenditure for the provision of 12 167 vocational rehabilitation service places in 2011-12 is about \$450.2 million.

The numbers of applicants waitlisting for places in various types of vocational rehabilitation services^[Note 2] as at the end of December 2010 in the territory were as follows –

District \ Service Type	SW	SE
Central & Western/Southern/Islands	162	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	244	15
Kwun Tong	219	17
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	313	13
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	200	3
Sham Shui Po	146	9
Sha Tin	205	2
Tai Po/North	371	1
Yuen Long	245	5
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	245	7
Tuen Mun	253	7
Total	2 603	87

[Note 1] Since the number of places for OJT and Sunnyway are allocated according to the operating units, the Social Welfare Department does not have the number of places for each district.

[Note 2] IVRSCs do not have its own central waiting list. Applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of SW and SE. For IVTC (Day Service), OJT and Sunnyway, applicants may apply to the operating units direct or through referral for the service and there is no central waiting list for the services.

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LWB(WW)345

Question Serial No.
0258

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding day activity centres (DAC), would the Government please inform this Committee how many places, out of the estimated provision of 4 973 places in 2011-12, will be provided for each of the 18 districts in the territory? What is the expenditure involved? At present, what is the number of persons waitlisting for such places in each district?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : The distribution of and the numbers of applicants on the waiting list for the DAC places as at the end of December 2010 in the territory were as follows –

District	DAC Places	No. of applicants
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	702	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	345	87
Kwun Tong	451	87
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	455	115
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	70
Sham Shui Po	256	91
Sha Tin	545	90
Tai Po/North	229	94
Yuen Long	110	110
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	617	108
Tuen Mun	585	160
Total	4 632	1 094

[Note] The Administration will provide 341 additional DAC places in 2011-12. The estimated expenditure for the provision of 4 973 DAC places in 2011-12 is about \$336.4 million.

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LWB(WW)346

Question Serial No.

0259

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the residential services for ex-mentally ill persons, mentally handicapped persons, physically disabled persons, persons with severe disabilities and the blind, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) in which districts (with breakdown by 18 districts in the territory) are the existing halfway houses and long stay care homes for ex-mentally ill persons situated? What is the number of places available in each district? In 2010-11, what is the number of persons waitlisting for the aforesaid places? What is the expenditure involved for these places?
- (b) with breakdown by 18 districts in the territory, what are the numbers of places provided by integrated vocational training centres, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for physically handicapped persons, care and attention (C&A) homes for severely disabled persons, C&A homes for the aged blind, small group homes and supported hostels respectively? What are the respective expenditures involved for these various types of homes/hostels? In 2010-11, what is the respective number of persons waitlisting for these homes/hostels?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : (a) The distribution of the halfway house places and long stay care home places as at the end of December 2010 in the territory was as follows –

Service Type District	Halfway House Places	Long Stay Care Home Places
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	168	170
Eastern/Wan Chai	119	0
Kwun Tong	84	0
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	237	0
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	0
Sham Shui Po	169	200
Sha Tin	206	0
Tai Po/North	80	0
Yuen Long	104	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	162	525
Tuen Mun	180	612
Total	1 509	1 507

The numbers of persons on the waiting lists for the above services as at the end of December 2010 were as follows –

Service Type	Number of Persons on the Waiting List
Halfway House	784
Long Stay Care Home	1 113

The financial provision for the above two services is about \$300 million in 2011-12.

- (b) The distribution of the places under various types of residential rehabilitation services as at the end of December 2010 in the territory was as follows –

Service Type District	IVTC (Res)	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC)	SHOS
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	0	333	547	100	200	375	0	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	0	85	173	58	100	0	8	40
Kwun Tong	0	308	230	65	0	0	3	61
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	0	184	359	100	88	0	17	76
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	282	137	20	0	52	0	29
Sham Shui Po	0	60	104	0	0	78	0	30
Sha Tin	0	186	470	88	102	0	1	20
Tai Po/North	170	80	104	0	100	0	32	70
Yuen Long	0	169	106	50	100	80	0	46
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	0	218	532	25	151	0	3	83
Tuen Mun	0	364	431	67	67	240	0	20
Total	170	2 269	3 193	573	908	825	64	482

The financial provision in 2011-12 and the numbers of persons on the waiting lists as at the end of December 2010 for the above residential services were as follows –

Service Type	2011-12 Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Persons on the Waiting List (as at the end of December 2010)
IVTC(Res)	7.636	[Note]
HMMH	175.681	1 407
HSMH	471.088	2 032
HSPH	83.810	405
C&A/SD	147.351	382
C&A/AB	98.288	89
SGH(MMHC)	7.534	52
SHOS	42.779	1 037

[Note] IVTC admits service users directly and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture statistics in this respect.

Legend:

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

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LWB(WW)347

Question Serial No.

1125

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the pilot scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the pilot Scheme), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries served by the pilot Scheme in 2010-11? What is the total number of eligible persons applying for the service? What is the total number of persons eligible for the pilot Scheme in the territory? What is the expenditure required for each applicant under the pilot Scheme?
- (b) whether the number of beneficiaries will increase in 2011-12? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply : (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked \$163 million under the Lotteries Fund to implement the pilot Scheme for three years. The pilot Scheme, which has commenced service since March 2011, provides home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for about 540 persons with severe disabilities who are living in Kwun Tong District and Tuen Mun District and are on the waiting lists for subvented residential care services. As reflected from the data captured by SWD's Central Referral System for Residential Services, these two districts have the largest number (about 20%) of persons with severe disabilities waiting for residential services.

Under the pilot Scheme, a service package will be designed in accordance with the care needs of the service users. A monthly fee at \$988 will be charged for a full package of services or at an

hourly rate of \$33 for personal care and escort service, and \$42 and \$51 per visit respectively for nursing care and occupational therapist/physiotherapist training service. For service users with financial difficulties, the two non-governmental organisations operating the pilot Scheme will put in place a fee reduction/waiver mechanism for those in need.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In 2011-12, the Social Welfare Department will increase 54 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 54 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply : The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 54 posts is \$26.6 million. Details of the 54 posts in 2011-12 are as follows –

Programme	Number and Type(s) of Posts	Estimated Annual Expenditure involved in Net Creation of Posts (\$ million)	Purpose for Post Creation
(1) Family and Child Welfare	Net increase of 16 posts including creation of 17 posts in the Social Work Officer grade offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post.	\$7.4	To extend the coverage of the Comprehensive Child Development Service to the whole territory.
(2) Social Security	Net increase of four posts including creation of seven posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Analyst/ Programmer grades offset by deletion of three time-limited Statistical grades posts.	\$0.9	(i) To coordinate the granting of Internet subsidy to needy students from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance families; (ii) To strengthen the manpower support in social security field units to cope with the increase in Social Security Allowance caseload; and

Programme	Number and Type(s) of Posts	Estimated Annual Expenditure involved in Net Creation of Posts (\$ million)	Purpose for Post Creation
			(iii) To support the replacement of the Computerised Social Security System.
(3) Services for Elders	Net increase of five posts including creation of six posts in the Social Work Assistant and Registered Nurse grades offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post.	\$1.3	(i) To strengthen the manpower support for the assessment of long-term care needs of elders; and (ii) To strengthen the manpower support for the inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	Net increase of 29 posts including creation of 34 posts in the Social Work Officer, Station Officer/ Divisional Officer and Survey Officer grades offset by deletion of five supporting general grades posts.	\$17	(i) To strengthen the psychiatric medical social services for persons with mental health problems; (ii) To enhance the service provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders; and (iii) To strengthen support to the registration office of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and handle statutory duties related to building and fire safety, general management and health care of RCHDs.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)349

Question Serial No.

0784

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Government will launch pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (pilot projects). In this regard, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) What are the manpower and expenditure in 2011-12 as compared with those of last year?
- (b) Has there been any assessment on the effectiveness of the pilot projects? If yes, what are the findings?
- (c) Apart from networks, does the Administration make use of other channels, such as the media (newspaper and television) and assistance from schools to facilitate implementation?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply : (a), (b) and (c) In view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of youths, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund (LF). The pilot projects, which are expected to commence service in the latter half of the year, will adopt multi-level intervention strategy (viz. preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial level), and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. The manpower of individual pilot projects will be subject to the plans proposed by the selected NGOs. SWD will also commission a consultant to conduct an evaluation study to examine the effectiveness of the pilot projects and feasibility of interfacing this new service mode with the existing youth

services and make recommendations on the way forward. A total amount of \$17 million has been earmarked from LF for the pilot projects and evaluation study.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)350

Question Serial No.

2208

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (pilot projects) will be launched, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the details of the projects, including the service targets, the costs and manpower required as well as the implementation schedule;
- (b) for the manpower involved, the respective number through internal redeployment and new recruitment; whether the new recruits are appointed to the permanent establishment or supernumerary establishment and whether they are appointed on civil service terms or other terms;
- (c) whether specific targets and performance indicators have been set out for implementing the projects? If yes, please provide details. If no, what are the reasons? and
- (d) whether all the staff participating in the projects are registered social workers; and whether they need to receive in advance some specific training such as those relating to the use of computer and internet? If yes, please provide details and the costs involved.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply : (a) In view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of youths, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, the Social Welfare Department will commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund (LF). The pilot projects, which are expected to commence service in the latter half of the year, will adopt multi-level intervention strategy (viz. preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial level), and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely

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- (b) As the pilot projects are to be operated by the selected NGOs, no civil service posts will be involved.
- (c) The output and outcome indicators of the pilot projects will be subject to the service design and mode of operation proposed by the selected NGOs. As mentioned in (a) above, an evaluation study will also be conducted to examine the effectiveness of the pilot projects and feasibility of interfacing this new service mode with the existing youth services and make recommendations on the way forward.
- (d) The manpower of the pilot projects may include registered social workers and information technology supporting staff, and the qualification of staff and provision of relevant staff training will be proposed by the selected NGOs.

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Question Serial No.

3227

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the estimate of expenditure of Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) in the department –

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? As compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11, what is the rate of change? What are the reasons for the rate of change in expenditure?
- (b) What specific projects are included in the estimates of expenditure 2011-12? Which are ongoing projects and which are new projects? What are the number of staff, the costs and the implementation timetable of each project? Of the staff involved for each project, how many are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and outsourced staff?
- (c) Has any provision be earmarked for the promotion of e-engagement as well as opening up of public sector information? If yes, please give the specific details, including the project names, the details, manpower and costs involved, and implementation timetable? If no, what are the reasons and whether the Administration will consider carrying out such measures in the future?
- (d) What are the permanent establishment, existing number of staff and vacancies of ITMU? Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If yes, what is the estimated number of additional posts and the ranks involved? Are these posts permanent in nature? Whether the appointment of these posts will be on civil service terms? If no increase in manpower, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has the Administration thoroughly reviewed the effectiveness of ITMU? If yes, what are the results? What specific improvement measures will be put in place? If no, what are the reasons and will such review be carried out in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply : (a) The estimated expenditure for the ITMU of the Social Welfare Department in 2011-12 is \$95.8 million, which is about 7% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11.

(b) The major on-going projects in 2011-12 are listed below –

Project	No. of Staff Required in 2011-12			Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)
	Civil Service Staff	Non-civil Service Contract Staff	Staff of Outsourced Service Provider	
Support of Business Applications and Operations	31	4	19	66.5
Support of Information Technology Infrastructure and Facilities	3	0	8	26.8
Support of Business Strategy and Information Management	2	0	1	2.5

In addition, new projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 - Computerisation are listed below –

Project	No. of Staff Required in 2011-12			Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)	Implementation Schedule
	Civil Service Staff	Non-civil Service Contract Staff	Staff of Outsourced Service Provider		
Replacement of the Computerised Social Security System (CSSS) (Subhead A012ZG)	10 [Note]	0	6	2.5	2013-14
Review of Departmental Information Technology Plan (DITP) – funded under Block Allocation (Subhead A007GX)	The Review of DITP will be outsourced to a consultant with manpower support from the Support of Business Strategy and Information Management			6.9	2011-12

[Note] Civil Service staff costs are funded under Head 170.

- (c) The two CWRP computerisation projects above support our efforts in promoting initiatives related to e-engagement and opening up of public sector information. The approved project estimates of these two projects under Head 710 is about \$393 million. The review of DITP will be completed in 2011-12 while the replaced CSSS is expected to be launched in 2013-14.
- (d) The permanent establishment, existing strength and vacancies of the ITMU are as follows –

Grade	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Analyst/Programmer	1	1	0
Social Work Officer	15	15	0
Social Security Officer	12	12	0
Social Security Assistant	5	5	0
General	2	2	0
Total	35	35	0

The manpower requirement of ITMU was reviewed in late 2010 and there is no planned increase in the staff establishment in 2011-12.

- (e) Under the existing governance mechanism, we have established the Information Technology Steering Committee to review the manpower resources as well as the development plan of ITMU every year. We also conduct regular surveys to gauge the quality of services provided by ITMU to ensure its effectiveness and enhance the services.

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Question Serial No.

0602

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question : (a) Having regard to the Budget of last year and this year, the number of groups and programmes organised by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector is reduced from 6 360 (2009-10 revised estimate) to 4 941 (2010-11 estimate), whereas the number of groups and programmes organised by IFSCs run by the subvented sector is reduced from 2 676 (2009-10 revised estimate) to 2 036 (2010-11 estimate), representing a reduction of 22% and 24% respectively. I did question about this reduction in service, and it turns out that the estimate made by the Government was not realistic. The number of groups and programmes run by the subvented sector has even increased by 3.5% as compared with the previous year. Why does it still insist that the number of such service run by the government sector and the subvented sector be reduced to 4 941 and 2 036 respectively?
- (b) Despite the setting up of another IFSC in 2011-12, the number of cases served by the government sector and the subvented sector is 62 698 and 28 362 respectively, representing no increase in the total number but a slight reduction as compared with the previous year. What are the reasons? What is the average number of cases served by each social worker?
- (c) What are the respective numbers of cases of intensive counselling, brief counselling and supportive casework served by IFSCs in the previous year? How many cases are estimated to be served respectively in 2011-12?
- (d) What is the estimate for IFSCs in 2011-12? Compared with the previous year, what is the amount of additional expenditure? In which district will the new IFSC be set up?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : (a) The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2011-12 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs. This explains why the actual number of groups and programmes conducted in 2010-11 is larger than the estimated number for the year.

(b) While there will be a new IFSC in 2011-12, the overall demand for IFSC services over the territory is not expected to vary significantly. The new IFSC will share out the work of the existing IFSCs in the same district. Besides, social workers in IFSCs make use of different intervention approaches other than casework, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families. Such approaches will affect the actual number of cases handled.

Making reference to the total number of cases served by IFSCs as at the end of each month from April 2010 to December 2010, the average number of cases to be served by each IFSC social worker per month in 2011-12 is estimated to be 43.7.

(c) According to the statistical information system for IFSCs, the breakdown on the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served and to be served by IFSCs in 2010-11 and 2011-12 is listed below –

Financial Year	Number of intensive counselling cases served		Number of brief counselling/supportive casework served		Total number of cases served	
	Government Sector	Subvented Sector	Government Sector	Subvented Sector	Government Sector	Subvented Sector
2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	32 980	14 978	29 927	13 171	62 907	28 149
2011-12 (Estimate)	32 985	15 152	29 713	13 210	62 698	28 362

(d) The provision for IFSCs in the 2011-12 estimate is \$713.9 million. As compared with the provision of \$677.1 million in the 2010-11 revised estimate, there will be an increase of 5.4%. The new IFSC will be set up in Sham Shui Po District.

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Question Serial No.

0603

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : With regard to the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) to be regularised in 2011-12, what is its provision and the number of places to be provided? How many organisations are expected to offer such service?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The Administration has reserved \$33 million for the regularisation of the pilot NSCCP and its extension to all 18 districts in 2011-12. The Social Welfare Department will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts, and as such there will be no more than 18 service providers. The 18 NSCCPs will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.

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Question Serial No.

0604

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many cases in total were handled by the new Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) last year, i.e. 2010-11? How many cases are expected to be handled in 2011-12? In 2011-12, will there be any new initiatives under the programme to enhance the service?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The VSP has commenced operation since June 2010. Up to the end of December 2010, the VSP had served 258 service users. The estimated total number of service users is expected to increase to 380 by the end of March 2011. It is expected that the VSP will serve about 800 service users in 2011-12. Under the VSP, more volunteers will be recruited and trained in 2011-12 to provide support to victims of family violence and accompany child witness during the trial process.

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Question Serial No.
0605

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : For family and child protection social workers, the number of supervision cases per worker will be decreased to 31. In this regard, how many additional social workers will be employed? What is the additional funding provision?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The Administration has no plan to increase the manpower of Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in 2011-12. However, various service improvement measures have been introduced in recent years to enhance the effectiveness of the FCPSUs in helping victims of child abuse and spouse battering, their families and the abusers. These include enhancing support services like refuge centres for women and childcare services, strengthening the multi-disciplinary collaboration among relevant professionals, deploying supporting staff to assist social workers, and providing additional social workers. The average time required to complete the helping process has thus been shortened, resulting in more cases closed upon achievement of the treatment goals and a fewer number of active supervision cases being handled by the social workers. As the number of caseworkers in FCPSUs will remain at the existing level and there is no sign of any upturn in the active supervision cases, the projected number of supervision cases per social worker in 2011-12 will be reduced to 31.

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Question Serial No.

0606

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Government estimated that the inflation rate in 2011 would be 4.5%. With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW), the cost of residential care services is expected to increase. Why is that in 2011-12, among the residential care services provided by the Government, there is not much change in the average cost per place per month for homes for the aged (H/As), care and attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs)? Will the service quality be affected?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The unit costs of places in H/As, C&A homes and NHs per month in 2011-12 are similar to those of last year. While the Lump Sum Grant provision has already factored in price movement and salary adjustment, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is assessing the impact of the SMW on all services subvented by SWD, including residential care homes for the elderly under the Services for Elders programme. SWD would consider, in the light of the assessment, whether there is a need for additional resources for non-governmental organisations to comply with the SMW requirement in respect of subvented welfare services.

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Question Serial No.

0607

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question : (a) The average cost per place per month for private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2011-12 will increase by 6.45% when compared with that of last year. The cost for contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) will even increase by 20.62%. How did the Government calculate the increase?
- (b) How many contract RCHEs will be increased in 2011-12? What will be the total number?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

- Reply : (a) The increase in cost per place per month for private RCHEs participating in the EBPS in 2011-12 is mainly due to the increase in annual recurrent funding to raise the purchase prices for EA1 places^[Note]. The RCHEs concerned will be required to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly.

The increase in cost per place per month in 2011-12 in contract RCHEs is mainly due to the enhanced provision of manpower and care support to meet the operational needs of raising the ratio of nursing home places from an average of 50% to 90%.

^[Note] EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under the EBPS.

- (b) In 2011-12, two new contract RCHEs will be set up. The total number of contract RCHEs will be 20.

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Question Serial No.
0608

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the estimated number of, and government expenditure involved in, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of different categories, including old age, disability, ill health, single-parent family, low earnings, unemployment and others in 2011-12? Is there any change when compared with the past two years? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The average numbers of CSSA cases and the expenditures by nature of case in 2009-10 were as follows –

Nature of cases	2009-10 Actual	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 1]
Old Age	148 032	9,542
Permanent Disability	17 494	1,177
Ill Health	23 493	1,785
Single Parent	34 251	3,111
Low Earnings	14 022	1,163
Unemployment	28 286	1,841
Others	6 269	408
Total	271 847	19,028

The estimated average numbers of CSSA cases and expenditures by nature of case in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Nature of cases	2010-11 Revised Estimate	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note 2]
Old Age	149 100	9,511
Permanent Disability	17 800	1,171
Ill Health	23 900	1,789
Single Parent	33 600	3,015
Low Earnings	13 600	1,111
Unemployment	27 000	1,728
Others	6 600	441
Total	271 600	18,766

Nature of cases	2011-12 Estimate	
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
Old Age	150 500	9,698
Permanent Disability	18 300	1,213
Ill Health	24 500	1,864
Single Parent	33 300	3,069
Low Earnings	13 800	1,161
Unemployment	26 700	1,751
Others	7 100	476
Total	274 200	19,232

[Note 1] Expenditure included one additional month of standard rate payment. Individual figures do not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

[Note 2] Expenditure included one additional month of standard rate payment.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)359

Question Serial No.

