

**Replies to initial written questions  
raised by Legislative Council Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2025-26**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB070**

**(Question Serial No. 3185)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Department will engage 1 more existing support service centre for ethnic minorities (EM centre) to strengthen support services for ethnic minorities. Please advise on the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in that EM centre.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

To further facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities into the community, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will engage 1 more existing support service centre for ethnic minorities (EM centre) to provide interpretation and translation services for ethnic minorities to alleviate the inconvenience faced by ethnic minorities due to language barriers. The new services are targeted to commence in 2025. The estimated annual recurrent expenditure of the new initiative is \$13.65 million. HAD will invite the operators of existing EM centres (except the CHEER Centre which is now providing interpretation and translation services) to submit proposals on provision of interpretation and translation services for consideration by HAD. HAD will handle the work arising from the new initiative with its existing manpower.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB071**

**(Question Serial No. 0041)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive mentioned the setting up of distinctive photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts to attract the public and tourists to take photos.

- (a) Please provide detailed information on each of the photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts, the uniqueness of the landmarks, the number of visitors in the past year, and the expenditure incurred for the setting up and maintenance of the landmarks.
- (b) What promotional measures have been adopted by the Department to publicise these landmarks? What are the specific details of, the expenditure involved in and the effectiveness of the promotional initiatives?
- (c) What specific plans does the Government have in the coming year to leverage the photo-taking landmarks in various districts for the promotion of local economy or for other purposes? What are the details of these plans and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

Each of the District Youth Community Building Committees (DYCBCs) across 18 districts proposes for its district a distinctive photo-taking landmark with a particular theme and specific design elements to showcase district uniqueness as well as attract the public and tourists to take photos and “check in” there. The photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts have been completed since early 2024 for display for different periods ranging from several months to perpetual. The landmarks include large-scale distinctive installations or lighting decorations, ground paintings/mural paintings, distinctive landmark signage, etc.

District Offices (DOs) have assisted DYCBCs in promoting the photo-taking landmarks in their respective districts through various channels, including websites, social platforms, local networks, etc. In addition, in September and October last year, DOs collaborated with the

District Services and Community Care Teams of their respective districts to organise a series of local tours in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Members of the public were invited to visit the distinctive attractions in the territory, including the photo-taking landmarks in various districts. DOs do not have any statistics on the number of visitors of each photo-taking landmark.

The work relating to the setting up, maintenance, publicity, etc. of the above photo-taking landmarks is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs together with the relevant government departments. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available. The 18 DOs will continue to invite the DYCBCs of their respective districts to advise on district works or facilities and other community building initiatives. DOs will also continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB072**

**(Question Serial No. 1364)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the 2023 Policy Address that the training for members of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) will be strengthened, including the provision of mental health support training, to assist in the early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support.

- (a) What are the content, number of sessions, and breakdown of expenditure by content in respect of the training provided for CTs so far?
- (b) What is the total number of CT members who have received mental health support training to date?
- (c) How many cases involving persons with mental health needs in the local communities have been referred by CTs to date?
- (d) Will the Government continue to strengthen the mental health support training for CTs in the future, including broadening the training content and increasing the number of training sessions? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a) to (d) The Government has been providing training for District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) covering various aspects such as tips for communicating with elderly persons, getting to know the welfare services at the district level and training course on mental health support services.

The mental health support training mentioned above was stated in the 2023 Policy Address. Mental health support training covering an overview of common mental health issues, mental health first aid course, and basic skills in providing mental health support, etc., has been provided for members of CTs by the Health

Bureau (HHB) starting from the third quarter of 2024, with a view to fully utilising community resources and CTs' experience and networks to facilitate mental health promotion. CTs assist in early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support, with a view to achieving early detection, early diagnosis and early treatment and provide them with more comprehensive intervention support. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not maintain figures on cases involving persons with mental health needs in the local communities that have been referred by CTs.

Since the third quarter of 2024, members of each of the 452 CTs across the territory have attended mental health support training courses organised by HHB. Overall, about 90% of CT members have received such training. The training expenses incurred are absorbed within HHB. HAD will continue to engage in active discussions with HHB to facilitate and co-ordinate the participation of CT members.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB073**

**(Question Serial No. 3058)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

To provide support services for “three-nil” buildings, the Home Affairs Department has implemented the Resident Liaison Ambassador (RLA) Scheme and the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS). Following the regularisation of the BMPASS in 2022, a pilot scheme was launched to invite local organisations/ non-governmental organisations to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming owners’ corporations (OCs). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the current number of “three-nil” buildings in Hong Kong, with a breakdown by the 18 districts;
- (b) the names of local organisations and non-governmental organisations invited; the number of OCs formed with the assistance provided under the pilot scheme, with a breakdown by district, and the total expenditure incurred during the implementation period of the pilot scheme from June 2022 to June 2024 with a breakdown;
- (c) the numbers of buildings and flats benefitted and the details of the services provided under the new round of the BMPASS since its implementation in July 2024, with a breakdown by year and by the 18 districts; the number of OCs formed with the assistance provided under the BMPASS; and the estimated total expenditure incurred with a breakdown;
- (d) the performance indicators for the pilot scheme and the new round of the BMPASS, and whether those for the pilot scheme have been achieved, with relevant details;
- (e) the number of Resident Liaison Ambassadors recruited under the RLA Scheme since its implementation, with a breakdown by year and by the 18 districts; and
- (f) whether the Government has reviewed the effectiveness of the RLA Scheme since its implementation, and whether the Government has any plans to take a more targeted



approach to the provision of support services for “three-nil” buildings by introducing or making use of new technologies or services. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), as at December 2024, there were 3 067 “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any owners’ corporation (OC) or any form of residents’ organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed). A breakdown by district is set out in **Annex A**.
- (b) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, HAD implemented a “pilot scheme” under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of “three-nil” buildings, including the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and North Districts, involving a total expenditure of \$19.15 million. A list of local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged with the number of OCs formed with their assistance broken down by district is in **Annex B**.
- (c) Since the BMPASS pilot scheme has garnered widespread support from the community and users, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS with a similar mode of operation in July 2024 for a period of 3 years. The estimated total expenditure involved is around \$33.11 million. The services covered by the new round of the BMPASS include assisting owners in forming OCs, facilitating the procurement of third party risks insurance for newly formed OCs, and providing services for a period of 12 to 15 months, so as to ensure that the day-to-day operations of the OCs’ concerned comply with the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), their deeds of mutual covenant and other relevant legislation. The number of OCs formed as at December 2024 is set out in **Annex C**.
- (d) The BMPASS pilot scheme ended in June 2024, covering a total of about 690 “three-nil” buildings in 9 districts. With the assistance of the scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 1 000 Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) were recruited and 62 newly formed OCs procured third party risks insurance, meeting the objectives of the BMPASS pilot scheme. The new round of the BMPASS covers a total of about 867 “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. It is estimated that the local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged will assist the formation of about 100 OCs, recruitment of approximately 1 700 RLAs, and facilitate procurement of third party risks insurance by around 20 newly formed OCs.
- (e) To assist owners of old buildings in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the RLA Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of “three-nil” buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents’ discussion and handling of daily building

management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. As at December 2024, about 2 220 RLAs were living in “three-nil” buildings. A breakdown by district is set out in **Annex D**.

- (f) HAD reviews the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings from time to time to promote good building management, and encourage and assist owners to form OCs for proper management of their private properties. District Offices have been providing old buildings in need, including “three-nil” buildings, with cleaning service for their common parts through various channels such as the District-led Actions Scheme having regard to the actual circumstances, so as to demonstrate the benefits brought by good building management. We will also step up efforts in recruiting RLAs and provide them with information on building management, in order to promote the message of effective building management and enable them to assist government departments in liaising with residents. Our long-term objective is to help owners of these buildings form OCs for proper management of their own properties. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs’ involvement.