0609

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Based on what reasons does the Government predict that the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases served in 2011-12 will be reduced by 1 000 when compared with the previous year? Has the Government estimated the number of persons who have to apply for CSSA due to unemployment as a result of the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The projected number of CSSA cases to be served in 2011-12 is estimated based on the latest available statistics on CSSA caseload and applications at the time of preparing the estimates. With the slight decline in the CSSA caseload, it is estimated that there will be a drop of 1 000 (or less than 0.3%) cases to be served in 2011-12 when compared with 2010-11.

The impact of the SMW can only be assessed after the SMW has been implemented for a period of time, and has not been taken into account in the estimates of CSSA cases.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the estimated number of cases for, and the estimated expenditure on, Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in 2011-12? What is the increase when compared with the past two years? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Allowance Type	Average number of cases per month		
	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	2011-12 (Estimate)
HOAA	417 330	427 800	449 700
NOAA	67 046	69 300	74 800

The HOAA and NOAA expenditures in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Allowance Type	Expenditure (\$ million) ^[Note]		
	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	2011-12 (Estimate)
HOAA	5 429	5 590	6 068
NOAA	891	908	1 010

[Note] Expenditure included the payment of one additional month of allowance.

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LWB(WW)361

Question Serial No.

0611

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards elderly persons under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, is there any change in the estimated numbers of elderly persons who will return to Guangdong Province and Fujian Province in 2011-12 as compared with those in the previous year? What is the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Guangdong Province and Fujian Province and the estimated total expenditure in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

	2010-11	2011-12
Estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Guangdong Province	2 705	2 790
Estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Fujian Province	200	230
Estimated total number of PCSSA recipients	2 905	3 020
Estimated total expenditure	\$ 101 million	\$ 105 million

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LWB(WW)362

Question Serial No.
0612

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the provisions for various employment assistance projects and the estimated numbers of participants in 2011-12? Is there any change when compared with the previous year?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : (a) The estimated expenditures for the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS), the third phase of Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) and the third phase of New Dawn (ND) Project in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Employment assistance project	Estimated expenditure in 2010-11 (\$ million)	Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)
IEAS	60.3	59.5
Third phase of My STEP	6.0	5.7
Third phase of ND Project	10.4	10.8

- (b) The estimated numbers of participants for the IEAS, the third phase of My STEP and the third phase of ND Project in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Employment assistance project	Estimated number of participants in 2010-11	Estimated number of participants in 2011-12
IEAS	34 000	34 500
Third phase of My STEP	419	400
Third phase of ND Project	4 800	4 800

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Question Serial No.
0613

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under the programme on “Services for Elders”, the Government will allocate a total of \$4,331.3 million in 2011-12 to promote the welfare of the elderly. Please state the respective provisions for residential care services as well as community care and support services for the elderly in 2011-12 and over the past three years.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The respective provisions for residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2011-12 and the expenditure in the previous three years are as follows –

Financial Year	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	2011-12 (Estimate)
Service	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
Residential Care Services	2,247.6	2,337.1	2,429.2	2,703.3
Community Care and Support Services	1,231.8	1,276.8	1,293.0	1,358.3
Total	3,479.4	3,613.9	3,722.2	4,061.6

In 2011-12, apart from the above services, additional resources have been reserved for strengthening the administrative support of non-governmental organisations and organising two classes of the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide an additional 220 training places, etc.. All these add up to the estimated total expenditure of about \$4,331 million under the “Services for Elders” programme in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.
0614

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question : (a) What is the number of additional places to be provided in various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2011-12? What is the total provision involved?
- (b) What is the number of elders waitlisting for places in various types of RCHEs in 2010-11? What is the average waiting time? Will the average waiting time for places in these homes be shortened with the provision of additional places in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

- Reply : (a) The breakdown of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly to be provided in nursing homes (NHs), RCHEs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), contract homes and self-care hostels/homes for aged under conversion in 2011-12 is as follows –

Type of RCHEs	Number of Places
(1) NHs	300
(2) RCHEs participating in EBPS	393
(3) Contract homes	115
(4) Conversion homes	314
Total	1 122

The financial provision for the above 1 122 places is \$109.38 million in 2011-12.

- (b) As at 31 January 2011, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised residential care places and the average waiting time were as follows –

	Number of applicants on the waiting list (as at 31 January 2011)	Average waiting time ^[Note 1] (in months) (as at 31 January 2011)
Care-and-attention (C&A) places in subvented/contract homes	20 395 ^[Note 2]	33
C&A places under EBPS		8
NH places ^[Note 3]	6 471	39

^[Note 1] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months.

^[Note 2] As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.

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

The additional places will help ease the pressure on waiting time. However, as the waiting time for subsidised NH places and C&A places is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of the location, diet and religious background of the elderly homes, whether the applicant has requested for joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turn-over rate of individual homes, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services and has requested deferred placement, etc., we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

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Question Serial No.

0615

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many nursing home (NH) places will be purchased under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2011-12? What is the provision involved? What is the number of additional places to be purchased as compared with that in last year?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2011-12, the Social Welfare Department will purchase 300 additional vacant NH places from self-financing NHs and residential care homes for the elderly under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), whereas 80 NH places under NHPPS were purchased in 2010-11. The provision for the 300 NH places to be purchased in 2011-12 is \$42.5 million.

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Question Serial No.

0616

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : For the fifth consecutive year, there has been no increase in the numbers of District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs), Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) and Social Centres for the Elderly (S/Es). What are the reasons? Does the Administration plan to provide additional space for these centres? What will be the additional areas involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 117 NECs and 53 S/Es which form a territory-wide social support network for the elders in the community. 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 and NEC by 83 square metres and 156 square metres respectively to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. At present, about 60% of DECCs and 43% of NECs have attained the enhanced standard space provision. SWD will continue to help the remaining centres meet the prescribed schedule of accommodation by relocation or setting up sub-bases. SWD will also monitor the service demand for setting up new centres, especially in the newly developed residential sites.

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Question Serial No.

0617

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the membership in elderly centres in 2010-11? Is there any change when compared with the previous year? Whether the membership will increase in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The total number of members of the 211 elderly centres as at 31 December 2010 was about 190 000, with a slight increase of about 1 000 as compared with the number of about 189 000 in 2009-10. The services of elderly centres are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above and it is anticipated that the number of members will remain stable in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.
0618

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the respective provisions for district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and social centres for the elderly (S/Es) in 2011-12? How do they compare with those of the previous year?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The estimated annual expenditure for various types of elderly centres in 2011-12 and the revised estimate for 2010-11 are shown below –

Type of Centre	Expenditure in 2010-11 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	Expenditure in 2011-12 (Estimate) (\$ million)
DECCs	251.7	252.5
NECs	212.0	212.9
S/Es	48.3	48.4
Total	512.0	513.8

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

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Question : The number of cases of Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) will greatly increase by 16.67% in 2011-12. What is the provision for this service? What is the extent of increase? Which districts will be allocated the additional places? How much waiting time is expected to be shortened?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : There will be an additional provision of \$63 million per annum for increasing the number of EHCCS places by 1 500 commencing from 2011-12. The allocation of the additional places will be made to districts according to service demand. The details are as follows –

District	Number of EHCCS places
Hong Kong	50
East Kowloon	780
West Kowloon	390
New Territories East	70
New Territories West	210
Total	1 500

Since the waiting time for EHCCS is affected by a number of factors such as the applicants' preference of service providers, changes in service demand and different turn-over rates in various districts, it is therefore not practicable to estimate the waiting time expected to be shortened with the increased provision.

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Question Serial No.

0620

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Why does the number of cases served by the integrated home care services (IHCS) in 2011-12 remain at 29 334 with no increase for three consecutive years? What is the provision for IHCS? What is the average waiting time at present?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2011-12, the estimated annual expenditure for IHCS is \$453.6 million.

In addition to IHCS, the Social Welfare Department also provides Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) to serve frail elders living in the community. There will be an additional provision of \$63 million per annum for increasing the number of EHCCS places by 1 500 commencing from 2011-12.

As at the end of January 2011, there were 957 applicants waiting for frailty-tested IHCS and EHCCS, and the average waiting time was about four months. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the number of elders waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS or its waiting time.

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Question Serial No.

1966

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The unit costs per month for various community care and support services remain basically unchanged in 2011-12. What are the reasons? Has the Government taken into account factors like cost increases arising from inflation and the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW)?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The monthly unit costs of community care and support services (CCS) in 2011-12 are similar to those in the last year. While the Lump Sum Grant and contract sum granted to the operating organisations have already factored in price movement, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is assessing the impact of the SMW on all services subvented by SWD, including community care and support services. SWD would consider, in the light of the assessment, whether there is a need for additional resources for non-governmental organisations to comply with the SMW requirement in respect of subvented welfare services.

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Question Serial No.
1967

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the plans to strengthen the care for infirm and demented elders in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in 2011-12? What will be the additional provision involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : An additional funding of \$45 million will be used to raise the Infirmary Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) for subsidised RCHEs taking care of demented or infirm elders and to provide, for the first time, DS to all subsidised DEs and day care units for the elderly (DCUs) taking care of demented elders. This is to ensure better care services for demented or infirm elders.

With the allocation of the ICS and/or DS, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, health workers and care workers, or purchase professional service to enhance the care and training for the infirm and demented elders.

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Question Serial No.

1968

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the provision involved in the increase of 210 places of day care centres for the elderly in 2011-12? How many people are waiting for such places at present? What is the average waiting time?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2011-12, the estimated annual expenditure for the additional 210 day care places is \$15.3 million. As at the end of January 2011, there were 1 515 elders waiting for subsidised day care places and the average waiting time was about nine months.

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Question Serial No.
1969

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many places will be provided by the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme (ENTP) for the Welfare Sector in 2011-12? What is the provision involved? How do the figures compare with those of the previous year?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The provision of training places under the ENTP for the Welfare Sector and the expenditures in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows –

Year	2010-11	2011-12
Number of training places	220	220
Expenditure required (\$ million)	13.6	14.2

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Question Serial No.

1970

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many training places will be provided for the care staff serving persons with disabilities in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams and professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders in 2011-12? What are the respective costs involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In addition to the training arranged by non-governmental organisations for their staff, the Social Welfare Department will provide 150 training places at an estimated cost of \$39,800 in 2011-12 for the care staff of the IHCS teams serving persons with disabilities. Another 300 training places at an estimated cost of \$162,000 will be offered in the year to staff serving demented elders (120 places for professional staff and 180 places for non-professional staff).

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Question Serial No.
3750

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please list in table form the number of persons waitlisting for and the average waiting time for halfway houses (HWHs) and long stay care homes (LSCHs) for discharged mental patients, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) and care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB). Is there any plan to increase the number of various residential care places in 2011-12 in order to shorten the waiting time?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The requested information is as follows –

Type of service	Number of applicants (as at the end of December 2010)	Average waiting time in 2009-10 (in months)
HWH	784	6.2
LSCH	1 113	31.8
HMMH	1 407	79.1
HSMH	2 032	68.4
HSPH	405	61.9
C&A/SD	382	39.6
C&A/AB	89	3.2

The Administration has reserved additional recurrent funding to provide 470 additional residential care places for persons with disabilities in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

3751

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In which districts are the additional 276 places provided for the severely mentally handicapped in 2011-12 located? When will these additional places become available?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The Administration will provide 276 additional hostel places for severely mentally handicapped persons in 2011-12. Since the provision of these places is still at the preparatory stage, including local consultation, application for change in land use, drawing up configuration of the premises etc., we are unable to provide detailed information on the location of these places at this juncture.

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Question Serial No.

3752

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome patients and their families will the Administration expect to provide assistance in 2011-12? What are the specific details of the assistance to be provided? What is the annual provision?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2011-12, it is estimated that about 150 eligible recipients will continue to receive monthly financial assistance and/or medical expenditure assistance from the Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (the Fund). As at mid-March 2011, the balance of the Fund was around \$21 million.

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Question Serial No.

3753

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the estimated number of places to be provided by integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in 2011-12? What are the staffing establishment and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The 24 services points of ICCMWs will be provided with a total annual recurrent funding of \$174 million, including new resources of \$39 million in 2011-12. These service points will serve about 24 000 discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems as well as their family members/carers per year. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, while the operating non-governmental organisations of ICCMWs have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs, they are required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist, psychiatric nurse and other supporting staff.

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Question Serial No.

3755

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Government will increase 96 school social workers (SSWs) in 2011-12, representing an increase of 19.92%. What is the additional provision? Which districts will the additional social workers be allocated?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The recurrent provision for the additional 96 SSWs is \$49.8 million per annum. The additional resources will be allocated to non-governmental organisations operating school social work services in secondary schools.

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Question Serial No.
3756

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the contents of the pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (pilot projects) to be launched in 2011-12? What are the staffing arrangement and provision of the projects?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of youths, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, the Social Welfare Department will commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund (LF). The pilot projects, which are expected to commence service in the latter half of the year, will adopt multi-level intervention strategy (viz. preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial level), and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. The manpower of individual pilot projects will be subject to the plans proposed by the selected NGOs. SWD will also commission a consultant to conduct an evaluation study to examine the effectiveness of the pilot projects and feasibility of interfacing this new service mode with the existing youth services and make recommendations on the way forward. A total amount of \$17 million has been earmarked from LF for the pilot projects and evaluation study.

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Question Serial No.

3757

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the estimated expenditure for Item 470 “Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)” in 2011-12? Only \$93.4 million out of the \$400 million provided for the Fund has been spent since 2005. What plan does the Government have in 2011-12 to encourage the launching of more projects to help the disadvantaged?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : As at the end of February 2011, more than \$144 million has been approved under the PFD for implementing over 350 welfare projects. About \$93.4 million of the approved amount is estimated to be spent by the end of 2010-11 while the remaining \$50.6 million is committed expenditure to be spent in the coming years.

With the publicity efforts made by the Administration in recent years, the PFD has become very popular with the welfare and business sectors. Over 150 applications involving \$70.49 million were received in the sixth round of applications launched in mid-2010. As these applications are currently under vetting by the Social Welfare Department, the total approved amount of PFD is expected to exceed \$200 million in 2011-12.

Promotional activities will be launched when the next round of applications for the PFD is rolled out in the latter half of 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

3758

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : At present, of the \$100 million for short-term food assistance services, there is still a balance of \$52.1 million. Will the Government relax the eligibility criteria for the short-term food assistance and extend the period for receiving food assistance? What is the estimated expenditure on the services in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The five short-term food assistance projects (the Projects) have served their purpose of providing immediate support to people in need. The operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) assess the eligibility and needs of target service users as well as the level and type of assistance to be provided to ensure that the assistance rendered is proper and adequate to meet the basic needs of the service users. Subject to review of individual case merits, the NGO operators can extend the period of assistance. NGOs also refer cases with longer-term welfare needs to other service units as appropriate. The estimated expenditure for the Projects in 2011-2012 is around \$24 million.

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Question Serial No.

3498

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the targets in paragraph 7 of the Brief Description that there will only be 50 additional foster care places in 2011-12 as compared with the 2010-11 revised estimate, whereas the provision of such places had no change at all in 2009-10 and 2010-11. In this connection, what criteria were adopted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the estimated demand of service places?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : SWD has all along closely monitored the demand for residential care for children through a central referral system (CRS). The CRS captures the number of children referred by social workers for residential care service. Foster care service has been a preferred option for children aged below 18 who require residential care service. An additional 50 places will be provided to meet the increasing service demand in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

3499

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As shown in the targets under this Programme in 2010-11 and 2011-12, the numbers and places of small group homes and residential homes for children have remained unchanged since 2008-09. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The Administration has provided a total of 100 additional residential care places for children in the past years, including 72 places in 2008-09 and 28 places in 2009-10, to assist families and children in need of residential care services. The increase in provision is based on service needs. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the service demand and utilisation in considering further service enhancement.

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Question Serial No.
 3500

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the age distribution of children staying in small group homes and residential homes for children? What is their average duration of stay? What is the proportion of the children who can return home and live with their parents again?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The age distribution of the children staying in small group homes and residential homes for children as at the end of February 2011 is as follows –

	Number of children			Total
	Age group			
	0 - 6	>6 - 12	>12 - 21	
Small group homes	11	370	426	807
Residential homes for children	217	356	916	1 489
Total	228	726	1 342	2 296

For the children who were discharged from small group homes or residential homes for children from 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011, their average duration of stay in the small group homes or residential homes is as follows –

	Average duration of stay (months)
Small group homes	42.95
Residential homes for children	18.07

The percentages of children who have returned home and lived with their parents/relatives upon discharge from small group homes or residential homes for children from 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011 are as follows –

	Percentage
Small group homes	69.77%
Residential homes for children	55.32%

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Question Serial No.
3520

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 11 in the Brief Description that the Administration continued to commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the new phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project. It is also mentioned in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to operate and monitor these projects. Please provide the following information –

- (a) How many single parents and child carers participated in the ND Project in 2010-11? What is their average age? What is their household size?
- (b) How many of them could rejoin the workforce through these projects?
- (c) How many NGOs are operating these projects? What is the operating cost?
- (d) How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, who are single parents and child carers, are estimated to have to participate in such projects in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply :
- (a) The third phase of the ND Project was launched in April 2010. Up to the end of January 2011, there had been 3 607 participants. The average age of the participants is 44. We are unable to provide information on the participants’ family condition as the computer system of the ND Project does not keep such information.
 - (b) Up to the end of January 2011, 494 participants had secured employment with working hours no less than 32 hours per month.

- (c) SWD has commissioned 11 NGOs to operate 12 ND projects. The estimated expenditure for the third phase of the ND Project is \$10.4 million and \$10.8 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.
- (d) The estimated number of participants for the ND Project in 2011-12 is 4 800.

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Question Serial No.

3521

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : There will be a net increase of four posts in 2011-12. What ranks are involved? What are their duties and salaries?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The net increase of four posts involves creation of seven posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Analyst/Programmer grades offset by deletion of three time-limited Statistical grades posts. The duties of the seven new posts are to coordinate the granting of Internet subsidy to needy students from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance families, strengthen the manpower support in social security field units to cope with the increase in Social Security Allowance caseload, and support the replacement of the Computerised Social Security System. The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of four posts is \$0.9 million.

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Question Serial No.
3522

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 17 of Targets under the Brief Description of this Programme that the number of places of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) is 2 600 in 2011-12, an increase of only 210 places over the 2 390 places in the revised estimate in 2010-11. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) how does the Social Welfare Department come up with the estimate that only 210 additional places are needed in 2011-12 when the Government recommends the elders to age in the community, and DEs play an important role in taking care of the elderly in the community;
- (b) the number of persons waiting for the service of DEs as at the end of February 2011; and
- (c) the reason for the reduction in the cost per place per month?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply :
- (a) The 210 additional day care places are planned with reference to the elderly population, service demand and availability of suitable premises.
 - (b) As at the end of February 2011, there was a total of 1 431 elders waiting for subsidised day care places.
 - (c) The decrease in the cost per place per month is mainly due to the decrease in administrative support cost.

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Question Serial No.

3523

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the figures shown in paragraph 17 under Indicators in the Brief Description of this Programme,

- (a) how many elders are waiting for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), and how many places are provided in the 18 districts as at the end of February 2011?
- (b) why does the estimated cost per case served per month remain unchanged in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : (a) As at the end of February 2011, there were 957 applicants waiting for frailty-tested services under IHCS and EHCCS. There are no separate waiting lists for individual districts.

The numbers of places provided under EHCCS and IHCS (frail cases) are 3 579 and 1 120 respectively. Besides, we also provide non-frail elders with home care services under IHCS. As at the end of February 2011, there were 20 311 elders using the non-frailty tested IHCS.

- (b) For IHCS, the slight decrease of \$1 in the cost per case served per month in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the decrease in administrative support cost partly offset by the increase in subventions for Other Charges. For EHCCS, the increase of \$16 in the cost per case served per month in the 2011-12 estimate as compared to the 2010-11 revised estimate is mainly due to the anticipated increase in contract prices as a result of price level adjustment.

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Question Serial No.
3524

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 144 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech that 1 500 additional places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) will be provided. Would the Administration please inform this committee of –

- (a) the location of these places by districts; and
- (b) the average cost per place per month.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : (a) The geographical distribution of the additional 1 500 EHCCS places to be provided in 2011-12 is as follows –

District	Number of EHCCS places
Hong Kong	50
East Kowloon	780
West Kowloon	390
New Territories East	70
New Territories West	210
Total	1 500

- (b) The estimated average cost per place per month in 2011-12 is \$3,243.