In addition, the Chief Executive announced in his 2024 Policy Address the implementation of a pilot scheme on “joint property management” in selected areas in 2025 to assist “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings in jointly hiring a single PMC for joint property management so that the management fees can be apportioned and these buildings will be able to receive basic building management services at a more affordable cost. Making reference to the number and distribution of old single-block private buildings in the selected areas, HAD will implement a pilot scheme in the first half of 2025 in 4 districts, namely Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, where clusters of older single-block buildings are present. The scheme aims to encourage and facilitate owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to adopt the “joint property management” model on a trial basis. The pilot scheme is anticipated to run for an initial duration of 1 year. Subject to the outcomes of the implementation of the pilot scheme, a review will be conducted to consider the feasibility of extending it to other districts.

**Number of “three-nil” buildings by district #  
(as at December 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of “three-nil” buildings *</b>
Central & Western	355
Eastern	64
Southern	65
Wan Chai	182
Kowloon City	322
Kwun Tong	24
Yau Tsim Mong	368
Sham Shui Po	369
Wong Tai Sin	52
Islands	13
Sai Kung	188
Tai Po	282
Tsuen Wan	63
Yuen Long	273
Sha Tin	22
Tuen Mun	107
North	312
Kwai Tsing	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 067</b>

# Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

\* Excluding “three-nil” buildings that are under single ownership and can be self-managed.

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB073**

**Local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged under the  
Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme and  
the number of owners' corporations (OCs) formed with their assistance  
(June 2022 to June 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Local organisations/ non-governmental organisations engaged</b>	<b>Number of OCs formed</b>
Central & Western	Mount Davis Kai-Fong Welfare Association	12
Eastern	Association of Care for Community Hong Kong	7
Wan Chai	Centre Stage Squarer	2
Kowloon City	Community Care, and New Home Association Kowloon West Service Centre	1
Yau Tsim Mong	Community Engagement Workshop	24
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Neighbourhood Cares Association and Kowloon Federation of Associations Sham Shui Po District Committee	31
Tai Po	Tai Po District Residents Association	5
Tsuen Wan	Association for Tsuen Wan Development	8
North	Luen Wo Hui Residential Association	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

**Annex C to Reply Serial No. HYAB073**

**Number of owners' corporations (OCs) formed under the Building Management  
Professional Advisory Service Scheme from 2024 to 2027  
(as at December 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of OCs formed*</b>
Central & Western	1
Wan Chai	1
Eastern	3
Yau Tsim Mong	2
Sham Shui Po	6
Kowloon City	6
Kwun Tong	2
Tai Po	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

\* In other districts, there has not been any case in which an OC was formed under the scheme so far.

**Annex D to Reply Serial No. HYAB073**

**Number of Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs)  
(as at December 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RLAs recruited</b>
Central & Western	178
Eastern	30
Southern	48
Wan Chai	121
Kowloon City	172
Kwun Tong	19
Yau Tsim Mong	619
Sham Shui Po	580
Wong Tai Sin	47
Islands	0
Sai Kung	0
Tai Po	163
Tsuen Wan	83
Yuen Long	29
Sha Tin	8
Tuen Mun	6
North	116
Kwai Tsing	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 226</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB074**

**(Question Serial No. 3156)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) manages community halls and community centres (CHs/CCs) in the 18 districts to provide organisations with venue facilities for holding various community activities. However, some of the facilities in CHs/CCs are ageing and some were damaged due to adverse weather, causing inconvenience to residents. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the utilisation rate of the facilities in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts;
- (b) the number of complaints received in relation to the facilities and the subjects under complaint (such as uneven floor, malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems and damage to sound equipment) in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts;
- (c) the progress of HAD's follow-up actions on the above complaints, including the number of completed cases, the number of ongoing or outstanding cases, and the average time taken for handling a complaint;
- (d) the number of (i) new facilities items and (ii) facilities items requiring replacement due to ageing or damage, and the expenditure incurred in providing or replacing these items in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts; and
- (e) the details of the repair and replacement plans for CH/CC facilities in 2025-26 and the estimated expenditure, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

- (a) The utilisation rates of the multi-purpose halls in community halls/community centres (CHs/CCs) in the past 3 years are set out in **Annex A**.

(b) to (e) The Home Affairs Department has been striving to improve the facilities and ancillary facilities in CHs/CCs. Apart from carrying out emergency repairs in response to individual complaints, District Offices (DOs) conduct general site maintenance and minor improvement works from time to time. Depending on resources and needs, DOs would also upgrade ageing building services installations, including air-conditioning and ventilation, electrical, lighting and drainage installations, and enhance stage and audio-visual equipment to better meet the needs of venue users.

In the past 3 years, DOs received a total of 124 complaints in relation to the facilities in CHs/CCs. Of these, 116 cases have been pursued and concluded, while the follow-up work for the remaining 8 cases are under progress. The average time taken to handle a complaint is around 10 days. Information relating to the complaints and the handling progress is set out in **Annex B**. Major works projects undertaken for the addition and replacement of CH/CC facilities in the past 3 years and the expenditure incurred are set out in **Annex C**. Major repair and replacement of CH/CC facilities planned for 2025-26 and the estimated expenditure are set out in **Annex D**.



**Utilisation Rates of Multi-purpose Halls in  
Community Halls/Community Centres (CHs/CCs) from 2022 to 2024**

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	Western District CC	Note (1)		
	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	53.0	60.7	56.1
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC	76.5	84.4	84.7
	Hing Wah CH	79.4	80.8	74.6
	Yue Wan CH	81.6	89.0	81.3
	Aldrich Bay CH	80.3	89.1	87.1
	Quarry Bay CH	Note (2)	82.4	79.3
	Siu Sai Wan CH	91.8	89.8	89.3
	North Point CH	76.1	87.3	88.8
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	96.2	96.9	94.3
	Ap Lei Chau CH	70.9	63.7	32.7
	Lei Tung CH	Note (2)	53.4	73.3
	South Horizons Neighbourhood CC	95.2	84.9	75.4
	Stanley CH	14.4	15.3	15.6
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Note (2)	49.5	46.7
Kowloon City	Hung Hom CH	85.1	86.1	80.7
	Kai Tak CH	Note (2)	64.6	80.6
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong CC	68.6	59.6	53.1
	Lok Wah Estate CC	94.3	58.7	66.0
	Shun Lee Estate CC	67.1	64.4	66.0
	Lam Tin (East) CH	66.8	67.7	65.9
	Lam Tin (West) Estate CC	79.5	71.7	76.4
	Sau Mau Ping CH	92.3	87.6	82.7
	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC	81.6	76.5	76.3
	Kai Yip CH	80.0	74.2	67.6
	Yau Tong CH	Note (2)	84.1	85.9
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	95.0	91.2	90.7
	Nam Cheong District CC	93.7	86.8	90.0
	Tai Hang Tung CC	90.2	79.9	76.7
	Lai Kok CH	Note (2)	73.9	84.0
	Pak Tin CH	Note (2)	80.3	86.2
	Shek Kip Mei CH	96.1	84.4	85.8
	Lai Chi Kok CH	93.2	82.6	79.4
	Mei Foo CH	92.0	84.5	85.1

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC	91.7	81.2	88.9
	Choi Wan Estate CC	86.7	84.9	75.0
	Chuk Yuen Estate CC	94.2	87.5	71.0
	Fung Tak Estate CC	92.6	86.2	87.7
	Tsz Wan Shan CH	92.9	61.8	51.2
	Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate CC	89.3	88.1	75.8
	Tung Tau CC	Note (2)	50.8	60.2
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	42.9	51.5	59.9
	Mong Kok CH	75.4	66.4	62.9
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	60.7	53.1	55.6
	Tung Chung CH	73.7	81.0	84.3
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate CC	75.7	60.3	Note (3)
	Cheung Ching CH	Note (3)	Note (3)	67.2
	Cheung Fat Estate CC	82.9	70.1	61.7
	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC	95.6	80.9	84.8
	Cheung Hang CH	88.2	75.5	71.9
	Kwai Fong CH	94.2	89.5	83.1
	Kwai Shing CH	82.9	72.5	75.4
	Tsing Yi Estate CH	81.3	73.3	70.4
	Lai King CH	Note (2)	73.1	65.7
	Shek Lei CH	72.0	84.0	87.0
North	North District CC	Note (1)		
	Cheung Wah CH	90.3	88.9	88.0
	Ta Kwu Ling CH	13.3	8.7	8.0
	Sha Tau Kok CH	14.7	16.4	12.2
	Luen Wo Hui CH	87.3	85.0	82.8
	Wo Hing CH	Note (2)	Note (4)	69.4
	Queens Hill CH	Note (5)	53.8	64.2
Sai Kung	King Lam Neighbourhood CC	89.5	72.8	66.1
	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	75.8	81.2	79.5
	Tsui Lam CH	70.9	55.6	56.5
	Kin Choi CH	87.9	76.1	77.4
	Sheung Tak CH	78.0	69.7	76.8
	Lohas Park CH	69.0	61.5	52.9
	Hang Hau CH	Note (2)	72.3	72.4
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC	90.2	86.1	81.8
	Lung Hang Estate CC	92.6	92.4	89.2
	Hin Keng Neighbourhood CC	88.1	73.2	69.0
	Chun Shek CH	92.3	89.6	84.8
	Kwong Yuen CH	93.1	88.1	89.5
	Lek Yuen CH	Note (2)	55.6	58.9
	Pok Hong CH	85.8	87.9	86.4
	Sha Kok CH	84.6	86.9	86.5
	Sun Tin Wai CH	Note (2)	54.6	66.0
	Wo Che CH	66.4	65.8	67.0
	Lee On CH	Note (2)	74.7	86.8
	Mei Tin CH	96.8	81.9	85.5
	Yuen Chau Kok CH	75.5	70.5	78.7

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	74.9	74.0	65.4
	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	73.8	72.1	64.6
	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	82.9	72.3	76.9
	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	62.5	72.5	66.6
	Fu Shin CH	77.5	74.2	71.7
	Kwong Fuk CH	77.0	78.0	74.8
	Tai Yuen CH	78.0	74.0	61.9
	Tung Cheong Street CH	62.7	70.9	72.6
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	83.2	73.4	73.2
	Lei Muk Shue CH	78.0	78.9	69.8
	Shek Wai Kok CH	68.4	72.2	49.4
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	65.3	41.1	62.2
	Butterfly Bay CC	70.8	61.7	69.5
	Leung King Estate CC	77.6	75.4	77.8
	Kin Sang CH	73.6	53.2	59.3
	Shan King CH	89.8	85.7	80.9
	Tai Hing CH	76.4	61.0	65.6
	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	72.2	77.4	77.4
	Tseng Choi Street CH	74.7	70.4	66.6
	Wu Shan Road CH	78.0	74.5	79.8
	Lung Yat CH	78.6	77.5	73.1
	Siu Lun CH	Note (2)	55.6	60.4
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC	74.9	69.2	69.6
	Tin Shui CC	79.0	80.0	63.8
	Long Ping CH	72.1	74.3	74.6
	Tin Ching CH	86.7	79.4	77.8
	Tin Fai Road CH	81.0	82.5	72.5
	Yuen Long Town East CH	Note (2)	Note (4)	41.2

Notes:

- (1) There is no multi-purpose hall in the CC.
- (2) The multi-purpose hall in the CH/CC was used for anti-epidemic purposes throughout the year. No booking from applicant organisations was accepted during the period.
- (3) Cheung Ching Estate CC was closed at the end of 2023. The reprovisioned Cheung Ching CH commenced operation in 2024.
- (4) The multi-purpose hall in the CH was closed for repair works throughout the year. No booking from applicant organisations was accepted during the period.
- (5) Queens Hill CH commenced operation in 2023.

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB074**

**Complaints in relation to  
Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities from 2022-23 to 2024-25**

**2022-23**

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Subject under complaint</b>	<b>Number of complaints</b>	<b>Handling progress</b>
Central & Western	Western District CC	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Eastern	North Point CH		1	Concluded
Sai Kung	Hang Hau CH		1	Concluded
Southern	Lei Tung CH		2	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Lee On CH		3	Concluded
Sha Tin	Lung Hang Estate CC		2	Concluded
Sha Tin	Mei Tin CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Sha Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Water seepage	1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Yuen Long Town East CH		1	Concluded
		<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	

**2023-24**

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Kwun Tong	Lok Wah Estate CC	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching CH		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC		2	Concluded
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Uneven floor	1	Concluded
North	Sha Tau Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sai Kung	Tsui Lam CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		2	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC		2	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Nam Cheong District CC	Water seepage	3	Concluded
Central & Western	Western District CC	Others <sup>Note</sup>	1	Concluded
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex		2	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung CC		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Chun Shek CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Shan King CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC		2	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC		1	Concluded
		<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH		1	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH		2	Under follow-up
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH		1	Concluded
North	Cheung Wah CH		2	Concluded
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		2	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Wu Shan Road CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH	Uneven floor	1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC		1	Concluded
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Damage of sound equipment	1	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Lai Kok CH		1	Under follow-up
Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei CH		1	Under follow-up
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH		1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH		3	Under follow-up
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Mei Foo CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung CC		3	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Shing CH		1	Under follow-up
Kwai Tsing	Lai King CH		1	Under follow-up
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Wo Che CH		1	Concluded
Tai Po	Tung Cheong Street CH		1	Under follow-up
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC		1	Concluded
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Water seepage	4	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC		3	Concluded

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC	Water seepage	3	Concluded
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Others <sup>Note</sup>	1	Concluded
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC		2	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH		2	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Yue Wan CH		2	Concluded
Southern	Lei Tung CH		2	Concluded
Southern	South Horizons Neighbourhood CC		1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		5	Concluded
Kowloon City	Hung Hom CH		1	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Choi Wan Estate CC		1	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Chuk Yuen Estate CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Hang CH		4	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Shek Lei CH		1	Under follow-up
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		2	Concluded
		<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	

<sup>Note</sup> Other complaints involve facilities such as stage equipment, lifts, water dispensers, etc.

**Major Works Projects Undertaken for the Addition and Replacement of  
Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities  
and the Expenditure Incurred from 2022-23 to 2024-25<sup>Note</sup>**

**2022-23**

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	2.44
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Upgrading of audio-visual (AV) system	0.80
Kwun Tong	Sau Mau Ping CH	Upgrading of AV system	1.14
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump, central control and monitoring system of the air-handling unit and the associated equipment	2.45
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	1.50
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.63
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.64
Islands	Tung Chung CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.95
Islands	Tung Chung CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	0.53
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated equipment	1.40
Kwai Tsing	Shek Lei CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit, split type air-conditioner and accessories	1.16
North	North District CC	Replacement of safety device for lift	1.16
North	Sha Tau Kok CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	2.00
Sai Kung	Lohas Park CH	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning system, including the packaged air-conditioner of the air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit and the associated ducts	1.70
Sha Tin	Lee On CH	Replacement of central battery system and the associated equipment	1.86
Sha Tin	Yuen Chau Kok CH	Replacement of central battery system and the associated equipment	2.61
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.38
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.00
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00



<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Tai Po	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	4.54
Tai Po	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.00
Tsuen Wan	Lei Muk Shue CH	Replacement of split type air-conditioner, fresh air pre-conditioner and the associated equipment	1.11
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.50
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.29
Tuen Mun	Tai Hing CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.00
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.70
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	1.00
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	1.00
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	1.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>48.49</b>