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Question Serial No.
 3525

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 145 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech that there will be an increase of \$130 million in the annual recurrent funding to provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places. Please inform this Committee of the respective numbers of additional places in nursing homes (NH), care-and-attention (C&A) homes and private residential care homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and C&A places (including those provided through the EBPS) is as follows –

Initiative	Number of places	
	NH	C&A
(1) Providing additional subsidised residential care places in existing contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	180	5
(2) Providing additional subsidised residential care places through one new contract RCHE	54	6
(3) Making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more places with continuum of care	0	232
(4) Providing additional subsidised C&A places through the EBPS	0	793
Total	1 270	

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Question Serial No.

3526

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12,” please provide the following information –

- (a) the Administration stated that it would continue to offer training courses for care staff serving persons with disabilities in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams. Please inform this Committee of the details of the training programme, the estimated number of trainees and the estimated expenditure; and
- (b) as regards providing training for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elders, please inform this Committee of the details of the training programme, the estimated number of trainees and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : In addition to the training arranged by non-governmental organisations for their staff, the Social Welfare Department will provide the following training in 2011-12 –

- (a) 150 training places at an estimated cost of \$39,800 for the care staff of the IHCS teams serving persons with disabilities. The training will cover subjects such as physical and psychological needs of persons with disabilities, occupational safety of care staff, and practical skills including physical care, nursing care as well as communication with persons with disabilities.
- (b) 300 training places at an estimated cost of \$162,000 for the professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders. The training will cover subjects such as medical, psychological and care needs of demented elders, support to carers, legal issues relating to the care of demented elders as well as caring skills for carers.

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Question Serial No.
3527

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12,” please provide the following information –

- (a) the Social Welfare Department stated that it would strengthen the care for the demented elders in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs). What measure will be introduced? What are the details? What is the expected number of beneficiaries and the amount required?
- (b) does the above measure refer to the increase of annual recurrent funding by \$45 million as supplements as stated in paragraph 147 in the Budget Speech? If no, how will the funding be distributed to RCHEs and DEs/DCUs so that the elders can receive targeted support?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : (a)&(b) To enhance the support for infirm and demented elders staying in subsidised RCHEs, and that for demented elders receiving day care services at DEs/DCUs, an additional recurrent funding of \$45 million will be provided to raise the Infirm Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) for the subsidised RCHEs concerned, and to extend the coverage of DS to DEs/DCUs starting from 2011-12.

The breakdown of the additional allocation of ICS and DS in 2011-12 is as follows –

	ICS	DS	Total
Amount of Additional Allocation (\$ million)	16.3	28.7	45

The distribution of the funding allocation amongst RCHEs and DEs/DCUs, and the number of beneficiaries are as follows –

Allocation of ICS/DS for subvented RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount of Allocation (\$ million)
ICS	1 420	83.8
DS	4 500	67.2

Allocation of DS for DEs/DCUs	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount of Allocation (\$ million)
DS	440	4.0

Apart from the above target beneficiaries, the ICS and DS will also benefit other service users of the RCHEs and DEs/DCUs concerned who are in need of infirmary or dementia care .

With the allocation of the supplements, RCHEs and DEs/DCUs can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers and care workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the care for the infirm and demented elders.

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Question Serial No.
 3528

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding residential care places for the elderly mentioned in the Brief Description under this Programme, please provide the following information as at the end of February 2011 –

- (a) the number of residential care places for self-care (S/C) hostels/homes for the aged (H/As), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and homes participating in the conversion of S/C and H/A places in each district (18 districts) respectively;
- (b) the number of people waitlisting for each type of care places; and
- (c) the waiting time for the services?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly by district and type of home as at the end of January 2011 was as follows –

District	Number of Places by Type of Home				
	H/A	C & A Home [Note 1]	NH	Contract Home [Note 3]	EBPS Home
Central & Western	37	205	0	153	493
Eastern	22	418	0	144	314
Wan Chai	0	462	0	0	54
Southern	246 ^[Note 2]	1 241	0	0	397
Islands	67	317	0	0	42
Kwun Tong	0	1 038	250	179	549
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 016	280	187	231
Sai Kung	0	702	292	0	0

District	Number of Places by Type of Home				
	H/A	C & A Home [Note 1]	NH	Contract Home [Note 3]	EBPS Home
Kowloon City	7	641	0	100	1 108
Sham Shui Po	30	768	0	70	282
Yau Tsim Mong	0	98	0	0	534
Sha Tin	0	1 201	0	0	0
Tai Po	0	1 171	0	0	98
North	0	865	299	0	326
Yuen Long	0	914	0	73	761
Tsuen Wan	0	507	316	74	771
Kwai Tsing	75	1 697	60	238	821
Tuen Mun	0	880	216	0	402
Total	518	14 141	1 713	1 218	7 183

[Note 1] C&A places also include the places providing continuum of care converted from the S/C and H/A participating in the conversion programme.

[Note 2] One elderly home in the district also provides 24 S/C hostel places in addition to H/A places.

[Note 3] Contract homes provide both NH and C&A places.

The Social Welfare Department has ceased to accept new application for placement in S/C Hostel and H/A since 1 January 2003. As at the end of February 2011, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places, and the respective average waiting time are as follows –

Type of subsidised residential care places	Number of elders on the waiting list and waiting time
C&A	
(a) Number of applicants ^[Note 1]	20 355
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 2]	
- Subvented homes and contract homes	34
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	9
NH ^[Note 3]	
(a) Number of applicants	6 388
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 2]	40

[Note 1] As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes, SWD only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.

[Note 2] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months.

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

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Question Serial No.
3529

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : A central allocation system for long-term care services is mentioned in paragraph 15 under the Brief Description. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the numbers of elders on the central waiting list for care-and-attention (C&A) homes who were allocated residential care places, withdrew their applications, passed away while waitlisting, or cancelled their applications for various reasons from March 2010 to February 2011; and
- (b) the numbers of elders on the central waiting list for nursing homes (NHs) who were allocated residential care places, withdrew their applications, passed away while waitlisting, or cancelled their applications for various reasons from March 2010 to February 2011.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : From March 2010 to February 2011, 9 397 and 31 511 elders were waitlisted for subsidised NH places and C&A places respectively. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the above period are set out below –

Reasons for leaving the waiting list	Number of NH applicants	Number of C&A applicants
Allocated places	603	4 156
Withdrew applications	263	2 251
Passed away	1 879	3 155
Other reasons (e.g. no longer required the service due to change of circumstances)	255	1 471

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Question Serial No.
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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding residential services for disabled persons, please set out in the table below the number of places, the number of people waitlisting for the places, the waiting time and cost per place as at the end of February 2011.

	Number of places	Number of people waitlisting for the places	Waiting time	Cost per case
Mental patients HWHs				
Mental patients LSCHs				
Mentally handicapped integrated vocational training centres				
Moderately mentally handicapped hostels				
Severely mentally handicapped hostels				
Physically handicapped hostels				
C&A/SDs				
C&A/ABs				
SGH(MMHC)s				
SHOSs				
Special child care centres				

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The requested information is as follows –

Type of service	Number of places (at the end of December 2010)	Number of applicants (at the end of December 2010)	Average waiting time in 2009-10 (in months)	2010-11 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
HWH	1 509	784	6.2	137.9
LSCH	1 507	1 113	31.8	152.5
IVTC(Res)	170	N.A. ^[Note]	N.A. ^[Note]	7.7
HMMH	2 269	1 407	79.1	152.5
HSMH	3 193	2 032	68.4	418.1
HSPH	573	405	61.9	78.1
C&A/SD	908	382	39.6	138.8
C&A/AB	825	89	3.2	98.9
SGH(MMHC)	64	52	23.1	5.0
SHOS	482	1 037	15.3	28.0
RSCCC	110	53	16.6	19.5

^[Note] IVTC admits service users directly and hence the Social Welfare Department does not capture any statistics in this respect.

Legend:

HWH – halfway house

LSCH – long stay care home

IVTC(Res) – integrated vocational training centre (residential service)

HMMH – hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH – hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH – hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&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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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)398

Question Serial No.

3533

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What is the cost per place per month for residential homes for children in the 2010-11 revised estimate and 2011-12 (Plan)?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The cost per place per month for residential homes for children is \$9,868 in the 2010-11 revised estimate and \$9,873 in 2011-12 estimate.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)399

Question Serial No.

3534

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that a new integrated family service centre (IFSC) to be operated by a non-governmental organisation will be set up. In which district will the centre be located?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The new IFSC will be set up in Sham Shui Po District.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)400

Question Serial No.

3535

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Given that an additional integrated family service centre (IFSC) will be set up, why are the estimated numbers of groups and programmes, whether organised by the government sector or the subvented sector, in 2011-12 lower than those in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by the IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2011-12 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) and does not reflect the actual number of groups and programmes to be provided. IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)401

Question Serial No.

3536

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Support for victims of domestic violence, batterer intervention and publicity on prevention of domestic violence are stated in “Matters Requiring Special Attention” in both 2010-11 and 2011-12. Please provide information on the following –

- (a) In which centres or locations are the supportive works carried out?
- (b) How many cases were served in the previous year? Where will the number of these cases be shown?
- (c) Is there any mechanism and regular review on the sufficiency and suitability of the services and places provided?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : (a) Under the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, particularly to those undergoing judicial proceedings, by the operating non-governmental organisation (NGO) throughout the territory. The operating NGO has set up suitable service delivery points in different districts to provide easy access to the services by service users.

After the completion of the two-year pilot project of Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) in 2008, BIP has become an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the 11 family and child protective services units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) throughout the territory.

In 2010-11 and 2011-12, the publicity campaign on prevention of domestic violence has been and will continue to be conducted in all districts through various channels including the media and publicity on the transportation networks.

- (b) The VSP has commenced operation since June 2010. Up to 31 December 2010, the VSP has served 258 service users. The estimated total number of service users will increase to 380 by 31 March 2011.

In 2010-11, a total of 81 batterers participated in BIP implemented by SWD.

These statistics are kept by SWD for the purpose of service monitoring and can be released upon request.

- (c) On-going assessment of the performance of the operating NGO of VSP is conducted. In addition, feedback is collected continuously from concerned stakeholders, including the service users and referrers.

The two-year pilot project of BIP completed in 2008 proved to be effective in helping the abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, a follow-up study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period.

SWD will continue to monitor the implementation of VSP and BIP to ensure that the service needs are met.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)402

Question Serial No.

3860

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) will be regularised and be implemented in 18 districts. Please give information on the following –

- (a) How many projects are set up for this purpose and in which districts will these projects be set up?
- (b) How many places will be provided by each project?
- (c) What is the annual funding for each project?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

- Reply :
- (a) There will be a total of 18 projects under the NSCCP upon its extension, with one project in each of the 18 districts.
 - (b) Each project will provide at least 26 home-based child care places and 14 centre-based care group places.
 - (c) The Administration has reserved \$33 million for the regularisation of the pilot NSCCP and its extension to all 18 districts in 2011-12. Subject to budgetary approval, the provision for each of the 18 projects will be worked out and stated in the new service specification.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The estimate for 2011-12 is \$107.6 million higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. The increase is due to, amongst others, the full-year effect of new projects implemented in 2010-11. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the new projects involved? How is the provision distributed among the projects?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The major projects implemented in 2010-11 and the increase in provision due to the full-year effect in 2011-12 are as follows –

	<u>Additional Provision in 2011-12 (\$ million)</u>
(i) Extension of contract for provision of services to torture claimants and asylum seekers	12.9
(ii) Victim Support Programme	1.6
(iii) Residential services for vulnerable children	1.0
Total	<u>15.5</u>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the indicators of paragraph 12 in the Brief Description that the estimated Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases to be served will decrease in 2011-12.

- (a) What are the reasons?
- (b) If the number of cases decreases, why is it that the average time for processing a new case by field units remains the same?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : (a) The projected number of CSSA cases to be served in 2011-12 is estimated based on the latest available statistics on CSSA caseload and applications at the time of preparing the estimates. With the slight decline in the CSSA caseload recently, it is estimated that there will be a drop of 1 000 (or less than 0.3%) cases to be served in 2011-12 when comparing with 2010-11.

- (b) While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to processing applications for CSSA without delay, for prudent use of public resources, we have to carefully assess the eligibility of the applicants. Upon receipt of a new application, staff of SWD will conduct investigation into the applicant's circumstances and verify the information provided through office interview(s) and home visit(s). SWD staff will also need to check supporting documents such as the proofs of assets and income and seek information from other government department(s) and organisation(s) (including bank(s)) as circumstances may warrant. The processing time is affected by the time taken by the applicants to provide documents and other government departments and organisations to provide information. We take the actual average time in processing a new case in 2009-10 to be the estimated average time in 2011-12.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 11 in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department will continue to commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate employment assistance projects. Please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients joining the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) and Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) in 2010-11, their average age and family conditions;
- (b) the number of recipients who could rejoin the workforce through the above Scheme/Programme;
- (c) the number of NGOs that operated the above Scheme/Programme and the operating cost; and
- (d) the estimated number of CSSA recipients who have to join the Scheme/Programme in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply : The required information on IEAS and My STEP is as follows –

	IEAS	My STEP
(a) Number of participants (cumulative from implementation up to the end of January 2011)	85 786	838
(b) Average age of participants	42	20
(c) Number of participants secured full-time employment (cumulative from implementation up to the end of January 2011)	16 037	306

	IEAS	My STEP
(d) Number of operating NGOs	30 NGOs operating 60 projects	Four NGOs operating five projects
(e) Estimated expenditure in 2010-11 (\$ million)	60.3	6.0
(f) Estimated number of participants in 2011-12	34 500	400

We are unable to provide information on the participants' family condition as the computer systems of IEAS and My STEP do not keep such information.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)406

Question Serial No.

0165

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is estimated that there will be an increase by 54 posts in the Social Welfare Department in 2011-12. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the expenditure involved in the additional posts?
- (b) whether the additional posts are permanent posts? If no, what type of posts are they?
- (c) the titles and work details of the additional posts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 54 posts is \$26.6 million. All the posts are civil service posts to be created on the permanent establishment. Details of the 54 posts in 2011-12 are as follows –

Programme	Number and Type(s) of Posts	Purpose for Post Creation
(1) Family and Child Welfare	Net increase of 16 posts including creation of 17 posts in the Social Work Officer grade offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post.	To extend the coverage of the Comprehensive Child Development Service to the whole territory.
(2) Social Security	Net increase of four posts including creation of seven posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant and Analyst/ Programmer grades offset by deletion of three time-limited Statistical grades posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To coordinate the granting of Internet subsidy to needy students from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance families; <li>(ii) To strengthen the manpower support in social security field units to cope with the increase in Social Security Allowance caseload; and <li>(iii) To support the replacement of the Computerised Social Security System.
(3) Services for Elders	Net increase of five posts including creation of six posts in the Social Work Assistant and Registered Nurse grades offset by deletion of one supporting general grades post.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To strengthen the manpower support for the assessment of long-term care needs of elders; and <li>(ii) To strengthen the manpower support for the inspection of residential care homes for the elderly.

Programme	Number and Type(s) of Posts	Purpose for Post Creation
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	Net increase of 29 posts including creation of 34 posts in the Social Work Officer, Station Officer/Divisional Officer and Survey Officer grades offset by deletion of five supporting general grades posts.	<p>(i) To strengthen the psychiatric medical social services for persons with mental health problems;</p> <p>(ii) To enhance the service provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders; and</p> <p>(iii) To strengthen support to the registration office of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and handle statutory duties related to building and fire safety, general management and health care of RCHDs.</p>

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)407

Question Serial No.

0463

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of Children and Youth Centres (CYCs) will be reduced from 24 to 23 in 2011-12. What are the reasons? What is the location of the CYC to be closed down? What is the annual expenditure of each centre?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The reduction in the number of CYC from 24 to 23 in 2011-12 is due to the pooling of resources of one CYC in Ngau Tau Kok to form a new Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre (ICYSC) to provide a wide range of services for youth in the same locality. The average allocation for an ICYSC is about \$6 million per annum.

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LWB(WW)408

Question Serial No.

1124

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund (the Fund), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) in 2010-11, how much of the Fund will be spent on subsidising athletes with disabilities? How many athletes have benefited from the Fund? What is the funding amount for each athlete? In which sports competitions have these athletes participated?
- (b) what is the current balance of the Fund? What was the expenditure over the past three years?
- (c) in 2011-12, what is the estimated expenditure of the Fund? How many athletes will be benefited from the Fund? What is the estimated funding amount for each athlete?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : (a) Established in 2001 with \$50 million, the Fund provides support to athletes with disabilities through –

- (1) grants to sports associations for the development of target sports;
- (2) subsistence grants to athletes with disabilities; and
- (3) employment facilitating grants to retired athletes with disabilities.

In 2010-11, a total amount of about \$3.9 million was approved under the Fund, including \$2.2 million allocated to four sports associations for developing 14 target sports for athletes with disabilities, and \$1.7 million to 95 athletes with disabilities as subsistence grants to facilitate their participation in various international competitions e.g. the 2008 Paralympic Games. The amount of subsistence grant for each athlete ranged from \$667 to \$2,080 per month.

- (b) The payments made during the period from 2007-08 to 2009-10 were as follows –

Year	Actual grant payment (\$ million)
2007-08	3.65
2008-09	4.05
2009-10	3.96

As at the beginning of March 2011, the balance of the Fund was \$36.9 million.

- (c) In 2011-12, an allocation of \$3.16 million has been reserved under the Fund for development of target sports by sports associations and subsistence grants to 90 athletes with disabilities. The level of subsistence grant for each athlete is the same as 2010-11.

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LWB(WW)409

Question Serial No.
3165

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide information in the following format –

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Particulars of NCSC staff position				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
- \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
- \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
- Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
- Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
- 5 years or above	()	()	()	()
- 3 – 5 years	()	()	()	()
- 1 – 3 years	()	()	()	()
- less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff not appointed as civil servants	()	()	()	()
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : Information on the full-time NCSC staff ^[Note] employed in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) between 2008-09 to 2010-11 is appended below. Information on 2011-12 is not available as the NCSC staff position changes constantly.

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff as at 31 December of the financial year	322 (-20%)	405 (-4%)	423
Breakdown of NCSC staff positions:			
- Executive support & project management	24 (+20%)	20 (-29%)	28
- General & clerical support services	157 (-22%)	201 (+14%)	177
- IT support services	4 (0%)	4 (0%)	4
- Customer services & marketing work	110 (-33%)	165 (-18%)	200
- Health care and welfare services	27 (+80%)	15 (+7%)	14
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff in the financial year (in \$ million)	41 (N/A) (up to 31 January 2011)	54 (-19%)	67
Breakdown of salaries:			
\$30,001 or above	9 (+29%)	7 (-40%)	5
- \$16,001-\$30,000	27 (0%)	27 (-10%)	30
- \$8,001-\$16,000	183 (-28%)	253 (+19%)	213
- \$6,501-\$8,000	24 (+200%)	8 (-88%)	68
- \$5,001-\$6,500	79 (-27%)	108 (+3%)	105
- \$5,000 or below	0 (-100%)	2 (0%)	2
- No. of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	0 (-100%)	2 (0%)	2
- No. of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	79 (-27%)	108 (+3%)	105

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Length of employment in years:			
- 5 years or above	141 (+4%)	136 (-6%)	145
- 3 – 5 years	39 (-59%)	96 (+26%)	76
- 1 – 3 years	97 (-18%)	118 (+11%)	106
- less than 1 year	45 (-18%)	55 (-43%)	96
Number of NCSC staff who have been employed 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. However, for the recruitment exercises conducted by SWD in the financial years in question, about 218 NCSC staff of the Department have been appointed as civil servants.		
Number of NCSC staff who failed to be employed as civil servants			
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the department	6% (-14%)	7% (-13%)	8%
Percentage of expenditure on NCSC staff in the total staff expenditure in the financial year	2.4% (N/A) (up to 31 January 2011)	2.6% (-21%)	3.3%
Number of NCSC staff with paid lunch break	322 (-20%)	403 (-4%)	421
Number of NCSC staff with unpaid lunch break	0 (-100%)	2 (0%)	2
Number of NCSC staff with five working days per week	Information for 2008-09 and 2009-10 is not available. Currently, all NCSC staff normally work five days per week. However, as some may work irregular shift, they may work for more than 5 days for a particular week and are compensated with day-off in another week.		
Number of NCSC staff with six working days per week			

[Note] "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 four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week, is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)410

Question Serial No.
3166

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : On engaging agency workers, please provide the following information –

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for 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 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : For the period in question, the Social Welfare Department has not engaged any agency worker.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : On engaging “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information –

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of 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 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : Information on engaging outsourced workers by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2008-09 to 2010-11 is appended below. Information on 2011-12 is not available as the number of outsourced workers may vary in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts [Note 1]	Not available (N.A.)	69 (+16.9%)	59 (-21.3%)	75 (-)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	N.A.	\$35.9 million (+44.2%) [Note 2]	\$24.9 million (-5.3%)	\$26.3 million (-)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	N.A.	One to four years		
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	N.A.	Information not available		
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)	N.A.	Information not available		
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • number of workers with salary below \$5,824 • number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 	N.A.	Information not available		

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or longer • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	N.A.	Information not available		
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	N.A.	Information not available		
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	N.A.	1.7% (+30.8%)	1.3% (-)	1.3% (-)
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	N.A.	Information not available		
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	N.A.	Information not available		

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

[Note 1] These refer to outsourced service contracts (cleansing, security guard, telecommunications and information technology, employment agencies, training, horticulture, catering and medical care & support) with contract value over \$50,000 awarded during the year, including services provided to the service centres operated by SWD, and also the procurement of services of employment agencies for information technology services under the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer's bulk contract.