**2023-24**

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	2.00
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of fire service pump, sprinkler pump and the associated control box and valve	0.84
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH, South Horizons Neighbourhood CC, Stanley CH, Lei Tung CH and Wah Kwai CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.68
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH	Replacement of AV system	0.75
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump, air-handling unit, central control and monitoring system and the associated equipment	1.80
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	0.73
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC, Choi Wan Estate CC, Fung Tak Estate CC and Tung Tau CC	Upgrading of AV system	3.34
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC, Choi Wan Estate CC, Chuk Yuen Estate CC, Fung Tak Estate CC, Tsz Wan Shan CH, Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate CC and Tung Tau CC	Installation of information kiosk	
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.70
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.42
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of stage lighting system	0.93
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH, Cheung Hang CH and Shek Lei CH	Installation of LED screen	1.47
North	Queens Hill CH	Installation of LED screen	0.85
Sai Kung	Lohas Park CH	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning system, including the packaged air-conditioner of the air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit and the associated ducts	1.16
Sha Tin	Sun Tin Wai CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.50
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.20
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.50
Tai Po	Tung Cheong Street CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.78
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	1.00
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok CH	Replacement of AV system	0.99
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.00
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.50

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Tuen Mun	Tai Hing CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	2.50
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	2.00
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	4.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>39.64</b>

**2024-25**

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	1.68
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of fire service pump, sprinkler pump and the associated control box and valve	0.36
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	0.94
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	1.00
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH, South Horizons Neighbourhood CC, Stanley CH, Lei Tung CH and Wah Kwai CH	Upgrading of AV system	2.57
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH	Replacement of floor	0.66
Southern	Stanley CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit and accessories	0.63
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Replacement of LED screen	1.12
Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Estate CC	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated works	0.80
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, including noise barrier and the associated works	0.60
Kwun Tong	Yau Tong CH	Replacement of AV system	1.63
Wong Tai Sin	Fung Tak Estate CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	0.52
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning unit and the associated works	0.58
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of compressors for chiller plants	0.34
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of air-cooled chiller, air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit	1.50
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Fat Estate CC	Installation of LED screen	0.64
North	Luen Wo Hui CH	Installation of LED screen	0.62
North	Wo Hing CH	Installation of LED screen	1.24
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	0.40
Sha Tin	Sun Tin Wai CH	Replacement of air-conditioning equipment	2.21
Tai Po	Fu Shin CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit and accessories	1.50
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	0.28
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of AV system	0.71

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, fresh air pre-conditioner and accessories	2.09
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC, Kin Sang CH, Leung King Estate CC, Lung Yat CH, On Ting/Yau Oi CC, Shan King CH, Tai Hing CH and Tseng Choi Street CH	Installation of portable air-cooler	0.30
Tuen Mun	Shan King CH	Replacement of air-conditioning air duct, lighting installation and stage lighting system	0.68
Tuen Mun	Lung Yat CH	Replacement of stage lights and accessories	0.81
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of central battery system and accessories	1.80
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Installation of LED screen	0.60
<b>Total</b>			<b>28.81</b>

<sup>Note</sup> Only works projects costing \$200,000 or above are included.

**Major Repair and Replacement of Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities  
Planned for 2025-26 and the Estimated Expenditure<sup>Note</sup>**

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex and Kennedy Town Community Complex	Replacement of AV system	3.53
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	2.50
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	1.09
Southern	Stanley CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit and accessories	1.11
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system and accessories	0.99
Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Estate CC	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated works	2.50
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, including noise barrier and the associated works	2.48
Sham Shui Po	Nam Cheong District CC	Replacement of air-cooled chillers and air-handling unit and the associated works	1.50
Wong Tai Sin	Fung Tak Estate CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.80
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning unit and the associated works	0.75
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of air-cooled chillers, air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit	2.91
Kwai Tsing	Lai King CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system and accessories	2.00
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	2.44
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.30
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH	Replacement of stage lighting system and accessories	0.71
Sha Tin	Pok Hong CH	Replacement of stage lighting system and accessories	0.71
Sha Tin	Lee On CH	Replacement of emergency generator and accessories	1.74
Tai Po	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.30
Tai Po	Fu Shin CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit and accessories	1.10
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of submersible pump and accessories	1.16
Tuen Mun	Lung Yat CH	Replacement of chiller plant and accessories	1.39

<b>District</b>	<b>CH/CC</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure (\$ million)</b>
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of central battery system and accessories	0.60
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of compressors for chiller plants and accessories	1.16
<b>Total</b>			<b>36.77</b>

Note Only major works projects costing \$200,000 or above are included.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB075**

**(Question Serial No. 0546)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2024, the Home Affairs Department and the District Councils of the 18 districts jointly launched the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts to roll out an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations across the territory. The activities have created a buoyant mood in the community and supported the local economy. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the expenditure involved in the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch, including that on venues, publicity and materials? What are the details of the staffing establishment for the activities, including post titles, ranks, duties, expenditure on emoluments and other staff-related expenditure?
- (b) What are the details of the economic benefits brought about by the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch, including the job opportunities created, the amount of consumer spending, etc.?
- (c) What is the average visitor flow of the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch? What are the respective percentages of Hong Kong residents and tourists?
- (d) Has the Government evaluated whether the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts are cost-effective? Will the Government continue to launch related activities in the future? If yes, what are the current preparations and the specific timetable? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:



The series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts launched in 2024 by the 18 District Offices (DOs) of the Home Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Working Groups on Boosting Local Economy set up by the District Councils, mainly aim to provide the public with a wide range of cultural and leisure events to showcase local diversity or traditional cultural connotations in various districts, so as to create a buoyant mood in the community.

The activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts commenced in late January last year, and as at the first quarter of this year, more than 60 events have been organised. The activities take various forms, including bazaar carnivals, traditional cultural events, emerging cultural activities and entertainments as well as artwork exhibitions, musical performances and sports experiences. The activities have successfully created a buoyant mood in the community and have attracted many citizens to participate. The feedback received from the stall operators has been predominantly positive, indicating high patronage and the activities' effectiveness in promoting their businesses.

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

Given the diverse types and nature of the series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts, we do not have the footfall statistics for each of the activities and the respective percentages of residents and tourists among the visitors. The work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available.

The 18 DOs will continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building, and publicise and promote the activities through various channels, including websites, social platforms, district networks, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB076**

**(Question Serial No. 2210)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2024, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would regularise the establishment of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) and increase their funding by 50% in the next term of service. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the amount of expenditure to be spent on CTs by the Government in the next term of service? What are the reasons for the increase?
- (b) Please provide the number of times CTs offered support services and visited households in 2024 (with a breakdown by District Council district).
- (c) In the next term of service, what measures will be taken by the Government to enhance the provision of caring services?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, JoePHY (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

- (b) As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. A breakdown of the number of times of support services provided and the number of households visited by CTs by District Council district are set out at **Annex**.
- (c) In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Figures on services provided by  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts  
(as at 31 January 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CTs in sub-districts</b>	<b>Number of times of support services (basic home or other support services)</b>	<b>Number of households visited</b>
Central & Western	15	712	8 004
Eastern	35	3 088	28 913
Southern	17	2 808	25 356
Wan Chai	13	1 121	8 523
Kowloon City	25	3 250	30 974
Kwun Tong	40	2 507	35 200
Sham Shui Po	25	3 021	21 029
Wong Tai Sin	25	1 532	26 158
Yau Tsim Mong	20	1 371	13 453
Islands	10	630	10 673
Kwai Tsing	31	2 319	32 021
North	18	2 428	15 271
Sai Kung	29	1 928	15 896
Sha Tin	41	2 392	35 048
Tai Po	19	1 517	11 993
Tsuen Wan	19	5 665	22 929
Tuen Mun	31	2 978	24 772
Yuen Long	39	3 826	31 858
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>43 093</b>	<b>398 071</b>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB077**

**(Question Serial No. 0138)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building; (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Minor Works in Rural Areas