[Note 2] Including some project payments made at the end of the contracts.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)412

Question Serial No.
0128

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of CSSA households and recipients in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved;
- (b) the numbers of households and recipients who are currently on CSSA and living in each public housing estate over the territory, and these numbers as a percentage to the total numbers of households and residents in that estate and the expenditure involved;
- (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 various districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved; 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 public housing estate and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : (a) We do not keep record of expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Central & Western	3 646	4 519
Eastern	14 315	21 969

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Islands	4 691	9 868
Kowloon City	12 953	18 620
Kwai Tsing	27 426	47 586
Kwun Tong	36 669	63 789
North	14 664	24 612
Sai Kung	9 223	16 985
Sha Tin	17 829	31 151
Sham Shui Po	25 397	38 419
Southern	8 724	12 733
Tai Po	9 560	15 385
Tsuen Wan	8 482	13 319
Tuen Mun	21 696	34 107
Wan Chai	2 090	2 358
Wong Tai Sin	22 284	36 995
Yau Tsim Mong	11 318	14 687
Yuen Long	28 631	52 845
Total ^[Note 2]	279 598	459 947

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

(b) We do not keep record of expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The numbers and percentages of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	592	14%	1 162	9%
Bo Shek Mansion	67	25%	97	15%
Broadview Garden	32	7%	56	4%
Butterfly	1 393	26%	2 286	19%
Chai Wan	317	23%	489	15%
Chak On	542	31%	884	21%
Cheung Ching	668	14%	1 379	9%
Cheung Fat	451	32%	729	21%
Cheung Hang	614	14%	1 083	8%
Cheung Hong	1 458	18%	2 650	12%
Cheung Kwai	69	15%	139	9%
Cheung On	538	36%	867	21%
Cheung Shan	181	11%	408	8%
Cheung Wah	785	35%	1 449	23%
Cheung Wang	1 032	24%	2 293	18%
Ching Ho	2 066	29%	4 332	22%
Cho Yiu Chuen	264	11%	446	6%
Choi Fai	206	16%	396	9%
Choi Fook	546	25%	993	17%
Choi Ha	256	41%	402	26%
Choi Hung	1 542	21%	2 768	15%
Choi Ming Court	721	26%	1 585	17%
Choi Tak	247	19%	453	13%
Choi Wan (I)	881	15%	1 830	10%
Choi Wan (II)	454	16%	941	10%
Choi Ying	1 006	25%	1 849	18%
Choi Yuen	1 390	28%	2 391	18%
Chuk Yuen (North)	630	43%	1 070	26%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 558	27%	2 710	17%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	149	15%	252	9%
Chun Shek	470	22%	788	14%
Chung On	703	25%	1 480	16%
Clague Garden Estate	78	15%	150	9%
Easeful Court	67	13%	253	12%
Fortune	839	40%	1 218	25%
Fu Cheong	2 185	37%	3 716	22%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Fu Heng	804	39%	1 455	26%
Fu Shan	318	21%	556	14%
Fu Shin	829	31%	1 611	22%
Fu Tai	1 122	22%	2 836	15%
Fu Tung	221	14%	506	9%
Fuk Loi	566	18%	987	13%
Fung Tak	753	54%	1 086	36%
Fung Wah	146	36%	232	22%
Grandeur Terrace	983	24%	2 987	20%
Hau Tak	754	18%	1 423	11%
Healthy Village	137	12%	226	7%
Heng On	460	41%	893	26%
High Prosperity Terrace	77	10%	247	8%
Hin Keng	416	47%	787	29%
Hin Yiu	220	28%	409	20%
Hing Man	317	16%	660	11%
Hing Tin	195	36%	422	24%
Hing Tung	339	16%	615	9%
Hing Wah (I)	528	23%	973	13%
Hing Wah (II)	854	25%	1 459	17%
Ho Man Tin	1 101	24%	1 891	14%
Hoi Fu Court	950	34%	1 808	21%
Hoi Lai	970	20%	2 552	14%
Hong Tung	231	51%	299	35%
Hung Hom	284	34%	428	20%
Jat Min Chuen	514	14%	862	8%
Ka Fuk	447	23%	831	13%
Ka Wai Chuen	322	20%	503	11%
Kai Tin	552	25%	871	14%
Kai Yip	1 165	28%	1 859	20%
Kam Peng	49	20%	96	13%
Kin Ming	1 523	22%	3 618	17%
Kin Sang	217	34%	382	21%
King Lam	790	44%	1 194	31%
Ko Cheung Court	315	18%	962	14%
Ko Yee	302	26%	490	14%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Kwai Chung	3 255	24%	6 359	17%
Kwai Fong	1 253	20%	2 311	12%
Kwai Hing	166	45%	297	32%
Kwai Shing (East)	1 404	23%	2 572	14%
Kwai Shing (West)	879	17%	1 666	11%
Kwong Fuk	1 085	18%	2 122	11%
Kwong Tin	352	16%	644	9%
Kwong Yuen	722	47%	1 191	30%
Kwun Lung Lau	176	11%	278	6%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	808	17%	1 399	10%
Lai King	784	19%	1 483	13%
Lai Kok	839	30%	1 348	19%
Lai On	303	22%	444	12%
Lai Tak Tsuen	222	9%	403	5%
Lai Yiu	522	19%	968	12%
Lakeside Garden	31	13%	70	9%
Lam Tin	705	24%	1 276	16%
Lee On	725	20%	1 424	12%
Lei Cheng Uk	646	46%	1 135	31%
Lei Muk Shue	1 951	50%	3 833	38%
Lei Tung	795	28%	1 294	18%
Lei Yue Mun	894	28%	1 787	19%
Lek Yuen	643	20%	1 169	14%
Leung King	1 035	32%	1 837	21%
Lok Fu	780	22%	1 291	12%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	504	14%	870	8%
Lok Wah (North)	360	12%	820	8%
Lok Wah (South)	2 014	30%	3 160	22%
Long Bin Interim Housing	154	28%	175	19%
Long Ping	1 354	29%	2 823	20%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	1 016	55%	1 659	37%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	1 022	16%	1 825	9%
Lung Hang	661	15%	1 536	11%
Lung Tin	113	33%	156	22%
Ma Hang	106	12%	214	7%
Ma Tau Wai	438	21%	799	15%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Mei Lam	823	20%	1 448	13%
Mei Tin	1 318	24%	2 716	18%
Mei Tung	372	28%	623	19%
Ming Tak	309	21%	538	12%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	249	11%	395	6%
Model Housing	106	16%	235	10%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	128	14%	222	9%
Nam Cheong	307	38%	547	25%
Nam Shan	638	24%	1 100	16%
Nga Ning Court	62	15%	150	10%
Ngan Wan	65	16%	129	10%
Oi Man	894	14%	1 907	10%
Oi Tung	1 209	32%	1 897	20%
On Tin	163	23%	521	17%
On Ting	1 166	23%	1 904	15%
On Yam	915	17%	1 753	11%
Pak Tin	2 444	29%	4 122	17%
Ping Shek	674	15%	1 258	10%
Ping Tin	1 553	29%	2 580	17%
Po Lam	668	31%	1 322	21%
Po Tat	2 126	29%	4 536	19%
Po Tin	1 802	28%	2 116	23%
Po Tin Interim Housing	423	27%	443	20%
Pok Hong	577	44%	1 104	30%
Prosperous Garden	110	17%	135	8%
Sai Wan	64	10%	157	7%
Sam Shing	288	16%	567	11%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	878	23%	1 676	17%
Sau Mau Ping	3 473	29%	6 580	18%
Sha Kok	1 482	24%	2 535	16%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	79	12%	186	6%
Shan King	1 599	24%	2 943	17%
Shek Kip Mei	1 567	32%	2 660	20%
Shek Lei (I)	1 230	26%	2 213	16%
Shek Lei (II)	2 073	28%	4 061	18%
Shek Mun	397	20%	704	15%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Shek Pai Wan	857	17%	1 587	10%
Shek Wai Kok	1 107	18%	2 129	12%
Shek Yam (East)	575	24%	912	14%
Shek Yam	731	28%	1 598	18%
Sheung Lok	165	50%	202	35%
Sheung Tak	1 251	23%	2 776	14%
Shui Pin Wai	750	32%	1 316	21%
Shun Lee	810	19%	1 460	12%
Shun On	716	25%	1 223	16%
Shun Tin	1 437	21%	2 725	14%
Siu Sai Wan	803	13%	1 664	8%
So Uk	204	19%	326	11%
Sun Chui	1 170	18%	2 219	12%
Sun Tin Wai	527	16%	1 060	11%
Tai Hang Tung	645	33%	960	19%
Tai Hing	2 002	24%	3 349	17%
Tai Ping	105	29%	275	21%
Tai Wo	941	41%	1 535	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 435	20%	2 643	12%
Tai Yuen	841	18%	1 910	13%
Tak Tin	1 124	51%	1 666	36%
Tin Chak	1 137	29%	2 429	20%
Tin Ching	1 685	28%	3 438	21%
Tin Heng	1 428	25%	4 627	20%
Tin King	279	26%	572	17%
Tin Ping	487	36%	995	23%
Tin Shui	1 370	18%	2 761	11%
Tin Tsz	935	29%	1 556	17%
Tin Wah	1 069	29%	2 121	18%
Tin Wan	704	23%	1 109	12%
Tin Yan	1 678	32%	2 785	26%
Tin Yat	777	23%	2 458	19%
Tin Yiu	1 570	19%	3 214	12%
Tin Yuet	1 222	30%	2 660	21%
Tsing Yi	310	37%	525	24%
Tsui Lam	419	23%	937	16%

Public housing estate	CSSA household	Percentage to total household in public housing estate	CSSA recipient	Percentage to total population in public housing estate
Tsui Lok	150	47%	257	32%
Tsui Ping (South)	785	17%	1 277	10%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 787	52%	2 924	37%
Tsui Wan	233	36%	381	22%
Tsz Ching	2 272	29%	3 894	17%
Tsz Hong	478	24%	1 423	18%
Tsz Lok	1 472	24%	2 625	14%
Tsz Man	405	21%	808	13%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	29	12%	50	6%
Tung Tau	1 540	48%	2 279	30%
Un Chau	1 662	28%	2 540	16%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	2 016	31%	3 125	19%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 351	29%	2 277	18%
Verbena Heights	223	24%	311	16%
Wah Fu	1 258	14%	2 496	9%
Wah Kwai	459	40%	686	25%
Wah Lai	305	21%	759	16%
Wah Ming	818	42%	1 471	26%
Wah Sum	365	25%	756	15%
Wan Hon	558	58%	849	43%
Wan Tau Tong	335	45%	531	29%
Wan Tsui	649	18%	1 245	12%
Wang Tau Hom	896	16%	1 641	9%
Wo Che	1 013	16%	2 284	11%
Wo Lok	453	24%	780	17%
Wu King	571	13%	1 392	9%
Yat Tung	2 457	21%	6 439	16%
Yau Lai	1 438	22%	3 010	16%
Yau Oi	1 658	19%	3 360	13%
Yau Tong	1 029	29%	2 052	19%
Yiu On	440	35%	823	22%
Yiu Tung	951	18%	1 615	10%
Yue Kwong Chuen	88	9%	140	5%
Yue Wan	434	20%	802	13%
Yung Shing Court	536	32%	1 225	19%
Total	170 096	24%	319 880	15%

(c) The numbers of CSSA cases by nature of cases and by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 394	261	289	212	121	300	69	3 646
Eastern	8 603	1 161	1 086	1 517	638	1 013	297	14 315
Islands	1 713	240	438	886	518	687	209	4 691
Kowloon City	7 811	730	1 075	1 320	488	1 269	260	12 953
Kwai Tsing	14 866	2 206	2 168	3 076	1 776	2 745	589	27 426
Kwun Tong	21 682	1 646	2 809	4 557	2 092	3 179	704	36 669
North	7 748	936	1 327	2 092	611	1 430	520	14 664
Sai Kung	4 152	875	981	1 296	728	858	333	9 223
Sha Tin	8 893	1 483	1 929	2 511	898	1 496	619	17 829
Sham Shui Po	13 844	1 078	2 452	2 603	1 191	3 601	628	25 397
Southern	5 232	1 162	676	695	364	379	216	8 724
Tai Po	5 690	504	996	1 091	341	680	258	9 560
Tsuen Wan	5 115	436	581	1 047	401	675	227	8 482
Tuen Mun	11 067	2 198	2 292	2 508	666	2 394	571	21 696
Wan Chai	1 310	94	138	101	46	302	99	2 090
Wong Tai Sin	12 974	1 204	1 833	2 668	1 267	1 914	424	22 284
Yau Tsim Mong	5 381	354	1 182	1 049	354	2 641	357	11 318
Yuen Long	12 589	1 831	2 936	4 929	1 691	3 851	804	28 631
Total ^[Note 2]	151 064	18 399	25 188	34 158	14 191	29 414	7 184	279 598

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

The numbers of CSSA recipients by nature of cases and by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 1]	Case nature
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	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 480	302	377	521	402	336	101	4 519
Eastern	10 609	1 570	1 843	3 663	2 157	1 746	381	21 969
Islands	2 292	419	1 025	2 317	1 834	1 691	290	9 868
Kowloon City	9 054	950	1 502	3 204	1 575	1 934	401	18 620
Kwai Tsing	19 869	3 296	3 956	7 660	6 156	5 601	1 048	47 586
Kwun Tong	29 942	2 556	5 240	11 272	6 904	6 689	1 186	63 789
North	9 959	1 328	2 388	5 222	2 003	2 898	814	24 612
Sai Kung	5 587	1 261	1 955	3 422	2 456	1 931	373	16 985
Sha Tin	11 632	2 207	3 799	6 154	2 995	3 147	1 217	31 151
Sham Shui Po	17 279	1 585	3 450	6 277	3 759	5 096	973	38 419
Southern	6 338	1 515	1 086	1 691	1 168	659	276	12 733
Tai Po	7 221	773	1 899	2 642	1 152	1 307	391	15 385
Tsuen Wan	6 392	648	929	2 520	1 360	1 086	384	13 319
Tuen Mun	14 486	2 769	3 591	6 020	2 245	4 211	785	34 107
Wan Chai	1 332	93	147	241	161	280	104	2 358
Wong Tai Sin	17 160	1 809	3 118	6 578	4 076	3 628	626	36 995
Yau Tsim Mong	5 913	462	1 412	2 370	1 080	2 950	500	14 687
Yuen Long	16 892	2 771	5 443	12 372	6 050	8 104	1 213	52 845
Total ^[Note 2]	194 437	26 314	43 160	84 146	47 533	53 294	11 063	459 947

[Note 1] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 2] Excluding cases under the Portable CSSA Scheme.

(d) The numbers of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	263	72	51	112	43	35	16	592
Bo Shek Mansion	59	1	1	3	3	-	-	67
Broadview Garden	13	3	3	7	2	4	-	32
Butterfly	800	64	121	230	29	121	28	1 393
Chai Wan	214	8	23	35	10	23	4	317
Chak On	363	7	43	73	8	42	6	542
Cheung Ching	335	39	55	77	51	90	21	668
Cheung Fat	262	31	42	46	20	45	5	451
Cheung Hang	361	36	47	60	34	66	10	614
Cheung Hong	907	85	78	168	60	134	26	1 458
Cheung Kwai	28	3	8	8	10	12	-	69
Cheung On	312	47	49	47	20	53	10	538
Cheung Shan	100	10	13	19	18	17	4	181
Cheung Wah	444	28	85	111	41	63	13	785
Cheung Wang	353	65	108	172	125	188	21	1 032
Ching Ho	816	49	172	553	148	260	68	2 066
Cho Yiu Chuen	191	10	9	12	16	22	4	264
Choi Fai	99	6	27	23	18	30	3	206
Choi Fook	286	8	27	103	42	66	14	546
Choi Ha	183	13	13	14	9	24	-	256
Choi Hung	919	59	131	215	82	118	18	1 542
Choi Ming Court	265	57	100	112	97	82	8	721
Choi Tak	113	10	11	60	14	28	11	247
Choi Wan (I)	421	52	99	141	68	80	20	881
Choi Wan (II)	234	12	47	82	35	36	8	454
Choi Ying	484	19	70	231	53	132	17	1 006
Choi Yuen	863	54	106	190	33	114	30	1 390
Chuk Yuen (North)	350	37	73	66	39	53	12	630
Chuk Yuen (South)	891	70	130	275	59	120	13	1 558
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	109	4	4	11	5	16	-	149
Chun Shek	286	15	48	59	26	27	9	470
Chung On	274	60	89	103	46	102	29	703
Clague Garden Estate	61	-	-	6	7	4	-	78
Easeful Court	13	3	7	14	18	11	1	67
Fortune	577	34	73	41	37	72	5	839
Fu Cheong	1 380	61	187	196	170	178	13	2 185

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Fu Heng	439	51	118	82	33	76	5	804
Fu Shan	181	15	25	37	27	29	4	318
Fu Shin	444	39	89	141	31	68	17	829
Fu Tai	402	105	103	175	125	195	17	1 122
Fu Tung	87	15	21	52	19	26	1	221
Fuk Loi	367	26	37	71	20	34	11	566
Fung Tak	500	36	75	44	31	59	8	753
Fung Wah	91	14	10	12	7	11	1	146
Grandeur Terrace	133	27	99	342	164	200	18	983
Hau Tak	382	48	82	101	54	79	8	754
Healthy Village	103	4	7	13	6	4	-	137
Heng On	233	16	59	64	34	33	21	460
High Prosperity Terrace	5	2	8	24	21	15	2	77
Hin Keng	212	30	46	48	29	37	14	416
Hin Yiu	92	13	30	52	10	18	5	220
Hing Man	139	28	24	56	34	31	5	317
Hing Tin	90	11	23	36	23	9	3	195
Hing Tung	193	16	36	51	17	25	1	339
Hing Wah (I)	287	54	50	55	41	36	5	528
Hing Wah (II)	541	50	49	119	28	61	6	854
Ho Man Tin	635	59	114	110	81	85	17	1 101
Hoi Fu Court	602	26	63	97	67	90	5	950
Hoi Lai	300	33	74	222	175	149	17	970
Hong Tung	216	2	4	6	2	1	-	231
Hung Hom	203	9	22	18	13	19	-	284
Jat Min Chuen	355	24	37	36	21	36	5	514
Ka Fuk	257	21	38	50	19	53	9	447
Ka Wai Chuen	242	9	22	13	10	26	-	322
Kai Tin	347	33	50	49	28	41	4	552
Kai Yip	826	38	66	140	24	60	11	1 165
Kam Peng	30	2	4	4	2	7	-	49
Kin Ming	389	93	218	378	192	237	16	1 523
Kin Sang	97	10	30	30	17	26	7	217
King Lam	453	65	95	73	34	66	4	790
Ko Cheung Court	45	10	31	118	56	46	9	315
Ko Yee	212	10	16	28	11	22	3	302
Kwai Chung	1 170	204	318	669	324	490	80	3 255
Kwai Fong	657	101	126	128	101	120	20	1 253
Kwai Hing	93	10	17	22	7	14	3	166