District Councils (DCs) in the New Territories are responsible for the co-ordination and management of minor works in rural areas. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since District Officers have taken up the role of DC Chairmen, governance at the district level is further enhanced. Will the new term of DCs in the New Territories and the District Offices concerned review the efficiency of minor works in the rural areas in their respective districts?
- (b) Further to the above, there are views that it takes 6 months to complete the installation of a letterbox in rural areas. Will the Government consider reviewing whether the time taken for individual minor works projects is reasonable, so as to meet the expectations of the public?
- (c) Quite a number of villages have not yet successfully applied for their own village offices. With regard to their construction applications, will the Government make available government sites suitable for short-term use in the villages for application for construction of village offices through inter-departmental co-ordination?
- (d) The Government allocated \$4 billion to implement the Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy Minor Works Programme in the 1990s with good results, but the programme was then replaced by the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme, to which an annual provision of only around \$100 million is allocated and under which no land right is granted. Does the Government have any plans to expand the ambit of the RPW programme so as to achieve the same effectiveness as in the past?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment in rural areas, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme in 1999, which provides funding for carrying out minor works to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories. The 9 District Offices (DOs) in the New Territories collect views from local organisations and individuals, including District Council members, Rural Committees and villagers, through various channels with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community. As at the end of February 2025, more than 2 800 projects have been completed under the RPW programme. The living environment and infrastructure in rural areas have improved significantly. Generally speaking, it takes time to finalise and implement the projects under the RPW programme, as each of them involves a lot of preparatory work, such as conducting feasibility studies, carrying out design work and consulting relevant stakeholders. HAD and the DOs will continue to work proactively with the relevant departments in closely monitoring the projects, including their progress and works schedules, with a view to implementing and completing the projects at the soonest possible time.
- (c) Under the existing arrangement of the Lands Department, vacant government sites are available for application for short-term tenancy (STT) by non-governmental organisations for community, institutional or other non-profit-making purposes. The respective District Lands Offices (DLOs) are responsible for approving STT applications, including those for constructing village offices. HAD will consider the circumstances and needs of the villages concerned and provide policy support to the relevant DLOs in respect of the STT applications for the construction of village offices.
- (d) Given that rural planning involves relatively complicated statutory procedures and requires considerable time to address issues like land ownership and land resumption, projects involving land resumption are not included in the RPW programme. This will enable HAD to improve the rural environment in a more timely and flexible manner. Projects involving land resumption are undertaken by other works departments.

Works projects under the RPW programme mainly aim at upgrading the infrastructure and improving the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories and most of them are of a smaller scale. On 22 January 2021, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the increase of the financial ceiling of the delegated authority from \$30 million to \$50 million per project for 21 block allocation subheads, including Subhead 7014CX - Rural Public Works Programme, under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. Hence, works projects with a project estimate not exceeding \$50 million can be included in the RPW programme.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB078**

**(Question Serial No. 0730)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Please advise on the following:

- (a) details of the District Council consultations on territory-wide issues in 2024, including the topics, consultation periods, etc.; and
- (b) the reason(s) for the decrease in the number of “liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings” (72 200) in 2025 as compared with that (73 216 and 77 482) in the past 2 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- (a) The 18 District Offices (DOs) under the Home Affairs Department assist various policy bureaux and departments in conducting consultations with District Councils (DCs) on district and territory-wide issues under their purview from time to time. According to the established practice, representatives of relevant bureaux and departments are invited to attend the meetings of DCs or their committees to hear directly the views of DC members, without setting a separate consultation period. In 2024, a total of 29 DC consultations on territory-wide issues were conducted, covering various topics, namely “Environmental Protection” (6 times), “Food and Environmental Hygiene” (5 times), “Development Planning” (5 times), “Traffic and Transport” (5 times), “Medical and Health Services” (3 times), “Housing Supply” (2 times), “Youth Development” (2 times) and “Public Services” (1 time).
- (b) Building management is the responsibility of owners. The Government’s policy is to act as a facilitator, to encourage and assist owners to form suitable organisations, such as owners’ corporations (OCs), through multi-pronged measures, and provide appropriate support to help them fulfil their building management responsibilities.

Generally speaking, the estimated number of “liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings” for each year is determined by the number of private

buildings and management bodies in the corresponding year. The actual figure depends on whether owners or management bodies have made requests, and whether there are any exceptional circumstances that necessitate such actions. In 2023 and 2024, there was an increase in the numbers of “liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings”, primarily attributable to the need for more support in building management (such as reconvening general meetings of OCs) from owners and management bodies following the epidemic and the occurrence of extreme weather in those years. DOs therefore needed to maintain a more robust relationship with owners/management bodies of private buildings.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB079**

**(Question Serial No. 0731)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance; (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding “the three committees”, please advise on the following:

- (a) the respective number of times that non-standing departments were invited to meetings by “the three committees”, and the attendances of these departments upon invitation in 2024, with a breakdown by the 18 districts; and
- (b) how to ensure the non-standing departments will attend, upon invitation, the meetings of “the three committees” as far as possible to listen to the views of district representatives.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

- (a) There are one to several Area Committee(s) (AC(s)), a District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) and a District Fire Safety Committee (DFSC) (collectively referred to as “the three committees”) in each district. They play an important bridging role between the district and the Government. Each committee offers valuable advice to the District Office (DO) concerned according to its respective purview.

ACs are responsible for promoting public participation in district affairs, advising on and assisting in the organisation of community involvement activities and the implementation of government-sponsored initiatives, and advising on local issues that affect the respective districts. Given the broad range of items for discussion in the meetings, in addition to the standing departments of ACs, such as the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, representatives of relevant non-standing departments are also invited to the meetings from time to time depending on the issues under discussion.

DFCCs play an important role in fighting crime by reviewing the situation at district level and reflecting community concerns about law and order issues. The standing

departments of DFCCs mainly include the HKPF, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Social Welfare Department and the Education Bureau. Besides, DFCCs work closely with the Correctional Services Department (a non-standing department) by, for example, jointly organising district activities in the 18 districts to disseminate the message of supporting rehabilitated offenders. Depending on the issues of public concern in the districts, the representatives of the relevant non-standing departments will be invited to the meetings of DFCCs.

DFSCs actively promote fire prevention and other building safety issues, conduct public education and publicity work on fire prevention and building safety in the districts, as well as promote and assist in organising fire drills in co-operation with owners' corporations. The standing departments of DFSCs include departments related to fire safety, such as the Fire Services Department, the HKPF, the Buildings Department, the Housing Department, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, etc. It is generally not necessary to invite other departments to the meetings.

The respective number of times that non-standing departments were invited to meetings of the ACs and the DFCCs of the 18 districts, and the attendances of these departments upon invitation in 2024 are as follows:

District	AC		DFCC	
	Invitation	Attendance	Invitation	Attendance
Central & Western	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0
Southern	7	2	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	1	1
Kowloon City	14	4	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	2	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	1	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	2	2
Islands	6	4	0	0
Kwai Tsing	11	5	1	1
North	25	18	0	0
Sai Kung	2	2	1	1
Sha Tin	2	2	1	1
Tai Po	21	17	1	1
Tsuen Wan	4	3	1	1
Tuen Mun	22	15	1	1
Yuen Long	9	5	1	1
<b>Total:</b>	128	79	10	10

- (b) In general, non-standing departments would be happy to attend meetings of “the three committees” upon invitation to listen to the views of members, and will provide discussion papers for discussion in the meetings. When necessary, DOs would encourage the representatives of non-standing departments to attend the meetings of “the three committees”, and actively participate in the discussion and listen to the views. If the representatives of the non-standing departments are unable to attend the meetings due to other commitments, the DO concerned will assist in relaying members’ views expressed in the meetings to the relevant non-standing departments for consideration.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB080**

**(Question Serial No. 0732)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), please advise:

- (a) on the staff establishment involved in providing support for CTs;
- (b) whether the relevant departments will consider taking proactive actions to invite CTs to book the multi-purpose halls in community halls and community centres for provision of more caring services, with rental charges waived, given that there is room for increasing the utilisation rate of these venues?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department has been using the existing resources to undertake the work relating to the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) since 2022-23. A total of 26 civil service posts were created in 2023-24 and 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts, and 1 permanent post which was created in 2024-25. The 25 time-limited posts mentioned above will be retained for the period from 2025-26 to 2027-28 to support the work relating to CTs.
- (b) Regarding the use of facilities in community halls and community centres (CHs/CCs), District Offices (DOs) have drawn up a set of guidelines and conditions having regard to local circumstances. For instance, DOs can determine the number of hours of each booking session for using CHs/CCs facilities, the booking priority given to different types of organisations, etc. according to district needs.