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kwai Shing (East)	736	94	118	166	112	166	12	1 404
Kwai Shing (West)	485	45	73	122	46	88	20	879
Kwong Fuk	519	52	130	189	69	91	35	1 085
Kwong Tin	175	21	33	54	25	34	10	352
Kwong Yuen	377	63	82	73	27	68	32	722
Kwun Lung Lau	110	8	10	11	17	18	2	176
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	535	28	65	54	50	68	8	808
Lai King	450	40	54	89	58	77	16	784
Lai Kok	500	44	62	127	28	65	13	839
Lai On	202	24	26	26	8	17	-	303
Lai Tak Tsuen	136	19	25	12	13	17	-	222
Lai Yiu	295	31	31	49	46	59	11	522
Lakeside Garden	18	2	5	4	-	2	-	31
Lam Tin	397	10	43	124	54	63	14	705
Lee On	312	54	123	111	33	79	13	725
Lei Cheng Uk	352	33	46	84	34	86	11	646
Lei Muk Shue	847	107	174	362	191	227	43	1 951
Lei Tung	448	63	66	103	31	55	29	795
Lei Yue Mun	436	35	78	146	81	98	20	894
Lek Yuen	343	45	56	108	25	53	13	643
Leung King	548	56	111	122	41	131	26	1 035
Lok Fu	399	57	85	107	39	84	9	780
Lok Man Sun Chuen	320	23	38	34	26	59	4	504
Lok Wah (North)	156	25	40	58	28	45	8	360
Lok Wah (South)	1 522	50	104	181	26	113	18	2 014
Long Bin Interim Housing	34	8	18	11	2	74	7	154
Long Ping	561	66	139	301	98	161	28	1 354
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	538	61	99	152	41	107	18	1 016
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	505	69	93	165	51	121	18	1 022
Lung Hang	244	26	76	116	81	73	45	661
Lung Tin	70	13	8	7	2	12	1	113
Ma Hang	45	5	14	21	11	7	3	106
Ma Tau Wai	229	18	34	104	16	33	4	438
Mei Lam	431	40	81	147	39	66	19	823
Mei Tin	362	63	155	352	137	199	50	1 318
Mei Tung	233	11	24	44	12	35	13	372
Ming Tak	175	20	26	41	18	27	2	309
Ming Wah Dai Ha	173	16	18	7	9	25	1	249
Model Housing	43	9	8	15	20	7	4	106

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91	3	13	8	4	8	1	128
Nam Cheong	179	17	23	37	12	37	2	307
Nam Shan	351	22	61	121	20	47	16	638
Nga Ning Court	13	1	5	17	11	12	3	62
Ngan Wan	31	4	7	14	4	5	-	65
Oi Man	380	48	110	197	67	81	11	894
Oi Tung	783	67	92	152	59	50	6	1 209
On Tin	25	4	11	47	36	36	4	163
On Ting	651	75	107	153	30	127	23	1 166
On Yam	521	56	76	69	85	92	16	915
Pak Tin	1 480	62	229	268	160	206	39	2 444
Ping Shek	393	38	55	88	28	65	7	674
Ping Tin	949	82	123	169	91	116	23	1 553
Po Lam	311	48	57	124	52	61	15	668
Po Tat	1 065	66	185	304	238	238	30	2 126
Po Tin	889	115	272	114	16	372	24	1 802
Po Tin Interim Housing	127	33	86	12	4	155	6	423
Pok Hong	293	16	81	84	43	48	12	577
Prosperous Garden	101	-	3	1	1	4	-	110
Sai Wan	31	1	12	4	9	5	2	64
Sam Shing	134	19	21	60	9	34	11	288
Sau Mau Ping (South)	403	19	67	195	64	110	20	878
Sau Mau Ping	2 030	143	274	390	279	305	52	3 473
Sha Kok	847	82	135	201	41	103	73	1 482
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	42	5	13	5	7	6	1	79
Shan King	818	84	151	273	61	171	41	1 599
Shek Kip Mei	949	53	142	189	91	120	23	1 567
Shek Lei (I)	699	95	82	157	74	97	26	1 230
Shek Lei (II)	964	125	162	278	199	288	57	2 073
Shek Mun	93	13	46	126	19	76	24	397
Shek Pai Wan	475	68	71	72	87	66	18	857
Shek Wai Kok	620	50	99	170	57	91	20	1 107
Shek Yam (East)	367	41	41	35	25	57	9	575
Shek Yam	404	54	46	76	65	76	10	731
Sheung Lok	143	8	2	6	-	5	1	165
Sheung Tak	536	66	133	173	168	158	17	1 251
Shui Pin Wai	500	23	56	92	22	52	5	750
Shun Lee	477	33	48	111	42	87	12	810
Shun On	454	26	45	73	36	74	8	716

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Shun Tin	848	62	142	161	65	147	12	1 437
Siu Sai Wan	338	83	87	135	68	80	12	803
So Uk	115	10	19	17	14	27	2	204
Sun Chui	633	59	105	192	61	104	16	1 170
Sun Tin Wai	261	34	45	98	31	44	14	527
Tai Hang Tung	451	19	69	45	22	32	7	645
Tai Hing	1 186	79	182	253	66	196	40	2 002
Tai Ping	36	5	14	19	7	24	-	105
Tai Wo	608	33	118	85	30	53	14	941
Tai Wo Hau	807	94	131	173	69	141	20	1 435
Tai Yuen	374	42	138	117	78	76	16	841
Tak Tin	792	36	96	77	37	75	11	1 124
Tin Chak	448	53	132	228	84	174	18	1 137
Tin Ching	597	63	146	449	111	257	62	1 685
Tin Heng	232	40	145	422	267	292	30	1 428
Tin King	98	15	29	69	16	40	12	279
Tin Ping	222	29	57	92	27	49	11	487
Tin Shui	562	72	139	286	109	163	39	1 370
Tin Tsz	524	56	87	110	34	104	20	935
Tin Wah	517	46	123	153	80	133	17	1 069
Tin Wan	429	54	78	54	32	40	17	704
Tin Yan	668	87	193	370	63	268	29	1 678
Tin Yat	123	30	77	241	140	155	11	777
Tin Yiu	615	68	197	325	104	222	39	1 570
Tin Yuet	479	39	143	216	137	195	13	1 222
Tsing Yi	177	19	26	32	14	34	8	310
Tsui Lam	155	23	51	113	41	33	3	419
Tsui Lok	122	4	5	14	1	2	2	150
Tsui Ping (South)	522	28	57	67	42	58	11	785
Tsui Ping (North)	1 069	71	170	216	79	154	28	1 787
Tsui Wan	132	30	16	31	4	17	3	233
Tsz Ching	1 372	69	170	244	209	182	26	2 272
Tsz Hong	112	14	45	116	113	73	5	478
Tsz Lok	877	61	116	185	105	111	17	1 472
Tsz Man	210	17	43	46	37	46	6	405
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	10	-	7	2	4	4	2	29
Tung Tau	1 013	82	113	136	51	135	10	1 540
Un Chau	1 157	69	121	107	71	124	13	1 662
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 427	78	162	108	70	159	12	2 016

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Upper Wong Tai Sin	812	77	97	141	85	120	19	1 351
Verbena Heights	157	6	23	12	2	21	2	223
Wah Fu	615	109	121	216	102	69	26	1 258
Wah Kwai	317	30	34	28	22	23	5	459
Wah Lai	100	21	35	45	47	48	9	305
Wah Ming	442	44	76	103	41	92	20	818
Wah Sum	175	27	46	52	22	39	4	365
Wan Hon	500	6	8	17	11	12	4	558
Wan Tau Tong	199	32	37	37	7	21	2	335
Wan Tsui	333	44	58	103	42	56	13	649
Wang Tau Hom	419	64	87	137	53	116	20	896
Wo Che	399	76	159	156	82	104	37	1 013
Wo Lok	259	30	40	65	22	33	4	453
Wu King	189	28	73	131	45	87	18	571
Yat Tung	513	113	275	636	419	450	51	2 457
Yau Lai	685	21	107	324	126	143	32	1 438
Yau Oi	739	95	153	267	102	263	39	1 658
Yau Tong	538	47	93	132	107	104	8	1 029
Yiu On	186	37	75	74	16	39	13	440
Yiu Tung	550	65	104	102	57	63	10	951
Yue Kwong Chuen	51	7	9	9	3	7	2	88
Yue Wan	213	30	40	85	24	37	5	434
Yung Shing Court	245	24	59	55	57	89	7	536
Total	88 513	8 516	15 802	24 836	11 482	17 912	3 035	170 096

The numbers of recipients on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	394	147	114	275	132	67	33	1 162
Bo Shek Mansion	74	3	2	7	11	-	-	97
Broadview Garden	24	4	4	15	3	6	-	56
Butterfly	1 192	92	215	472	79	199	37	2 286
Chai Wan	268	12	42	89	24	46	8	489
Chak On	557	9	71	157	17	65	8	884
Cheung Ching	583	76	110	203	154	217	36	1 379
Cheung Fat	347	56	70	121	50	79	6	729
Cheung Hang	527	62	104	154	97	126	13	1 083

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Cheung Hong	1 409	158	161	386	188	303	45	2 650
Cheung Kwai	44	5	14	21	35	20	-	139
Cheung On	447	64	80	115	63	84	14	867
Cheung Shan	198	23	25	58	75	24	5	408
Cheung Wah	710	42	164	263	113	134	23	1 449
Cheung Wang	595	115	234	449	423	435	42	2 293
Ching Ho	1 169	89	410	1 395	524	628	117	4 332
Cho Yiu Chuen	272	16	16	34	65	37	6	446
Choi Fai	146	10	49	64	55	67	5	396
Choi Fook	364	15	48	249	141	153	23	993
Choi Ha	247	18	17	37	34	49	-	402
Choi Hung	1 420	100	229	493	258	229	39	2 768
Choi Ming Court	446	113	212	295	317	183	19	1 585
Choi Tak	142	18	24	148	47	60	14	453
Choi Wan (I)	734	96	207	348	208	193	44	1 830
Choi Wan (II)	428	22	98	202	98	79	14	941
Choi Ying	685	28	118	545	171	274	28	1 849
Choi Yuen	1 310	85	202	435	101	212	46	2 391
Chuk Yuen (North)	490	53	131	163	118	97	18	1 070
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 316	114	244	626	184	208	18	2 710
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	164	6	8	26	16	32	-	252
Chun Shek	393	24	102	125	86	37	21	788
Chung On	351	134	219	275	176	256	69	1 480
Clague Garden Estate	102	-	-	20	20	8	-	150
Easeful Court	34	8	29	41	84	52	5	253
Fortune	685	48	109	111	119	138	8	1 218
Fu Cheong	1 795	124	325	487	531	430	24	3 716
Fu Heng	615	87	246	223	121	153	10	1 455
Fu Shan	255	25	46	101	82	42	5	556
Fu Shin	740	58	190	318	110	172	23	1 611
Fu Tai	694	235	290	510	508	561	38	2 836
Fu Tung	133	33	72	140	67	59	2	506
Fuk Loi	548	52	77	166	62	62	20	987
Fung Tak	620	66	98	108	83	98	13	1 086
Fung Wah	123	19	10	31	23	25	1	232
Grandeur Terrace	353	85	334	938	580	655	42	2 987
Hau Tak	522	80	176	285	159	191	10	1 423
Healthy Village	142	4	18	34	19	9	-	226
Heng On	329	34	133	177	103	73	44	893

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
High Prosperity Terrace	12	5	32	69	74	49	6	247
Hin Keng	351	56	92	114	92	60	22	787
Hin Yiu	139	21	67	118	30	20	14	409
Hing Man	219	46	52	132	138	66	7	660
Hing Tin	161	27	55	81	79	15	4	422
Hing Tung	266	25	71	129	64	59	1	615
Hing Wah (I)	397	89	104	147	153	75	8	973
Hing Wah (II)	831	81	106	263	81	90	7	1 459
Ho Man Tin	855	88	172	279	290	182	25	1 891
Hoi Fu Court	880	53	131	247	220	269	8	1 808
Hoi Lai	556	99	185	619	641	415	37	2 552
Hong Tung	270	2	3	16	5	3	-	299
Hung Hom	247	10	38	40	46	47	-	428
Jat Min Chuen	523	50	62	90	72	59	6	862
Ka Fuk	331	39	76	147	75	145	18	831
Ka Wai Chuen	333	16	43	37	27	47	-	503
Kai Tin	430	53	93	127	93	73	2	871
Kai Yip	1 230	50	105	301	72	87	14	1 859
Kam Peng	54	3	7	7	7	18	-	96
Kin Ming	638	179	512	1 037	687	538	27	3 618
Kin Sang	138	18	50	75	57	38	6	382
King Lam	565	97	151	173	95	107	6	1 194
Ko Cheung Court	155	29	94	310	196	154	24	962
Ko Yee	274	20	25	68	42	54	7	490
Kwai Chung	1 663	342	629	1 584	1 074	915	152	6 359
Kwai Fong	877	169	235	335	393	267	35	2 311
Kwai Hing	142	14	38	49	29	22	3	297
Kwai Shing (East)	992	150	210	441	399	361	19	2 572
Kwai Shing (West)	785	85	149	299	160	158	30	1 666
Kwong Fuk	811	105	266	458	222	197	63	2 122
Kwong Tin	237	37	69	147	72	67	15	644
Kwong Yuen	459	99	147	188	78	141	79	1 191
Kwun Lung Lau	139	12	15	27	54	25	6	278
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	794	51	124	125	152	140	13	1 399
Lai King	690	60	107	226	206	172	22	1 483
Lai Kok	717	69	101	268	70	107	16	1 348
Lai On	238	40	44	67	23	32	-	444
Lai Tak Tsuen	219	30	45	30	39	40	-	403
Lai Yiu	424	70	78	121	123	129	23	968

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lakeside Garden	30	8	15	10	-	7	-	70
Lam Tin	547	26	106	325	132	112	28	1 276
Lee On	432	82	273	310	120	185	22	1 424
Lei Cheng Uk	509	70	82	201	98	158	17	1 135
Lei Muk Shue	1 222	197	308	895	682	445	84	3 833
Lei Tung	650	113	101	228	80	82	40	1 294
Lei Yue Mun	680	62	149	358	272	224	42	1 787
Lek Yuen	459	90	127	254	90	121	28	1 169
Leung King	762	77	217	307	147	283	44	1 837
Lok Fu	513	76	154	262	122	152	12	1 291
Lok Man Sun Chuen	492	46	61	80	74	109	8	870
Lok Wah (North)	286	50	100	155	95	122	12	820
Lok Wah (South)	2 294	77	159	384	63	161	22	3 160
Long Bin Interim Housing	37	10	21	22	2	77	6	175
Long Ping	962	135	297	709	321	347	52	2 823
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	707	92	163	376	131	170	20	1 659
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	714	108	165	424	149	231	34	1 825
Lung Hang	359	54	182	318	315	188	120	1 536
Lung Tin	81	19	11	14	6	24	1	156
Ma Hang	63	12	20	57	39	19	4	214
Ma Tau Wai	353	31	66	241	45	56	7	799
Mei Lam	596	79	168	326	108	132	39	1 448
Mei Tin	469	105	307	858	441	424	112	2 716
Mei Tung	325	20	45	100	39	72	22	623
Ming Tak	227	30	51	110	64	54	2	538
Ming Wah Dai Ha	252	21	32	17	34	37	2	395
Model Housing	66	14	14	41	74	24	2	235
Moon Lok Dai Ha	150	2	21	19	15	11	4	222
Nam Cheong	268	39	41	85	40	71	3	547
Nam Shan	529	45	100	275	61	65	25	1 100
Nga Ning Court	21	2	9	43	40	28	7	150
Ngan Wan	43	8	18	38	16	6	-	129
Oi Man	631	107	245	505	222	179	18	1 907
Oi Tung	968	114	144	376	206	82	7	1 897
On Tin	63	14	35	123	142	129	15	521
On Ting	910	105	178	362	81	234	34	1 904
On Yam	732	125	150	196	300	215	35	1 753
Pak Tin	2 016	87	349	691	498	414	67	4 122
Ping Shek	605	69	96	220	85	170	13	1 258

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ping Tin	1 221	130	231	436	303	220	39	2 580
Po Lam	504	90	115	290	157	139	27	1 322
Po Tat	1 633	135	421	842	822	626	57	4 536
Po Tin	1 013	127	304	233	38	369	32	2 116
Po Tin Interim Housing	136	32	87	26	17	137	8	443
Pok Hong	431	23	165	210	146	111	18	1 104
Prosperous Garden	114	-	9	2	3	7	-	135
Sai Wan	59	1	37	13	34	8	5	157
Sam Shing	230	41	33	138	28	78	19	567
Sau Mau Ping (South)	559	48	133	483	206	207	40	1 676
Sau Mau Ping	2 894	270	575	1 040	958	743	100	6 580
Sha Kok	1 148	158	257	458	125	221	168	2 535
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	74	16	27	19	29	18	3	186
Shan King	1 289	140	296	615	200	344	59	2 943
Shek Kip Mei	1 350	91	250	459	252	216	42	2 660
Shek Lei (I)	1 032	174	157	360	271	160	59	2 213
Shek Lei (II)	1 393	225	301	726	695	594	127	4 061
Shek Mun	119	20	83	279	48	114	41	704
Shek Pai Wan	666	131	132	188	291	152	27	1 587
Shek Wai Kok	1 033	84	204	421	177	175	35	2 129
Shek Yam (East)	455	66	76	99	94	101	21	912
Shek Yam	618	134	108	200	277	232	29	1 598
Sheung Lok	173	8	3	13	-	5	-	202
Sheung Tak	774	131	288	494	610	440	39	2 776
Shui Pin Wai	738	46	112	216	79	118	7	1 316
Shun Lee	731	56	103	251	122	178	19	1 460
Shun On	688	52	91	173	96	117	6	1 223
Shun Tin	1 368	119	281	378	209	348	22	2 725
Siu Sai Wan	516	147	196	368	230	182	25	1 664
So Uk	175	17	32	35	32	34	1	326
Sun Chui	991	92	216	446	200	249	25	2 219
Sun Tin Wai	394	67	103	246	110	105	35	1 060
Tai Hang Tung	571	37	114	108	70	52	8	960
Tai Hing	1 782	115	303	571	186	332	60	3 349
Tai Ping	69	16	43	50	24	73	-	275
Tai Wo	814	54	245	201	83	115	23	1 535
Tai Wo Hau	1 214	167	275	412	236	309	30	2 643
Tai Yuen	652	104	347	310	276	187	34	1 910
Tak Tin	1 003	61	137	199	123	127	16	1 666

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tin Chak	708	101	318	604	275	393	30	2 429
Tin Ching	854	115	322	1 103	368	563	113	3 438
Tin Heng	671	146	508	1 158	1 058	1 015	71	4 627
Tin King	170	38	55	165	55	75	14	572
Tin Ping	361	64	128	226	93	103	20	995
Tin Shui	891	144	268	714	343	338	63	2 761
Tin Tsz	696	106	150	277	123	176	28	1 556
Tin Wah	694	107	228	403	311	343	35	2 121
Tin Wan	549	83	131	137	113	73	23	1 109
Tin Yan	912	120	286	844	194	387	42	2 785
Tin Yat	343	101	228	661	557	544	24	2 458
Tin Yiu	980	118	409	798	340	501	68	3 214
Tin Yuet	695	77	284	565	528	479	32	2 660
Tsing Yi	245	30	52	85	42	60	11	525
Tsui Lam	264	47	116	290	143	73	4	937
Tsui Lok	204	5	11	30	3	2	2	257
Tsui Ping (South)	657	53	97	181	148	122	19	1 277
Tsui Ping (North)	1 530	103	284	481	236	250	40	2 924
Tsui Wan	194	46	24	74	14	24	5	381
Tsz Ching	1 774	127	275	630	666	388	34	3 894
Tsz Hong	296	47	121	312	419	217	11	1 423
Tsz Lok	1 182	131	234	476	353	219	30	2 625
Tsz Man	311	35	81	131	126	112	12	808
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	15	-	7	5	13	6	4	50
Tung Tau	1 299	106	156	309	149	242	18	2 279
Un Chau	1 492	107	196	268	219	234	24	2 540
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 879	100	288	286	216	337	19	3 125
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 120	122	157	334	273	239	32	2 277
Verbena Heights	194	8	39	27	6	32	5	311
Wah Fu	999	206	268	540	321	126	36	2 496
Wah Kwai	391	58	56	64	72	39	6	686
Wah Lai	166	48	91	131	176	125	22	759
Wah Ming	624	96	160	260	106	190	35	1 471
Wah Sum	268	65	118	140	76	82	7	756
Wan Hon	715	10	16	44	27	28	9	849
Wan Tau Tong	273	40	74	85	21	35	3	531
Wan Tsui	530	76	114	253	148	104	20	1 245
Wang Tau Hom	572	106	160	366	177	234	26	1 641
Wo Che	636	188	396	426	293	268	77	2 284

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wo Lok	382	55	72	155	65	50	1	780
Wu King	358	66	183	346	158	254	27	1 392
Yat Tung	894	233	726	1 703	1 497	1 268	118	6 439
Yau Lai	1 036	46	246	794	446	370	72	3 010
Yau Oi	1 154	194	334	657	353	601	67	3 360
Yau Tong	840	92	173	332	358	237	20	2 052
Yiu On	267	58	158	183	54	80	23	823
Yiu Tung	698	102	190	243	212	151	19	1 615
Yue Kwong Chuen	66	14	13	20	14	7	6	140
Yue Wan	326	48	90	209	65	59	5	802
Yung Shing Court	330	66	122	171	232	294	10	1 225
Total	128 530	15 356	31 363	61 945	38 725	38 482	5 479	319 880

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Patrick T K Nip

Director of Social Welfare

19 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the recipients belonging to the unemployment and low earnings categories under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the number of CSSA unemployed recipients, their gender, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job and wage in the past as well as residing district in 2010-11; and
- (b) the number of CSSA low earnings recipients, their gender, age distribution, number of years of receiving CSSA, nature of job and wage as well as residing district in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : (a) Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients^[Note 1] with breakdown by selected profile as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Table 1: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	18 704
Female	12 380
Total	31 084

Table 2: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	1 635
20 – 29	2 265
30 – 39	3 629
40 – 49	8 992
50 – 59	14 563
Total	31 084

Table 3: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	4 433
More than 1 - 2	3 899
More than 2 - 3	2 695
More than 3 - 4	1 825
More than 4 - 5	1 774
More than 5	16 458
Total	31 084

Table 4: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	323
Clerk	34
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	80
Delivery worker	253
Domestic helper/baby sitter	220
Driver	57
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	767
Salesperson	121
Waiter/waitress	133
Watchman/guard	46
Others	571
Jobless	28 479
Total	31 084

Table 5: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$ 0	28 479
Less than \$1,685 ^[Note 1]	2 605
Total	31 084

Table 6: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of recipients
Central & Western	251
Eastern	1 219
Islands	679
Kowloon City	1 219
Kwai Tsing	2 900
Kwun Tong	3 769
North	1 611
Sai Kung	995
Sha Tin	1 830
Sham Shui Po	3 434
Southern	490
Tai Po	796
Tsuen Wan	644
Tuen Mun	2 336
Wan Chai	216
Wong Tai Sin	2 310
Yau Tsim Mong	2 082
Yuen Long	4 303
Total	31 084

(a) Statistics on CSSA low earnings recipients^[Note 3] with breakdown by selected profile as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Table 1: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of recipients
Male	10 512
Female	10 487
Total	20 999

Table 2: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	1 162
20 – 29	3 271
30 – 39	3 299
40 – 49	8 280
50 – 59	4 987
Total	20 999

Table 3: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	1 418
More than 1 - 2	1 883
More than 2 - 3	1 401
More than 3 - 4	1 227
More than 4 - 5	1 344
More than 5	13 726
Total	20 999

Table 4: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	2 923
Clerk	906
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	799
Delivery worker	1 042
Domestic helper/baby sitter	550
Driver	917
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 701
Salesperson	1 505
Waiter/waitress	1 300
Watchman/guard	1 569
Others	4 787
Total	20 999

Table 5: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$1,685 ^[Note 3] – less than \$4,200	8 601
\$4,200 – less than \$6,000	5 724
\$6,000 – less than \$8,000	4 787
\$8,000 or above	1 887
Total	20 999

Table 6: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of recipients
Central & Western	135
Eastern	847
Islands	645
Kowloon City	676
Kwai Tsing	2 550
Kwun Tong	3 073
North	1 036
Sai Kung	1 022
Sha Tin	1 377
Sham Shui Po	1 570
Southern	418
Tai Po	621
Tsuen Wan	665
Tuen Mun	1 227
Wan Chai	61
Wong Tai Sin	1 876
Yau Tsim Mong	439
Yuen Long	2 761
Total	20 999

[Note 1] CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed but with employment earnings less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,685 with effect from 1.2.2011).

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

[Note 3] CSSA low earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with employment earnings equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,685 with effect from 1.2.2011).

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)414

Question Serial No.
0161

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding Old Age Allowance (OAA), would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (a) the numbers of recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2010-11; and
- (b) the numbers of recipients of NOAA and HOAA respectively in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, these numbers as a percentage of the number of eligible elderly persons living in that housing estate and the expenditure involved in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : (a) The revised estimated expenditures^[Note 1] of HOAA and NOAA in 2010-11 were \$5,590 million and \$908 million respectively. We do not have the expenditure breakdown by geographical district. The numbers of HOAA and NOAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Central & Western	16 631	901	17 532
Eastern	45 081	5 421	50 502
Islands	5 145	891	6 036
Kowloon City	27 671	3 229	30 900
Kwai Tsing	32 032	8 651	40 683

Geographical district ^[Note 2]	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Kwun Tong	42 150	9 074	51 224
North	13 552	2 557	16 109
Sai Kung	15 319	3 749	19 068
Sha Tin	31 264	6 982	38 246
Sham Shui Po	26 148	3 552	29 700
Southern	17 642	2 491	20 133
Tai Po	13 400	2 591	15 991
Tsuen Wan	17 519	2 964	20 483
Tuen Mun	18 207	4 912	23 119
Wan Chai	12 167	525	12 692
Wong Tai Sin	34 449	5 795	40 244
Yau Tsim Mong	19 945	1 952	21 897
Yuen Long	20 023	3 894	23 917
Total	408 345	70 131	478 476

[Note 1] OAA expenditure (2010-11 revised estimate) included one additional month of allowance of \$424 million and \$69 million for HOAA and NOAA respectively.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

- (b) We do not have information on the number of eligible elderly persons and the expenditure breakdown by public housing estate. The numbers of HOAA and NOAA recipients by public housing estate as at the end of February 2011 were as follows –

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Ap Lei Chau	1 202	275	1 477
Bo Shek Mansion	13	5	18
Broadview Garden	11	5	16
Butterfly	452	157	609
Chai Wan	100	13	113

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Chak On	248	122	370
Cheung Ching	1 341	464	1 805
Cheung Fat	270	106	376
Cheung Hang	699	288	987
Cheung Hong	1 545	664	2 209
Cheung Kwai	65	22	87
Cheung On	1 024	464	1 488
Cheung Shan	520	197	717
Cheung Wah	865	251	1 116
Cheung Wang	122	97	219
Ching Ho	101	98	199
Cho Yiu Chuen	738	214	952
Choi Fai	246	89	335
Choi Fook	17	15	32
Choi Ha	709	125	834
Choi Hung	2 759	286	3 045
Choi Ming Court	122	111	233
Choi Tak	14	5	19
Choi Wan (I)	1 547	367	1 914
Choi Wan (II)	778	221	999
Choi Ying	138	98	236
Choi Yuen	822	224	1 046
Chuk Yuen (North)	2 323	488	2 811
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 313	248	1 561
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	342	62	404
Chun Shek	319	154	473
Chung On	160	65	225
Clague Garden Estate	260	26	286
Easeful Court	31	25	56
Fortune	282	54	336
Fu Cheong	494	195	689
Fu Heng	517	197	714
Fu Shan	391	130	521
Fu Shin	788	298	1 086
Fu Tai	324	193	517
Fu Tung	139	60	199
Fuk Loi	1 388	164	1 552
Fung Tak	1 737	214	1 951
Fung Wah	311	60	371

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Grandeur Terrace	97	69	166
Hau Tak	538	211	749
Healthy Village	762	79	841
Heng On	866	336	1 202
High Prosperity Terrace	45	35	80
Hin Keng	1 182	466	1 648
Hin Yiu	28	20	48
Hing Man	550	127	677
Hing Tin	760	196	956
Hing Tung	262	101	363
Hing Wah (I)	334	84	418
Hing Wah (II)	871	167	1 038
Ho Man Tin	1 611	301	1 912
Hoi Fu Court	489	109	598
Hoi Lai	299	171	470
Hong Tung	124	5	129
Hung Hom	131	30	161
Jat Min Chuen	607	228	835
Ka Fuk	157	75	232
Ka Wai Chuen	763	109	872
Kai Tin	646	116	762
Kai Yip	861	225	1 086
Kam Peng	25	7	32
Kin Ming	177	132	309
Kin Sang	224	67	291
King Lam	676	245	921
Ko Cheung Court	113	58	171
Ko Yee	273	65	338
Kwai Chung	992	300	1 292
Kwai Fong	1 892	468	2 360
Kwai Hing	713	152	865
Kwai Shing (East)	1 294	364	1 658
Kwai Shing (West)	1 361	421	1 782
Kwong Fuk	838	325	1 163
Kwong Tin	664	184	848
Kwong Yuen	558	212	770
Kwun Lung Lau	592	61	653
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	1 502	247	1 749

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Lai King	1 137	348	1 485
Lai Kok	741	103	844
Lai On	599	62	661
Lai Tak Tsuen	1 076	174	1 250
Lai Yiu	738	162	900
Lakeside Garden	6	8	14
Lam Tin	282	40	322
Lee On	375	167	542
Lei Cheng Uk	1 533	231	1 764
Lei Muk Shue	1 925	629	2 554
Lei Tung	1 415	382	1 797
Lei Yue Mun	336	134	470
Lek Yuen	806	192	998
Leung King	504	195	699
Lok Fu	1 111	149	1 260
Lok Man Sun Chuen	1 533	275	1 808
Lok Wah (North)	770	262	1 032
Lok Wah (South)	1 141	382	1 523
Long Bin Interim Housing	8	5	13
Long Ping	791	277	1 068
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	1 969	259	2 228
Lower Wong Tai Sin(II)	1 588	223	1 811
Lung Hang	768	311	1 079
Lung Tin	45	10	55
Ma Hang	176	27	203
Ma Tau Wai	724	64	788
Mei Lam	975	243	1 218
Mei Tin	97	75	172
Mei Tung	206	42	248
Ming Tak	142	62	204
Ming Wah Dai Ha	1 121	170	1 291
Model Housing	215	40	255
Moon Lok Dai Ha	336	60	396
Nam Cheong	485	74	559
Nam Shan	653	104	757
Nga Ning Court	18	5	23
Ngan Wan	38	14	52
Oi Man	2 112	529	2 641

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Oi Tung	622	160	782
On Tin	38	38	76
On Ting	478	225	703
On Yam	2 083	611	2 694
Pak Tin	1 629	350	1 979
Ping Shek	1 753	338	2 091
Ping Tin	1 220	322	1 542
Po Lam	653	259	912
Po Tat	696	365	1 061
Po Tin	74	72	146
Po Tin Interim Housing	55	11	66
Pok Hong	1 191	413	1 604
Prosperous Garden	81	15	96
Sai Wan	232	20	252
Sam Shing	243	83	326
Sau Mau Ping (South)	82	75	157
Sau Mau Ping	2 683	791	3 474
Sha Kok	1 324	364	1 688
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	141	29	170
Shan King	724	336	1 060
Shek Kip Mei	1 020	197	1 217
Shek Lei (I)	1 577	444	2 021
Shek Lei (II)	635	291	926
Shek Mun	19	11	30
Shek Pai Wan	761	287	1 048
Shek Wai Kok	1 835	447	2 282
Shek Yam (East)	699	169	868
Shek Yam	543	138	681
Sheung Lok	90	9	99
Sheung Tak	458	235	693
Shui Pin Wai	391	99	490
Shun Lee	1 087	330	1 417
Shun On	648	182	830
Shun Tin	1 663	453	2 116
Siu Sai Wan	1 449	357	1 806
So Uk	669	70	739
Sun Chui	1 300	379	1 679
Sun Tin Wai	856	283	1 139
Tai Hang Tung	538	90	628

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Tai Hing	1 019	375	1 394
Tai Ping	148	43	191
Tai Wo	764	266	1 030
Tai Wo Hau	2 399	478	2 877
Tai Yuen	858	337	1 195
Tak Tin	1 414	397	1 811
Tin Chak	123	81	204
Tin Ching	53	74	127
Tin Heng	175	141	316
Tin King	193	106	299
Tin Ping	439	176	615
Tin Shui	625	256	881
Tin Tsz	220	78	298
Tin Wah	226	91	317
Tin Wan	621	138	759
Tin Yan	86	71	157
Tin Yat	107	68	175
Tin Yiu	653	246	899
Tin Yuet	184	78	262
Tsing Yi	566	249	815
Tsui Lam	565	263	828
Tsui Lok	73	8	81
Tsui Ping (South)	560	96	656
Tsui Ping (North)	2 141	467	2 608
Tsui Wan	577	121	698
Tsz Ching	1 401	317	1 718
Tsz Hong	150	79	229
Tsz Lok	1 102	271	1 373
Tsz Man	681	105	786
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	20	8	28
Tung Tau	2 083	350	2 433
Un Chau	2 110	308	2 418
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	2 500	248	2 748
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 077	183	1 260
Verbena Heights	83	44	127
Wah Fu	2 933	497	3 430
Wah Kwai	1 001	125	1 126
Wah Lai	62	42	104
Wah Ming	416	134	550

Public housing estate	Number of OAA recipients		
	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Wah Sum	103	50	153
Wan Hon	221	17	238
Wan Tau Tong	347	87	434
Wan Tsui	809	164	973
Wang Tau Hom	1 865	331	2 196
Wo Che	1 614	352	1 966
Wo Lok	521	91	612
Wu King	636	251	887
Yat Tung	431	286	717
Yau Lai	266	276	542
Yau Oi	1 045	452	1 497
Yau Tong	572	140	712
Yiu On	469	182	651
Yiu Tung	815	221	1 036
Yue Kwong Chuen	391	44	435
Yue Wan	577	136	713
Yung Shing Court	92	55	147
Total	153 381	40 571	193 952

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)415

Question Serial No.

0162

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration plans to set up a new integrated family service centre (IFSC) in 2011-12. Where will the IFSC be located? What is the population size of the district the IFSC serves? Will the IFSC be operated by the Social Welfare Department or a non-governmental organisation (NGO)? How many staff members will be employed by the IFSC? What will be their respective job positions? What is the annual estimated expenditure of the IFSC?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : The new IFSC to be set up in 2011-12 will be operated by a NGO and located in Sham Shui Po (SSP) District. The annual provision for the new IFSC will be \$9 million. With a population of around 376 000, each of the five IFSCs (including the new centre) in SSP District will be serving an average population of around 70 000 to 80 000. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the NGO concerned has the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the short-term food assistance, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the number of individuals applying for and receiving food assistance under the short-term food assistance projects (the Projects) in 2010-11 by 18 districts and by month. What is their ratio to the eligible population of the respective district? What was the expenditure of each district on the food assistance projects?
- (b) the total number of service points throughout the territory currently operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing short-term food assistance, and the districts in which such service points are located respectively.
- (c) in paragraph 50 of the Budget Speech, the Administration states that it has “reserved an additional \$100 million for the continuation of the services as and when needed.” Will the Administration relax the eligibility criteria of the Projects at the same time? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons? Under what circumstances will the Administration spend this reserved provision?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in February 2009 to operate five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) covering the whole territory to help individuals and families who have difficulty coping with their daily food expenditure. From February 2009 to 31 January 2011, the Projects served 43 827 persons at a total expenditure of \$45.21 million. SWD does not have data on the number of people eligible for assistance under the Projects. Since the operating NGOs only submit statistics of their service areas, SWD cannot provide the required information by District Council district. The number of beneficiaries of the Projects by month and the expenditure by service area in 2010-11 are as follows –

Operating NGOs	Serving districts	Expenditure (up to 31 Jan 2011) (\$million)	Number of beneficiaries from April 2010 to January 2011										
			Apr 2010	May 2010	Jun 2010	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Total
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	9.73	274	256	257	227	188	202	233	211	247	554	2 649
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po	10.64	327	391	497	393	333	333	480	470	580	560	4 364
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	8.04	242	279	229	325	343	383	312	342	430	515	3 400
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	8.17	121	151	143	116	152	155	141	163	170	164	1 476
St James' Settlement	Hong Kong, Other Islands and Tung Chung, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	8.63	326	318	304	357	257	290	232	324	325	306	3 039
Total		45.21	1 290	1 395	1 430	1 418	1 273	1 363	1 398	1 510	1 752	2 099	14 928

(b) As at 28 February 2011, the NGO operators had partnered with local agencies in providing a total of 413 service points throughout the territory, broken down as follows –

Operating NGOs	Districts being served	Number of service points
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	177
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po	76
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	18
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	97
St James' Settlement	Hong Kong, Other Islands and Tung Chung, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45

- (c) The \$100 million originally allocated for the five Projects is estimated to be able to support the running of the Projects until at least 2013. Yet we recognise that the recent rise in food cost has impact on the livelihood of the Projects' target beneficiaries and have hence reserved an additional \$100 million for the continuation of the Projects. SWD is working closely with the five Project operators on enhancing the service, including the type of food to be provided.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)417

Question Serial No.

1887

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : With respect to the assistance provided to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in moving towards self-reliance and reintegrating into the community, how many programmes of the above nature were provided by the Administration in 2010-11? What were the numbers of participants of various programmes? How many participants have stopped receiving CSSA during or after the programmes? What were the manpower and expenditures required for implementing various programmes?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the following employment assistance projects for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 to help them move towards self-reliance and integrate into the community –

- (a) The Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme – 60 projects have been implemented since October 2008 and will last up to September 2011, with estimated expenditure in 2010-11 being \$60.3 million. Up to the end of January 2011, amongst the 85 786 participants, 4 015 had left the CSSA net as a result of taking up paid employment.
- (b) The third phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme – five projects have been implemented since October 2009 and will last up to September 2011, with estimated expenditure in 2010-11 being \$6 million. Up to the end of January 2011, amongst the 838 participants, 56 had left the CSSA net as a result of taking up paid employment.

In 2010-11, SWD also commissioned NGOs to operate the third phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project to help single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 build up their capacity for work, integrate into society and move towards self-reliance through engagement in paid employment. The ND Project with 12 projects have been implemented since April 2010 and will last up to September 2011. The estimated expenditure in 2010-11 is \$10.4 million. Up to the end of January 2011, amongst the 3 607 participants, 35 had left the CSSA net as a result of taking up paid employment.

Resources for administering these employment assistance projects are deployed within SWD. There is no separate estimate on the expenditure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 50 of the Budget Speech that the existing funding allocated for the short-term food assistance services should be sufficient for financing the operation of the services until 2013, and the Government will reserve an additional \$100 million for the continuation of the services as and when needed, so as to provide immediate support to people in need. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) In the past three years (i.e. 2008 to 2010), how many service users have benefited from the short-term food assistance services subsidised by the Government? For how long can the service users receive food assistance?
- (b) At present, there are only five operators assisting in the provision of the services. Has the Administration considered extending the scope of the services to help more people in need of food assistance? If yes, what are the details?
- (c) Many people point out that it is not easy to meet the eligibility criteria of the short-term food assistance services and the operators are strict in approving the provision of food assistance, making it difficult for many people to benefit from such services. Will the Administration review the eligibility criteria for applicants for food assistance as soon as possible so as to benefit more low income individuals in need?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : The five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) commenced operation in February 2009 covering the whole territory to help individuals and families who have difficulty coping with their daily food expenditure. The operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will assess the eligibility and needs of target service users as well as the level and type of assistance to be provided to ensure that the assistance rendered is proper and adequate to meet the basic needs of the service users. As at 31 January 2011, the Projects had served 43 827 persons with the majority having received food assistance for four to six weeks. Subject to review of

individual case merits, the NGO operators can extend the period of assistance.