CTs, which are district organisations recognised by the Government, can submit applications directly to the DOs concerned for the purpose of organising activities in CHs/CCs. DOs will actively support CTs in the provision of caring services. As the activities organised by CTs are non-profit making, they would be granted full exemption from charges for using the facilities under the existing mechanism.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HYAB081****(Question Serial No. 0733)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Local Environmental ImprovementsControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Please provide in the following tables the details of the Rural Public Works and District Minor Works projects since 2023:

2023

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

2024

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

2025

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department provides funding for carrying out minor works to improve the infrastructure, living environment and hygienic conditions of the 18 districts across the territory (including rural areas) through the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme and the District Minor Works (DMW) programme. District Offices collect views from District Council members, Rural Committees, local organisations and relevant stakeholders through various channels, with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community.

On 14 February 2025, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the allocations, including those for the RPW programme and the DMW programme, under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations for the 2025-26 financial year. Works projects included in the RPW programme and the DMW programme from the 2023-24 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year are set out in the Full List of Items Proposed to be Funded by Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations. For details, please refer to the following webpages:

(2025-26 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2025/chinese/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20250122pwsc-5-2-ec.pdf>

(2024-25 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2024/english/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20240221pwsc-14-1-ec.pdf>

(2023-24 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2023/english/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20230118pwsc-4-1-ec.pdf>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB082**

**(Question Serial No. 0815)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As stated in the Budget, last year the Chief Executive announced that the Government would regularise the establishment of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) and increase their funding by 50% in the next term of service. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

Since the regularisation of CTs in 2023:

- (a) How many households actually benefitted from the visits by CTs approximately?
- (b) What are the major types of support services (such as emergency assistance, daily caring service, etc.) and the respective number of services provided at large?
- (c) Regarding the total expenditure, what is the approximate amount of funding support that has been spent to subsidise CTs for the provision of services? What are the approximate administrative and management costs (such as personnel emoluments, cost for renting office premises and venues, etc.)?

Regarding the CTs programme in 2025-26:

- (a) What is the approximate number of CT members expected to participate in the provision of services? What is the estimated number of target households planned to be covered?
- (b) What are the estimated total expenditure and the estimated amount of additional funding involved? What is the approximate amount or the respective percentage of funding for other items (such as staff training cost, material procurement cost, etc.)?
- (c) What are the specific measures (such as application of technology, inter-departmental collaboration, etc.) planned to be adopted for service enhancement?

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 District Services and Community Care Team (CT) providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. The Government has been providing some of the CT's resources. The amount of the Government funding for each CT in the first term of the two-year funding agreement ranges from \$0.8 million to \$1.2 million. In addition to the resources provided by the Government, CTs make use of the internal resources of the operating organisations, along with sponsorship in cash and donations, to provide caring services for local residents.

As regards administrative costs, CTs may reserve not more than 15% of the Government's funding to cover the administrative overheads (such as the costs of auditing the annual and final accounts of CTs).

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.



The Government is working on the development of the “Care Team Community Resources Management Platform” in order to assist CTs in the management and reporting of various services and activities. The application is expected to commence trial operations on a limited scale in the first half of 2025, with a target to roll out for the use of all CTs in the second term of the funding agreement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB083**

**(Question Serial No. 2375)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the management of “three-nil” buildings, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of “three-nil” buildings in each district in the past 3 years;
- (b) the number of requests received for assistance in building management involving “three-nil” buildings in each of the past 3 years and the progress of handling them;
- (c) the outcomes of the implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme over the past 3 years;
- (d) the outcomes of the implementation of the Resident Liaison Ambassador Scheme over the past 3 years;
- (e) the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the implementation of the pilot scheme on “joint property management”;
- (f) the estimated number of “three-nil” buildings to be covered by the property management services provided under the pilot scheme on “joint property management”.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the numbers of “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any owners’ corporation (OC) or any form of residents’ organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed) in Hong Kong in the past 3 years were 2 943, 3 097, and 3 067 respectively. A breakdown by district is set out at **Annex**.

- (b) HAD received 3 736, 3 346, and 4 427 enquiries on building management and maintenance respectively in the past 3 years. We do not have a statistical breakdown of the number of requests for assistance received in respect of “three-nil” buildings.
- (c) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, HAD implemented a pilot scheme under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of “three-nil” buildings, including Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, North and Tai Po Districts, reaching out to about 690 “three-nil” buildings in total. With the assistance of the BMPASS pilot scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 62 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 1 000 Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) were recruited. Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and garnered widespread support from users and the community, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 for a period of 3 years to cover all “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. As at December 2024, 22 OCs were formed, 8 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 166 RLAs were recruited with the assistance of the scheme.
- (d) To assist owners of old buildings in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the RLA Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of “three-nil” buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents’ discussion and handling of daily building management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs’ involvement. About 2 220 RLAs are currently living in “three-nil” buildings.
- (e) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on “joint property management” (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs. HAD will undertake the co-ordination work arising from the implementation of the pilot scheme with its existing manpower.
- (f) The pilot scheme seeks to encourage and facilitate owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on adopting the “joint property management” model on a trial basis so that the management fees can be apportioned and they will be able to receive basic property management services at a more affordable cost, thereby improving their living environment. The success of the pilot scheme hinges on the owners’ recognition of the necessity for proper building management and the attainment of consensus among owners of different buildings on jointly hiring a single PMC. We will proactively publicise the benefits of the “joint property management” model, while remaining mindful that the challenges associated with the implementation of the pilot scheme must not be underestimated. Given that the scheme will be implemented on a trial basis and requires the attainment of consensus among the owners concerned, we do not find it appropriate to project an estimated number of participating buildings.

**Number of “three-nil” buildings by district #**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of “three-nil” buildings *</b>		
	<b>Year 2022 (as at December 2022)</b>	<b>Year 2023 (as at December 2023)</b>	<b>Year 2024 (as at December 2024)</b>
Central & Western	393	366	355
Eastern	73	66	64
Southern	68	68	65
Wan Chai	193	195	182
Kowloon City	341	333	322
Kwun Tong	20	25	24
Yau Tsim Mong	386	382	368
Sham Shui Po	393	380	369
Wong Tai Sin	49	52	52
Islands	12	13	13
Sai Kung	115	183	188
Tai Po	234	281	282
Tsuen Wan	67	67	63
Yuen Long	235	231	273
Sha Tin	3	24	22
Tuen Mun	36	102	107
North	315	317	312
Kwai Tsing	10	12	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 943</b>	<b>3 097</b>	<b>3 067</b>

# Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

\* Excluding “three-nil” buildings that are under single ownership and can be self-managed.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB084**

**(Question Serial No. 1703)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau provides resources annually for application by local organisations to support them in organising various projects. However, these organisations often experience personnel changes due to the expiration of terms of office or other factors. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In vetting funding applications from organisations, apart from making reference to their previous applications, will the Government also take into consideration the background, profile and capability of the management staff of the organisations before making decisions? If yes, please advise the details. If no, please give reasons.
- (b) In the past 3 years, has the Government rejected any funding applications after taking into account the capability of the management staff of the organisation? If yes, please advise the details.
- (c) It is learnt that there are cases of prolonged delay of payment to contractors by some organisations after hiring them to organise activities. However, the contractors concerned refrained from taking legal actions, due to their affiliation with the Government, the amount of payment involved, or other considerations. Regarding such organisations and their behaviours, does the Government have any handling and reporting mechanisms in place to prevent providing further funding to them?