The five NGO operators has partnered with local agencies in providing the food assistance. As at the end of February 2011, there is a total of 413 service points throughout the territory. The current scope of the service is considered adequate and there is no plan to extend the scope. However, recognising that the recent rise in food cost has impact on the livelihood of the Projects' target beneficiaries, an additional \$100 million has been reserved for the continuation of the Projects.

The Social Welfare Department is working closely with the five Project operators on enhancing the service including the type of food to be provided.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in paragraph 144 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to increase annual recurrent funding by \$76 million to provide about 1 700 additional places for community care services for elders, including 1 500 places for the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and about 200 day care places for the elderly. Please inform this Committee of the details of the scheme, the distribution of these places by district, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure per place.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The additional day care (DC) places will be allocated to districts with higher service demand and premises secured. The new EHCCS places will be allocated to districts according to the service demand. The geographical distribution of the new places is as follows –

District	DC places	EHCCS places
Hong Kong	-	50
East Kowloon	50	780
West Kowloon	90	390
New Territories East	40	70
New Territories West	5	210
Total	185	1 500

The estimated monthly cost per place for DC and EHCCS in 2011-12 is \$6,073 and \$3,243 respectively.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)420

Question Serial No.

0208

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in paragraph 146 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to increase annual recurrent funding by \$40 million to raise the purchase prices for EA1 places. The residential care homes concerned will be required to provide physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly. Please inform this Committee of the details of the scheme, the methods used to adjust the price, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure per place.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : To enhance the care and support services for the frail elders staying in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), an additional recurrent funding of \$40 million will be allocated to those RCHEs providing EA1 places^[Note]. This will increase the purchase price of EA1 places by \$911 a month. The RCHEs concerned will have to provide in return physiotherapy treatment and rehabilitation training for the elderly through employment of physiotherapists or purchase of related professional service. Apart from the 3 620 elders occupying the EA1 places, other elder residents living in the same RCHE will also benefit from the enhanced service.

^[Note]EA1 places refer to those places with a higher standard of staffing and space provision under the EBPS.

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Director of Social Welfare

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)421

Question Serial No.
0209

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in paragraph 145 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed an increase of \$130 million in the annual recurrent funding to provide about 1 300 additional subsidised residential care places. Please inform this Committee of the details of the scheme, the geographical distribution of these places, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure per place.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The breakdown of the additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly is as follows –

Initiative	Number of Places	Estimated annual expenditure per place \$
(1) Providing additional subsidised residential care places in existing contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	185 [Note 1]	138,120
(2) Providing additional subsidised residential care places through one new contract RCHE	60 [Note 2]	143,422
(3) Making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more places with continuum of care	232 [Note 1]	84,684

Initiative	Number of Places	Estimated annual expenditure per place \$
(4) Providing additional subsidised care-and-attention places through the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	793 [Note 1]	78,470
Total		<u>1 270</u>

[Note 1] Residential care places provided over the territory.

[Note 2] Residential care places provided in Sha Tin.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)422

Question Serial No.

0210

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As stated in paragraph 147 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to increase annual recurrent funding by \$45 million to raise the supplements for subsidised residential care homes. The coverage of the Dementia Supplement (DS) will also be extended to all subsidised day care centres. Please inform this Committee of the items covered by the supplements and the ways to monitor the day care centres concerned to ensure that the funds are used properly.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The additional funding of \$45 million will be used to raise the Infirmity Care Supplement (ICS) and DS for subsidised Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) taking care of demented or infirm elders, and to provide, for the first time, DS to all subsidised Day Care Centres and Units for the Elderly (DEs/DCUs) taking care of demented elders. This is to ensure better care services for demented or infirm elders.

The RCHEs and DEs/DCUs, with the allocation of the ICS and/or DS, can employ additional staff including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, health workers and care workers, or purchase professional service to enhance the care and training for the infirm and demented elders. The RCHEs and DEs/DCUs concerned are required to report to the Social Welfare Department the actual staff so employed and the care/training programmes so provided, and to keep proper payment records for audit purpose.

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Director of Social Welfare

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 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)423

Question Serial No.
 0248

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will oversee the provision of more places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school and residential services for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the number of places for the above-mentioned services in each district and the latest waitlisting situation.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : Distribution of places in various types of day training and vocational rehabilitation, pre-school rehabilitation and residential services for persons with disabilities by the 11 districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)^[Note 1] as at the end of December 2010 was as follows –

Places in day training and vocational rehabilitation services

District \ Service Type	Service Type						
	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC (Day)	OJT [Note 2]	Sunnyway [Note 2]
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	702	315	115	545	0	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	345	521	378	200	0	-	-
Kwun Tong	451	661	197	170	0	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	455	275	370	653	0	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	337	580	95	302	220	-	-
Sham Shui Po	256	520	120	210	0	-	-
Sha Tin	545	260	20	749	0	-	-
Tai Po/North	229	291	65	0	233	-	-
Yuen Long	110	364	70	207	0	-	-

Service Type \ District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC (Day)	OJT [Note 2]	Sunnyway [Note 2]
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	617	746	180	450	0	-	-
Tuen Mun	585	600	35	537	0	-	-
Total	4 632	5 133	1 645	4 023	453	432	311

Legend:

DAC – Day Activity Centre

SW – Sheltered Workshop

SE – Supported Employment

IVRSC – Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre

IVTC (Day) – Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Day Service)

OJT – On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities

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

Places in pre-school rehabilitation services

Service Type \ District	EETC	IP	SCCC
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	205	132	199
Eastern/Wan Chai	341	174	180
Kwun Tong	166	204	66
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	355	234	297
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	171	192	24
Sham Shui Po	155	84	157
Sha Tin	277	192	168
Tai Po/North	191	156	138
Yuen Long	205	168	192
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	132	186	81
Tuen Mun	165	138	120
Total	2 363	1 860	1 622

Legend:

EETC – Early Education and Training Centre

IP – Integrated Programmes in Kindergarten Child Care Centre

SCCC – Special Child Care Centre

Places in residential services

Service Type District	LSCH	HWH	SHOS	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC)	IVTC (Res)	RSCCC
	Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	170	168	7	333	547	200	100	375	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	0	119	40	85	173	100	58	0	8	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	84	61	308	230	0	65	0	3	0	0
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	0	237	76	184	359	88	100	0	17	0	12
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	29	282	137	0	20	52	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	200	169	30	60	104	0	0	78	0	0	0
Sha Tin	0	206	20	186	470	102	88	0	1	0	0
Tai Po/North	0	80	70	80	104	100	0	0	32	170	24
Yuen Long	0	104	46	169	106	100	50	80	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	525	162	83	218	532	151	25	0	3	0	30
Tuen Mun	612	180	20	364	431	67	67	240	0	0	0
Total	1 507	1 509	482	2 269	3 193	908	573	825	64	170	110

Legend:

LSCH – Long Stay Care Home

HWH – Halfway House

SHOS – Supported Hostel

HMMH – Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons

HSMH – Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons

C&A/SD – Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons

HSPH – Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons

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

IVTC(Res) – Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service)

RSCCC – Residential Special Child Care Centre

Waiting lists for the various types of day training and vocational rehabilitation, pre-school rehabilitation and residential services by residential districts of applicants (on the basis of the 11 districts of the SWD) as at the end of December 2010 were as follows –

Number of applicants waitlisting for day training and vocational rehabilitation services

District \ Service Type	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC [Note 3]	IVTC (Day) [Note 4]	OJT [Note 4]	Sunnyway [Note 4]
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	82	162	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Eastern/Wan Chai	87	244	15	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Kwun Tong	87	219	17	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	115	313	13	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	70	200	3	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	91	146	9	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sha Tin	90	205	2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Tai Po/North	94	371	1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Yuen Long	110	245	5	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	108	245	7	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Tuen Mun	160	253	7	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	1 094	2 603	87	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Number of applicants waitlisting for pre-school rehabilitation services

District \ Service Type	EETC	IP	SCCC
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	231	34	66
Eastern/Wan Chai	281	58	97
Kwun Tong	285	106	98
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	403	153	135
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	267	74	113
Sham Shui Po	95	60	60
Sha Tin	186	143	113
Tai Po/North	263	135	106
Yuen Long	229	194	110
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	127	94	84
Tuen Mun	95	50	51
Total	2 462	1 101	1 033

Number of applicants waitlisting for residential services

District \ Service Type	LSCH	HWH	SHOS	HMMH	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC)	IVTC (Res) [Note 4]	RSCCC
Central & Western/ Southern/Islands	116	70	66	116	150	45	37	7	1	N.A.	5
Eastern/Wan Chai	106	106	104	136	165	42	46	8	3	N.A.	8
Kwun Tong	100	70	125	146	197	33	42	10	10	N.A.	1
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	96	76	136	135	211	41	66	13	15	N.A.	5
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	100	43	74	123	185	26	36	7	1	N.A.	11
Sham Shui Po	50	37	86	100	136	25	24	8	3	N.A.	3
Sha Tin	105	70	67	129	175	29	32	7	2	N.A.	4
Tai Po/North	109	79	113	118	188	44	30	5	7	N.A.	4
Yuen Long	60	42	68	116	159	30	29	2	2	N.A.	4
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	149	102	90	174	239	39	37	14	4	N.A.	3
Tuen Mun	122	89	108	114	227	28	26	8	4	N.A.	5
Total	1 113	784	1 037	1 407	2 032	382	405	89	52	N.A.	53

[Note 1] SWD allocates service places for persons with disabilities on the basis of its 11 SWD administrative districts.

[Note 2] Since the number of places for OJT and Sunnyway are allocated according to the operating units, SWD does not have the number of places for each district.

[Note 3] IVRSCs do not have its own central waiting list and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists of SW and SE.

[Note 4] Applicants may apply to the operating units direct or through referral for the service. There is no central waiting list for the service.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)424

Question Serial No.
0249

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in paragraph 50 of the Budget Speech by the Financial Secretary that the funding already allocated for the short-term food assistance services should be sufficient for financing the operation of the services until 2013. Please inform this Committee of the annual operating cost and current balance of the funding of the services. Will the Administration consider extending the scope of the services to support more organisations? Please provide details of the additional \$100 million reserved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) have commenced operation since February 2009. As at 31 January 2011, the total expenditure of the Projects was \$45.21 million with a balance of \$54.79 million. The breakdown of the expenditure is provided below –

Period	Expenditure (\$million)
From February 2009 to March 2010	33.49
From April 2010 to January 2011	11.72
Total	45.21

Recognising that the recent rise in food cost has impact on the livelihood of the Projects' target beneficiaries, an additional \$100 million has been reserved for the continuation of the Projects. The Social Welfare Department is working closely with the five Project operators on enhancing the service, including the type of food to be provided.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)425

Question Serial No.

0250

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will regularise the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and extend it to 18 districts. Please inform this Committee of the details on the plan to regularise and extend the NSCCP, the planned provision for this year (i.e. 2011-12), and the anticipated number of beneficiaries in each district.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : At present, there are a total of 11 projects under the NSCCP, one in each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). SWD will invite proposals for operating one NSCCP in each of the 18 districts in the second quarter of 2011, thereby extending the coverage of the NSCCP to all 18 districts. The total provision for the 18 NSCCPs will be \$33 million in 2011-12. The 18 NSCCPs, expected to commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2011, will provide at least 720 places in total, consisting of 468 home-based child care places and 252 centre-based care group places.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)426

Question Serial No.

0251

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to implement the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP) to enhance support for victims of domestic violence. Please inform this Committee of the estimated and actual number of cases from 2005-06 to 2009-10 and the cost per case.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The VSP commenced operation in June 2010 with a provision of about \$5 million per annum. Under the VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, and particularly to those undergoing judicial proceedings, on individual and group basis. In addition, publicity work and recruitment of volunteers to assist the service users are conducted. Up to 31 December 2010, the VSP had served 258 service users. The estimated total number of service users will increase to 380 by 31 March 2011. Given the unique nature of VSP which comprises casework and other services and the varying degrees of complexity of the cases, it is difficult to calculate the average cost per case.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)427

Question Serial No.
0252

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) throughout the territory. Please inform this Committee of the provision of places in each centre by district, as well as the cost involved for each place and the staffing arrangements.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The ICCMW has commenced operation at 24 service points in the territory since October 2010. The distribution of the service points is as follows –

District	Number of Service Points
Central & Western, Southern/Islands	3
Eastern/Wan Chai	3
Kwun Tong	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2
Sham Shui Po	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3
Sha Tin	2
Tai Po/North	2
Tuen Mun	2
Yuen Long	2
Total	24

With an additional annual recurrent provision of \$39 million in 2011-12 on top of the existing annual recurrent provision of about \$135 million, it is estimated that the ICCMWs will provide a wide range of community support services to a total of about 24 000 discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems as well as their family members/carers per year. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, while the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs, the operating NGOs of the ICCMWs are required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist, psychiatric nurse and other supporting staff.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)428

Question Serial No.

0253

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to monitor the implementation of the pilot scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the pilot Scheme). Please inform this Committee of the details of the Scheme, the cost required for each service and the effectiveness since its implementation. Does the Administration have any plan to regularise the pilot Scheme? If yes, what are the timetable and the cost required? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has earmarked \$163 million under the Lotteries Fund to implement the pilot Scheme for three years. The pilot Scheme, which has commenced service since March 2011, provides home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for about 540 persons with severe disabilities who are living in Kwun Tong District and Tuen Mun District and are on the waiting lists for subvented residential care services.

The Administration will conduct an interim and a final review of the pilot Scheme after it has been in operation for 18 months and 30 months respectively to assess its service delivery, operation and overall effectiveness, and whether it should become a regular programme in light of the findings of the review.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)429

Question Serial No.

0254

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration prepares to set up a licensing office for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to undertake the statutory duties upon the enactment of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance. Please inform this Committee of its estimated expenditure, staffing establishment, authorities and responsibilities.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The Administration has introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill (the Bill) into the Legislative Council in June 2010 with a view to implementing a licensing scheme to regulate the operation of RCHDs. To undertake the statutory duties arising from the anticipated enactment of the Bill, the Social Welfare Department will strengthen the professional support and turn the existing Registration Office of Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (the Office) into a Licensing Office. The Office is currently staffed by 12 civil service posts including social workers, nurses, and professional staff from Fire Services Department and Buildings Department. An estimated provision of \$1.2 million has been earmarked in 2011-12 for providing three additional professional staff. Upon enactment of the Bill, the Licensing Office will undertake statutory duties related to building and fire safety in RCHDs, as well as general management and health care of RCHDs. The Licensing Office will also provide administrative support for the implementation of the complementary measures such as the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for private RCHDs and the Financial Assistance Scheme. The former aims to encourage private RCHDs to upgrade their service standards and help the

market develop more service options while the latter provides subsidies to private RCHDs to carry out improvement works in compliance with the licensing requirements in building and fire safety.

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Question Serial No.

0255

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to monitor the operation of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs). Please inform this Committee of the utilisation rate, the staffing establishment and the expenditure involved for each centre in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The DSCs provide one-stop district-based community support services to persons with disabilities and their families/carers, thus enabling persons with disabilities to continue to live independently at home, while strengthening their families/carers’ caring capacities and relieving their stress. The DSCs operate on a “membership system” and do not have a fixed capacity. As at the end of December 2010, 4 740 members were registered at the 16 DSCs.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the 16 DSCs have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The operating NGOs have committed to providing social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists, nurses and other supporting staff for the DSCs. The actual expenditure of the 16 DSCs in 2009-10 is \$105.1 million and the revised estimate in 2010-11 is \$104.6 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)431

Question Serial No.

1659

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will introduce a Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) after enactment of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) to provide subsidies to private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to carry out improvement works. Please inform this Committee of the details of the FAS, the estimated number of RCHDs to be benefitted from the FAS and the geographical distribution?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The Administration has introduced the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill to the Legislative Council in June 2010 with a view to implementing a licensing scheme to regulate the operation of RCHDs. As a complementary measure, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will seek funding from the Lotteries Fund to implement the FAS after the enactment of the Ordinance to provide subsidies to private RCHDs to carry out premises-related improvement works in order to comply with the licensing requirements in building and fire safety. SWD will consult relevant stakeholders on the operational details of the FAS, such as the eligibility criteria, scope of works, level of support and application procedure, etc. in the second quarter of 2011.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)432

Question Serial No.

1660

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration states that it will continue to run the two-year pilot project on enhanced probation service at two designated courts. Please inform this Committee of the details of the project, number of participants last year, anticipated number of participants this year, budgetary arrangement and staffing establishment.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the youth drug abuse problem, apart from the existing probation services for young persons convicted of drug offences, the Social Welfare Department has implemented a two-year pilot project on enhanced probation service (the Project) at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts and Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts since October 2009 to provide more focused, structured and intensive treatment programmes for young offenders aged below 21 convicted of drug-related offences. Four time-limited social worker posts will continue to be provided for the Project in 2011-12 with an annual provision of \$1.8 million.

The number of probation cases placed on the Project depends on a number of factors including crime rate, number of offenders arrested by the Police and convicted by the courts and sentences handed down by the courts. As at end-February 2011, 298 referrals for Social Enquiry Reports were received from the courts, with 158 young offenders subsequently put on probation supervision under the Project.

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LWB(WW)433

Question Serial No.

1661

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will strengthen the care for the infirm and demented elders in the residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Please inform this Committee of the details, the staffing establishment, the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of beneficiaries of the scheme.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : To enhance the support for infirm and demented elders staying in subsidised RCHEs, an additional recurrent funding of \$41 million will be provided to RCHEs taking care of these elders by way of Infirm Care Supplement (ICS) and Dementia Supplement (DS) in 2011-12. The total recurrent allocation in the provision of ICS and DS for RCHEs in 2011-12 is \$151 million.

The eligibility of elders for ICS is confirmed by the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of Hospital Authority (HA). Based on the number of infirm elders in individual RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will allocate ICS to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

As regards DS, SWD will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which will conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents in accordance with a set of established criteria. The eligibility of elders for DS in the RCHEs will then be confirmed by HA's Psychogeriatric Teams (PGT). Based on the number of eligible cases as confirmed by PGTs in these RCHEs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elders in private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. DS will be allocated to RCHEs on a pro-rata basis according to the estimated number of demented elders. The allocation exercise is conducted annually.

With the allocation of the supplements, RCHEs can employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers and care workers, etc. or purchase relevant professional services to enhance the care for the infirm and demented elders. The total projected number of qualified elders for ICS and DS in the RCHEs concerned is about 5 920.

Apart from the above target beneficiaries, the ICS and DS will also benefit other service users of the RCHEs concerned who are in need of infirmary or dementia care.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)434

Question Serial No.

1662

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will monitor the implementation of the pilot scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the pilot Scheme). Please inform this Committee of the details of the pilot Scheme, the staffing arrangement, the number of beneficiaries and utilisation rate in the previous year, as well as the estimated expenditure and estimated number of beneficiaries in this year?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The Social Welfare Department has earmarked \$163 million under the Lotteries Fund to implement the pilot Scheme for three years. The pilot Scheme, commenced since March 2011, provides home-based support services (i.e. personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service) for about 540 persons with severe disabilities who are living in Kwun Tong District and Tuen Mun District and are on the waiting lists for subvented residential care services. The operating non-governmental organisations have committed to providing social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, nurses and other supporting staff under the pilot Scheme.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)435

Question Serial No.

1663

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will continue to implement and further develop the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP). Please inform this Committee of the effectiveness and utilisation rate of the BIP in the past, the development of the programme, the estimated number of participants, as well as the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The two-year pilot project of the BIP launched by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) was completed in 2008. The pilot project was effective in helping abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, a follow-up study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period. In view of the satisfactory outcome of the pilot project, SWD has continued to implement the BIP for suitable batterers as a component of the department's counselling service.

From 2006-07 to 2010-11, a total of 524 batterers participated in BIP. In 2011-12, ten BIP groups will be held for about 90 participants. We will develop other treatment modalities such as BIP for women.

There is no breakdown on manpower and funding specifically allocated to BIP as it is a component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.