Asked by: Hon CHU Kwok-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) implements the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) to provide funding for community involvement initiatives in various districts to promote community building. In vetting an application for funding under CIP from a local organisation, the District Office (DO) will, based on the relevant vetting criteria, which include not only the applicant's track record and its experience, capability, resources and knowledge in organising relevant activities, but also the nature and feasibility of the proposed project, make a holistic

assessment on whether the application should be approved. HAD does not have relevant statistical information on the various grounds for rejecting funding applications.

- (c) If a grantee fails to submit the final report, certified official receipts and other relevant documents to the DO within a reasonable period of time upon completion of the project for reimbursement, the DO may consider rejecting the reimbursement claims and/or demanding from the grantee an immediate return of all or part of the payment previously made to the grantee. In vetting a new funding application, the DO will also take into account the applicant's track record in implementing previous projects. If the track record of a particular organisation is unsatisfactory, its application will be accorded a lower priority or rejected.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB085**

**(Question Serial No. 1139)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Local Public Works (Maintenance) (LPW(M)) projects in 2024

Expenditure: The actual expenditure in 2024 was \$38.7 million.

Number of projects completed: The actual number of projects completed in 2024 was 96.

Comparing with the estimates for 2025:

Expenditure: The estimated expenditure in 2025 is \$33.5 million, about 13.4% lower than the actual expenditure in 2024.

Number of projects completed: The estimated number of projects to be completed in 2025 is 100, slightly higher than the actual number of projects completed in 2024.

Question: What are the key performance indicators set for LPW(M) projects in 2024? How do they compare with the estimates for 2025?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department uses the provision under Local Public Works (Maintenance) (LPW(M)) to carry out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters. The limit on the expenditure on each project is \$10 million.

The maintenance works cover facilities provided under minor works programmes in the past, such as paving, footpaths and drainage facilities, while the emergency repairs include road and drain clearance works necessitated by extreme weather, such as typhoons and rainstorms, which causes fallen trees and flooding. As annual works expenditure varies according to factors like the conditions of the local facilities, the needs of the local community and the weather conditions, no key performance indicators regarding the number of projects or their implementation were set for LPW(M) projects.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB086**

**(Question Serial No. 1146)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The formation of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) seeks to consolidate community resources and forces to support the Government's district work and strengthen district networks. As of the end of 2024, CTs in the 18 districts have basically been in full operation for 12 months. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding their work last year, how many CTs achieved 80% or above of the overall performance indicators as required for the year, and its proportion to the total number of CTs?
- (b) Will the Government consider evaluating and comparing the performance of CTs and awarding those with outstanding performance, so as to achieve better promotion and motivation effect? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about



23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The Government is collating all information on the performance of all CTs in a holistic manner, so as to assess whether the work of CTs has met the KPIs and achieved the expected outcomes. We will draw experience from the implementation of the first term of service upon collation of such information and make arrangements for the next term.

To show appreciation for CTs, including the team members, volunteers and partnering organisations, for their selfless devotion, and to share their good stories and good deeds in providing caring services with their peers and the public, the Home Affairs Department has launched the Care Team Commendation Scheme (CTCS). A sharing session entitled “Good People • Good Deeds” of CTs will be held under CTCS in the first half of 2025. During the session, heartfelt, inspirational and exemplary stories of CTs which can serve as models for their peers will be shared.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB087**

**(Question Serial No. 0519)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the Department's work in 2025-26 will include the implementation of a pilot scheme on joint property management in selected areas. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the specific amount of government expenditure on the scheme?
- (b) Has the Government assessed the social and economic benefits that may be brought about by the scheme, such as the outcomes to be achieved in terms of streamlining procedures, reducing manpower costs and helping minority owners and owners' corporations? If such an assessment has been made, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- (a) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on "joint property management" (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs.
- (b) It has all along been the Government's policy objective to assist building owners in fulfilling their responsibilities in building management. For some old single-block buildings, owners encountered difficulties in engaging professional property management companies (PMCs) on their own to assist with day-to-day building management due to the small number of units in the buildings and the lack of adequate financial resources. In view of this, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will launch a pilot scheme to engage non-governmental organisations with extensive district networks and experience in building management or related fields to encourage and facilitate owners of "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings in selected areas to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to manage their buildings so that the management fees can be apportioned. HAD anticipates that building owners joining the pilot scheme will be able to receive basic property management services at

a more affordable cost, thereby improving their living environment. The successful implementation of the pilot scheme will set a good example for other buildings owners to organise on their own initiative and adopt the “joint property management” model by engaging professional PMCs to assist with day-to-day building management. HAD will assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme according to the outcomes of its implementation and feedback from participating owners.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB088**

**(Question Serial No. 0520)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2025-26, the Government will strengthen funding support for the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the next term of service and continue to monitor the work of CTs and their progress in meeting the key performance indicators (KPIs). Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the status of achieving the KPIs, broken down by type of service, since the establishment of CTs?
- (b) What was the amount of money involved in the services provided or activities organised by each CT, broken down by the 18 districts? Please specify the activity or service that received the most funding support.

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised

members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The KPIs of CTs encompass community care, assistance in emergencies and the provision of supplementary services. At the initial stage of the establishment of CTs, the KPIs include establishing communication channels for CTs in the sub-districts, widely publicising these communication channels and services of CTs to residents of the sub-districts, and establishing liaison networks to reach out to at least 15% of the households of the sub-districts within 1 year from the funding agreement's effective date. CTs have successfully achieved all these KPIs. Besides, CTs are making ongoing efforts in conducting visits and providing home or other support services. They will also continue to offer assistance in the event of emergencies, according to local circumstances, and provide supplementary services in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out at **Annex**. We do not maintain statistics on the breakdown of the expenditure for each of the service areas by district.

In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
(as at early March 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>266.09</b>

\* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB089**

**(Question Serial No. 2387)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Since the launch of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), they have paid visits to about 390 000 households and provided around 43 000 times of support services. It is mentioned in paragraph 205 of the Budget Speech that the Government will further enhance the provision of caring services. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

With regard to the 390 000 households to which CTs have reached out, what is the breakdown by the 18 districts?

The Government has indicated that the performance indicators for CTs are set based on the local circumstances of individual districts. What are the specific details of the performance indicators? Are there any indicators, such as the number of visits paid to residents, commonly applicable to various CTs?

What is the nature of the approximately 43 000 times of support services provided by CTs? What is the Government's direction of enhancing the provision of services under the CTs programme?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services

such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. A breakdown of the number of households visited by CTs by District Council district is set out at **Annex**.

The KPIs of CTs encompass community care, assistance in emergencies and the provision of supplementary services. At the initial stage of the establishment of CTs, the KPIs include establishing communication channels for CTs in the sub-districts, widely publicising these communication channels and services of CTs to residents of the sub-districts, and establishing liaison networks to reach out to at least 15% of the households of the sub-districts within 1 year from the funding agreement's effective date. CTs have successfully achieved all these KPIs. Besides, CTs are making ongoing efforts in conducting visits and providing home or other support services. They will also continue to offer assistance in the event of emergencies, according to local circumstances, and provide supplementary services in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.