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Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What were the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance and the number of cases receiving rent allowance less than, equal to and greater than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA) respectively in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (for months with available data) (please provide a breakdown of the number of cases by recipients living in private housing and public housing and by the number of household members)?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The numbers of CSSA cases in public housing estates and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011) were as below –

Table 1 : Year 2008-09

Number of eligible members	Public housing estate (as at the end of March 2009)				Private housing (as at the end of March 2009)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	63 023	67	2 032	65 122	7 337	745	13 731	21 813
2	42 176	3	168	42 347	5 802	188	4 552	10 542
3	23 053	1	63	23 117	3 343	29	2 719	6 091
4	14 634	0	30	14 664	1 298	2	1 202	2 502
5	5 907	0	13	5 920	346	8	411	765
6 and above	2 300	0	3	2 303	201	1	152	354
Total	151 093	71	2 309	153 473	18 327	973	22 767	42 067

Table 2 : Year 2009-10

Number of eligible members	Public housing estate (as at the end of March 2010)				Private housing (as at the end of March 2010)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	65 755	60	2 519	68 334	6 944	740	13 971	21 655
2	44 080	2	206	44 288	5 605	162	4 655	10 422
3	23 677	0	48	23 725	3 228	25	2 814	6 067
4	13 862	0	27	13 889	1 310	0	1 242	2 552
5	5 324	2	10	5 336	320	8	442	770
6 and above	1 924	0	1	1 925	198	0	168	366
Total	154 622	64	2 811	157 497	17 605	935	23 292	41 832

Table 3 : Year 2010-11

Number of eligible members	Public housing estate (as at the end of February 2011)				Private housing (as at the end of February 2011)			
	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	66 737	71	3 263	70 071	6 336	707	13 428	20 471
2	44 380	3	303	44 686	5 390	142	4 794	10 326
3	22 657	0	47	22 704	2 995	19	2 879	5 893
4	12 407	0	32	12 439	1 167	1	1 218	2 386
5	4 438	0	9	4 447	278	5	440	723
6 and above	1 553	1	2	1 556	177	0	184	361
Total	152 172	75	3 656	155 903	16 343	874	22 943	40 160

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LWB(WW)437

Question Serial No.
2906

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : As regards the cases that are receiving rent allowance with actual rent greater than the maximum levels of the rent allowance (MRA), what were the average amount that exceeded the MRA as well as the median of the exceeding amounts according to the statistics of the Social Welfare Department in 2010-11 (for months with available data) with breakdown by the number of household members?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : Average and median amounts of the portion of the actual rent exceeding the MRA under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme by the number of eligible members for CSSA in 2010-11 as at the end of February 2011 were as below –

Number of eligible members	2010-11 (as at the end of February 2011)	
	Average amount of the portion of the actual rent exceeding MRA (\$)	Median amount of the portion of the actual rent exceeding MRA (\$)
1	424	240
2	698	450
3	919	670
4	1,064	755
5	1,226	950
6 and above	1,029	565

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LWB(WW)438

Question Serial No.

3716

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (7) Young People

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will monitor the implementation of pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (pilot projects). Please inform this Committee of the details of the projects? How does the Administration monitor the implementation of these projects? What are the estimated expenditure and staffing establishment?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : In view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of youths, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, the Social Welfare Department will commission non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch three 3-year cyber youth outreaching projects on a pilot basis with funding support from the Lotteries Fund (LF). The pilot projects, which are expected to commence service in the latter half of the year, will adopt multi-level intervention strategy (viz. preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial level), and use a variety of popular cyber means to reach out to the needy young people for timely intervention. The manpower of individual pilot projects will be subject to the plans proposed by the selected NGOs. SWD will also commission a consultant to conduct an evaluation study to examine the effectiveness of the pilot projects and feasibility of interfacing this new service mode with the existing youth services and make recommendations on the way forward. A total amount of \$17 million has been earmarked from LF for the pilot projects and evaluation study.

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Question Serial No.

3717

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration stated that it will monitor the arrangements for provision of additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly and community care service places. Please inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) what was the geographical distribution of these types of residential care and service places, the number of elders waitlisting for such places, the average waiting time and expenditure on each type of services in 2010-11?
- (b) what are the geographical distribution of these types of residential care and service places, the anticipated average waiting time and estimated expenditure on each type of services in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : (a) The geographical distribution of subsidised residential and community care services places, i.e. places of homes for the aged (H/As) (including places of self-care (S/C) hostels), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), Enhanced Home and Community Care Service (EHCCSs), Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) in 2010-11 is as follows –

District	Number of Places by Type of Home or Service									
	H/A	C&A	NH	Contract Home (including C&A and NH places)	EBPS	DE/DCU	EHCCS (District basis)	EHCCS (Cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail)	IHCS (Ordinary) Caseload [Note 1]
Central & Western	37	205	0	153	493	104	136	99	40	663
Eastern	22	418	0	144	314	216	186		80	1 673
Wan Chai	0	462	0	0	54	72	144		30	530
Southern	188 [Note 2]	1 265	0	0	397	108	113		80	1 063
Islands	67	317	0	70	42	40	124	0	20	280
Kwun Tong	0	1 038	250	179	549	305	236	171	150	1 956
Wong Tai Sin	34	1 016	280	187	231	237	216	208	100	1 707
Sai Kung	0	702	292	0	0	145	128		30	424
Kowloon City	7	641	0	100	1 108	111	170	106	30	1 406
Sham Shui Po	0	788	0	137	282	203	125		90	1 870
Yau Tsim Mong	0	98	0	0	534	132	138		40	1 055
Sha Tin	0	1 201	0	0	0	176	147	157	120	1 435
Tai Po	0	1 171	0	0	98	64	99		30	963
North	0	865	270	0	343	44	121		30	740
Yuen Long	0	914	0	73	761	110	133	136	90	1 464
Tsuen Wan	0	507	316	74	771	64	145		40	435
Kwai Tsing	75	1 697	30	238	821	149	211		90	1 214
Tuen Mun	0	880	216	0	402	110	130		30	1 433
Total	430	14 185	1 654	1 355	7 200	2 390	2 702	877	1 120	20 311

[Note 1] There is no maximum service capacity for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) and the figures represent the caseload as at the end of December 2010.

[Note 2] One elderly home in the district also provides 24 S/C hostel places in addition to H/A places.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new application for placement in S/C hostels and H/A since 1 January 2003. Besides, as all applicants for subsidised residential care places (including subsidised NH places and C&A places) are put under the Central Waiting List for service allocation on a territory-wide basis, there is no separate waiting list for individual districts.

As at the end of February 2011, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places and the respective average waiting time are as follows –

Subsidised residential care places	As at the end of February 2011
C&A	
(a) Number of applicants ^[Note 3]	20 355
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 4]	
- Subvented homes and contract homes	34
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	9
NH ^[Note 5]	
(a) Number of applicants	6 388
(b) Average waiting time (months) ^[Note 4]	40

^[Note 3] As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract homes or EBPS homes, SWD only captures the total number of applicants waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.

^[Note 4] Average waiting time for admitted cases in the past three months.

^[Note 5] Including subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs, self-financing NHs and contract homes.

As at the end of February 2011, there were 1 431 elders waiting for subsidised day care places and the average waiting time was about nine months; and 957 elders waiting for frailty-tested services under IHCS and EHCCS and the average waiting time was about four months.

The recurrent expenditure on subsidised residential care services and community care services for the elderly in 2010-11 (revised estimate) is \$2,429.2 million and \$752.4 million respectively.

- (b) The provision of additional subsidised residential care places in 2011-12 is detailed as follows –

Type of home	Number of Places	Estimated Annual Expenditure (\$ million)
NHs ^[Note 6]	300	42.48
EBPS Homes ^[Note 6]	393	30.75
New Contract Homes ^[Note 7]	115	16.50
Conversion Homes ^[Note 6]	314	19.65
Total	1 122	109.38

^[Note 6] Residential care places provided over the territory.

^[Note 7] Residential care places provided in Yau Tsim Mong district.

Details of the additional subsidised community care places to be provided in 2011-12 are as follows –

Serving District	DEs/DCUs Places	Estimated Annual Expenditure (\$ million)
Wong Tai Sin	50	15.30
Kowloon City	50	
Kwun Tong	45	
Sham Shui Po	40	
Sha Tin	20	
Kwai Tsing	5	
Total	210	

Serving District	EHCCS Places	Estimated Annual Expenditure (\$ million)
Hong Kong	25	31.13
East Kowloon	415	
West Kowloon	210	
New Territories East	40	
New Territories West	110	
Total	800	

The additional places will help ease the pressure on the waiting time. However, as the waiting time for subsidised residential care and community care services is affected by a number of factors, for example, the special preference of the applicants, changes in service demand and the turn-over rate of individual homes, etc., we cannot estimate the waiting time in 2011-12.

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Question Serial No.

1340

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Please provide information on the utilisation of rebus services –

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (up to the latest situation)
<u>Scheduled route services</u>				
Average daily passenger trips				
Number of vehicles				
Number of passengers on waiting list as at year-end				
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>				
Average daily passenger trips				
Number of vehicles				
Number of orders received				
Number of orders not entertained				

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The requested information on the utilisation of rebus services is as follows –

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	2008	2009	2010	2011 (up to January 2011)
<u>Scheduled route services</u> ^{Note 1}				
Average daily passenger trips	941	992	1 054	1 163
Number of vehicles as at year-end	70	70	74	77
Number of passengers on waiting list as at year-end	58	62	73	49
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>				
Average daily passenger trips	985	1 052	1 129	1 116
Number of vehicles used for dial-a-ride services full day as at year-end ^{Note 2}	30	30	32	33
Number of orders received	108 182	122 369	123 246	10 333
Number of orders not entertained	10 034	11 105	13 755	1 063

Note 1 : Scheduled route services operate during peak periods on weekdays only. No service on Sundays and public holidays.

Note 2 : Vehicles used for scheduled route services are also deployed for dial-a-ride services when they are outside the operating periods set out in Note 1.

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LWB(WW)441

Question Serial No.

2948

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, it was mentioned that the Transport Department plans to replace 17 rehabuses and procure four additional rehabuses. Please provide details about the age of these 17 rehabuses and the reasons for the replacement. In view of the keen demand for rebus services, can the 17 rehabuses continue to provide service through repairs and maintenance, so as to alleviate the demand for rebus services and shorten the waiting time of people with disabilities? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The age of the 17 rehabuses planned to be replaced in 2011-12 ranges from 7.8 years to 12 years. These vehicles have been assessed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to be beyond economical repairs. To shorten the waiting time for rebus service, the Administration plans to procure four additional rehabuses in 2011-12 to enhance the rebus services, in addition to replacing the 17 old rehabuses.

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Post Title Commissioner for Transport

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Question Serial No.

0626

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : How many additional rehabuses and replacement rehabuses will be purchased in 2011-12? 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?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

Rebus provides point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties in using normal modes of transport. Rebus offers scheduled route (SR) services to carry persons with disabilities mainly to office, schools and places of rehabilitation. Besides, Rebus provides dial-a-ride (DAR) services to facilitate persons with disabilities in attending medical appointments and taking part in other social activities.

The Administration plans to procure four additional rehabuses and replace 17 rehabuses in 2011-12. Three of the four additional rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining one on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed for DAR services during the off-peak periods.

The average waiting time for SR services was about two months in 2010. If the demand for the services remains at the present level, the addition of the three rehabuses should be able to cater for 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. Therefore, it is difficult to give a precise estimate on the number of days in advance required to secure the provision of DAR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should reduce the number of booking orders that cannot be entertained currently by about 20%.

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

0595

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Under Programme (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities, the provision for 2011-12 (\$61.6 million) is significantly higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11 by 27.8%. Please provide the reasons and details of such increase.

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

Under Programme (5), the increase in provision for 2011-12 over the revised estimate for 2010-11 by 27.8% is mainly due to:

- (i) increased capital expenditure on procurement of rehabuses (+\$10.9 million); and
- (ii) additional provision for operating the new rehabuses acquired in 2010-11 and 2011-12 (+\$1.5 million).

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)444

Question Serial No.

3134

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The number of persons waiting for Rehabus scheduled route services in 2010 was 73, while the estimated number for 2011 is reduced to 60. What are the reasons for the reduction? What is the cost of providing scheduled route service to a person waiting for such services?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply : Four rehabuses were added to the fleet of Rehabus in January 2011, three of which were deployed to operate scheduled route services. The increased carrying capacity helped reduce the number of persons waiting for scheduled route services to 39 as at end February 2011. Based on the trend in past years, it is estimated that the number of persons on the waiting list would be about 60 by end 2011.

Rehabus operation comprises scheduled route services and dial-a-ride services. The average cost per passenger trip of the Rehabus service is about \$65, of which about 80% is subvented by the Government.

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LWB(WW)445

Question Serial No.

0384

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding rebus, please advise on:

- (a) the reasons, expenditure, manpower and target completion date for the replacement of 17 rebus and the addition of four additional rebus in 2011-12;
- (b) details of the replacement and addition of rebus in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11), and the reasons, expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (c) the proportion of expenditure and manpower involved in the replacement and addition of rebus to the total expenditure of the Transport Department in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

(a) & (b) New rebus are procured to replace old rebus which have been assessed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to be beyond economical repair; and to meet increasing passenger demand.

The rebus procurement programmes from 2008-09 to 2011-12 are as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Rebus Procured for Replacement	Number of Additional Rebus	Capital Cost (\$ million)
2008-09	24	8	20.0
2009-10	4	6	7.4
2010-11	6	4	7.5
2011-12	17	4	18.5

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The work involved was/is absorbed by the existing manpower of the Transport Department (TD).

The 21 new rehabuses to be procured in 2011-12 are expected to commence service in early 2012.

- (c) The estimated expenditure for replacement and addition of rehabuses in 2011-12 accounts for 1.4% of the total estimated expenditure of TD of the year. The work involved is absorbed by the existing manpower of the Department.

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Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)446

Question Serial No.
3108

Head : Lotteries Fund

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Lotteries Fund (LF) has been in surplus for five consecutive years, and the executive authority also estimated that the LF would be in surplus in 2010-12. Would the Government please inform this Committee whether the Administration has any plan to optimise the existing application procedures for the LF so as to enable social service agencies to apply for more grants to improve or re-provision their facilities, thereby allowing them to better meet the demand of service users and the public in terms of hardware? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure involved in optimising the funding arrangement mentioned above? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been reviewing and updating the LF Manual regularly to facilitate and provide guidance for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to apply for grants from LF.

Apart from giving day-to-day advice to NGOs on the use of LF to support their capital projects, SWD organises briefings to assist NGOs with their submission of LF applications in respect of their welfare-related capital projects. For instance, NGOs were briefed on 29 October 2009 on the use of LF to support the physical conversion works and major renovation for residential care homes for the elderly participating in the conversion programme. A sharing session was held on 27 April 2010 to help small NGOs understand the application procedures and issues related to LF. A briefing session was also held on 30 June 2010 for NGOs on the procedures and technical requirements for carrying out major renovation works under LF. These briefings were well received by NGOs. Since these briefings were conducted in-house and resources were absorbed by SWD, we do not have the breakdown of the expenditure involved. SWD will continue to hold related briefings for NGOs on a need basis, and to streamline and optimise the LF application procedures with a view to better addressing the funding needs of the social welfare sector within the ambit of LF.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)447

Question Serial No.

3123

Head : Lotteries Fund

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Administration has estimated that there will be an increase in expenditure of the Lotteries Fund (LF) in the next two years, but the estimated expenditures in 2013-14 and 2014-15 will be reduced. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for the reduction in expenditures.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Since the projects funded under the LF are mainly capital works related, the expenditure of LF hinges on the progress of works and the completion time of individual projects. The reduction in the estimated LF expenditures in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is mainly due to some existing major LF projects being completed before 2013-14 and also the major milestones of some existing LF projects falling outside these two financial years.

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Head : Lotteries Fund

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Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : In each of the past three years, what were the provisions approved under the Lotteries Fund (LF) for the installation of air-conditioners at the social centres for the elderly (S/Es), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), district elderly community centres (DECCs), subvented care-and-attention (C&A) homes for the elderly operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and the activity rooms and television rooms of youth centres (YCs)?

	S/Es	NECs	DECCs	Subvented C&A of NGOs	YCs
2010					
2009					
2008					

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply : The LF does provide funding support for capital works projects of NGOs which may cover the costs for installation of air-conditioning and related works. Such works typically consist of upgrading works for power supply, electrical works for cables wiring and extending conduits and trunking as well as installation fees for air-conditioners. We have no statistical information on the specific cost for the installation of air-conditioners.

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Question Serial No.
0417

Head : Lotteries Fund

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Lotteries Fund (LF) has allocated \$200 million and \$330 million to set up the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) and the Social Welfare Development Fund (SWDF) respectively. However, the practice of setting up funds within funds cannot generate any real value but entails additional administration costs. It creates a false impression to the public that there is a wide range of welfare funds.

Why does the Administration not relax the eligibility criteria of LF and consolidate the CIIF and the SWDF into the LF so as to reduce administration costs?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply : The CIIF and the SWDF have their unique purposes and modus operandi. The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects which create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. The SWDF, which was set up as recommended by the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee, aims at supporting training and professional development, capacity enhancement initiatives and service delivery enhancement studies of non-governmental organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department. Both of these designated funds have their specific nature and scope and hence separate management and monitoring of the funds are necessary.

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LWB(WW)450

Question Serial No.

0418

Head : Lotteries Fund

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The projected closing balance for the Lotteries Fund (LF) in the 2011-12 estimate, at around \$8.9 billion is about \$1 billion higher than last year's projected balance at around \$7.9 billion in the 2010-11 estimate. Meanwhile, as stated on page 179 of the Estimates Volume II – Fund Accounts, the total receipts of LF for 2011-12 is around \$1.6 billion, representing a growth of only some \$30 million as compared to last year's figure, at \$1.56 billion. What are the reasons for the substantial growth in the closing balance of LF?

As stated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, one of the reasons for increasing the price of Mark Six lottery ticket is to provide additional funding to the LF. Since the existing huge balance of LF is left idle, has the Administration considered lowering the price of Mark Six lottery ticket?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply : The increase in the projected closing balance of the LF as at 31 March 2012 in the 2011-12 estimate as compared with the one as at 31 March 2011 in the 2010-11 estimate is mainly due to the increase in the revenue being more than the increase in the expenditure. Since the projects funded under LF are mainly capital works related, the expenditure of LF in a financial year hinges on the progress of works and the completion time of individual projects in that financial year.

As the unit investment for each Mark Six entry was only increased from \$5 to \$10 in late 2010, it is prudent to take some more time to observe the impact of the increase on the revenue to LF. While the price of Mark Six lottery ticket remains the management decision of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Administration has no plan to ask for an adjustment to the price.

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Head : Lotteries Fund

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Question : The revised estimate for expenditure on the Lotteries Fund (LF) in the previous year was about \$1,026.6 million, while the estimated expenditure for this year is about \$1,082.3 million, which is only slightly increased by about \$50 million and is far less than the increase in revenue, thus making the balance of LF grow larger and larger.

Does the Administration consider relaxing the ambit of the LF, such as for use in building subsidised residential care homes for the elderly, helping persons with disabilities and elementary workers seek employment, providing support for low income families and elderly persons who are suffering from illness, etc., so as to benefit more social welfare organisations and the disadvantaged?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply : According to the ambit of the LF, the grants from LF are already normally used to meet the non-recurrent commitments for construction, fitting-out works, renovation and purchase of furniture and equipment for the premises occupied by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing welfare services. LF grants may also be used for meeting staff and operating expenses on well-defined projects which are of limited duration and are experimental or innovative in nature. Since the projects funded under LF are mainly capital works-related, the expenditure of LF hinges on the stages of works and the completion time of individual projects.

LF has been an important funding support for NGOs to enhance their welfare service quality in various programme and service areas including elderly services like renovation and construction of residential care homes for the elderly, rehabilitation services like the pilot scheme on Home Care Services for Persons with Severe Disabilities, family and child welfare services as well as youth and correctional services. Apart from subsidised services, applications for LF grants in respect of self-financing welfare services are also considered on individual case merits.

The beneficiaries of LF are not individuals but NGOs providing welfare services to the public. The current ambit of LF has already accommodated the non-recurrent funding needs of welfare services operated by NGOs. LF will continue to be used to finance welfare projects to meet community needs and facilitate the implementation of social welfare policies.

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