**Number of households visited by  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
(as at 31 January 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CTs in sub-districts</b>	<b>Number of households visited</b>
Central & Western	15	8 004
Eastern	35	28 913
Southern	17	25 356
Wan Chai	13	8 523
Kowloon City	25	30 974
Kwun Tong	40	35 200
Sham Shui Po	25	21 029
Wong Tai Sin	25	26 158
Yau Tsim Mong	20	13 453
Islands	10	10 673
Kwai Tsing	31	32 021
North	18	15 271
Sai Kung	29	15 896
Sha Tin	41	35 048
Tai Po	19	11 993
Tsuen Wan	19	22 929
Tuen Mun	31	24 772
Yuen Long	39	31 858
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>398 071</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB090**

**(Question Serial No. 1390)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that the Government will further enhance and promote caring services. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What are the actual amount of funding support for 2024-25 and the estimated expenditure for 2025-26 for each District Services and Community Care Team (CT) with regard to the 452 CTs set up in the 18 districts across the territory?
- (b) In 2024, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) set up 2 additional support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) and an Ethnic Minority Care Team in each of the 10 EM centres. What were the expenditure and staff establishment involved?
- (c) What were the total number of household visits made and the number of support services provided by CTs in 2024-25? How did HAD monitor the performance of CTs? How were the key performance indicators set for each CT?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. The Government has been providing some of the CTs' resources. The amount of the Government funding for each CT in the first term of the two-year service agreement ranges from \$0.8 million to \$1.2 million. In addition to the resources provided by the Government, CTs make use of the internal resources of the operating organisations, along with sponsorship in cash and donations, to provide caring services for local residents.

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

- (b) To further facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community, starting from 2024-25, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up 2 additional support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres), 1 in Kowloon City and 1 in Sha Tin, thus increasing the total number of EM centres to 10; and 1 Ethnic Minority Care Team (EM Care Team) in each of the EM centres. Each EM Care Team is led by 1 social worker, and 2 programme workers who are familiar with the languages and cultures of EMs. EMs will also be recruited as volunteers. The revised estimated expenditure on the 2 measures mentioned above is \$26.92 million for 2024-25, and the estimated expenditure is \$30.57 million for 2025-26 and each year thereafter.
- (c) To ensure that CTs provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

To monitor the progress of the work of CTs, the operating organisation of each CT is required to submit to the Government a progress report on the work of its CT every 6 months, as well as an annual report covering the CT's work and financial details, including the annual audited account prepared by an independent certified public accountant. District Offices monitor the work of CTs on a regular basis, including deploying staff to conduct visits or attend their activities or services to evaluate the effectiveness of their services, and review the progress on the services provided according to their proposed service plans.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB091**

**(Question Serial No. 2448)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department set up 452 District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts in 2023 with a view to supporting the Government's district work and strengthening community network. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the amount of funding support provided for CTs by district each year since their setting up?
- (b) What are the Government's manpower and expenditure involved in supporting the work relating to CTs each year since their setting up?
- (c) What are the current number of members of CTs in each district, and their ratio to the local population?
- (d) Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of CTs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) In 2025-26, will the Government explore the introduction of new CT services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Hoey Simon (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out in **Annex A**.

- (b) The Home Affairs Department has been using the existing resources to undertake the work relating to CTs since 2022-23. A total of 26 civil service posts were created from 2023-24 to 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts, and 1 permanent post which was created in 2024-25. The 25 time-limited posts mentioned above will be retained for the period from 2025-26 to 2027-28 to support the work relating to CTs, incurring an average annual expenditure of about \$24 million.
- (c) The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 CT providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

The current number of members of CTs in each district is set out in **Annex B**.

- (d) and (e) In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB091**

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
(as at early March 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
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Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
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Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>266.09</b>

\* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

**Number of members of  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CT members</b>
Central & Western	175
Eastern	403
Southern	190
Wan Chai	153
Kowloon City	263
Kwun Tong	416
Sham Shui Po	291
Wong Tai Sin	280
Yau Tsim Mong	229
Islands	113
Kwai Tsing	343
Tsuen Wan	223
North	202
Sai Kung	330
Sha Tin	475
Tai Po	221
Tuen Mun	337
Yuen Long	448
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 092</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB092**

**(Question Serial No. 0809)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Last year, the Home Affairs Department, the District Offices of the 18 districts and the respective District Councils (DCs) jointly rolled out a series of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations under the theme of Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- Please provide a breakdown by DC district on the names, types, dates and venues of the activities, the numbers of visitors/participants and the expenditure involved;
- What are the results of the Government's evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts in promoting local economy, fostering social cohesion, etc.?
- What is the estimated expenditure on organising activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts in each district this year? How will the Government assist the districts in optimising the activities to further enhance their effectiveness?
- What measures does the Government have in place to publicise the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts to attract local residents and even people from other districts?
- What is the hit rate of the webpage of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts so far? Does the Government have any plans to enhance the webpage? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

The series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts launched in 2024 by the 18 District Offices (DOs) of the Home Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Working



Groups on Boosting Local Economy set up by the District Councils, mainly aim to provide the public with a wide range of cultural and leisure events to showcase local diversity or traditional cultural connotations in various districts, so as to create a buoyant mood in the community.

The activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts commenced in late January last year, and as at the first quarter of this year, more than 60 events have been organised. The activities take various forms, including bazaar carnivals, traditional cultural events, emerging cultural activities and entertainments as well as artwork exhibitions, musical performances and sports experiences. The activities have successfully created a buoyant mood in the community and have attracted many citizens to participate. The feedback received from the stall operators has been predominantly positive, indicating high patronage and the activities' effectiveness in promoting their businesses. A list of activities set out by District Council district is at [Annex](#).

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

Given the diverse types and nature of the series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts, we do not have the footfall statistics for each of the activities. The work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available.

As at the end of February 2025, the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts subpage of the relevant thematic website set up by the Government has recorded a hit rate of over 170 000. The 18 DOs will continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building, and publicise and promote the activities through various channels, including websites, social platforms, district networks, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB093**

**(Question Serial No. 0810)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive mentioned the setting up of a distinctive photo-taking landmark in each of the 18 districts across the territory. Each district would be provided with an additional funding of \$1 million for setting up the photo-taking landmark or for organising activities in the district. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please set out, with a breakdown by District Council district, the names of the photo-taking landmarks set up or the activities organised with the additional funding in each district, the display periods of the landmarks/the dates of activities and the expenditure involved.
- (b) What are the measures taken by the Government to promote the photo-taking landmarks or activities, and what is the expenditure involved?
- (c) Will the Government consider compiling information on the photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts and the existing check-in spots in various districts for easy reference by the public and tourists, so as to facilitate their visits? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

Each of the District Youth Community Building Committees (DYCBCs) across 18 districts proposes for its district a distinctive photo-taking landmark with a particular theme and specific design elements to showcase district uniqueness as well as attract the public and tourists to take photos and “check in” there. The photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts have been completed since early 2024 for display for different periods ranging from several months to perpetual. The landmarks include large-scale distinctive installations or lighting decorations, ground paintings/mural paintings, distinctive landmark signage, etc.

District Offices (DOs) have assisted DYCBCs in promoting the photo-taking landmarks in their respective districts through various channels, including websites, social platforms, local networks, etc. In addition, in September and October last year, DOs collaborated with the District Services and Community Care Teams of their respective districts to organise a series of local tours in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Members of the public were invited to visit the distinctive attractions in the territory, including the photo-taking landmarks in various districts.

The work relating to the setting up, publicity, etc. of the above photo-taking landmarks is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs together with the relevant government departments. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available. The 18 DOs will continue to invite the DYCBCs of their respective districts to advise on district works or facilities and other community building initiatives. DOs will also continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB094**

**(Question Serial No. 0684)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government plans to launch a one-year pilot scheme on “joint property management” in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan in June this year at the earliest.

- (a) The Government has earmarked \$7 million for the implementation of the pilot scheme. What are the details of the allocation of provision and manpower involved?
- (b) What specific measures are in place to help non-governmental organisations secure consensus among property owners?
- (c) How will the Government assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme? Will specific indicators be set on, among other things, the extent to which environmental hygiene or quality of building maintenance has been improved?
- (d) How will the benefits of joining the scheme be promoted to the public, especially those people living in older districts, in order to enhance property owners' awareness of property management?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (a) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on “joint property management” (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) will undertake the co-ordination work arising from the implementation of the pilot scheme with its existing manpower.
- (b) Given the varied conditions, facilities and services of buildings, as well as the diverse needs of residents, it is essential to help owners of different buildings reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single property management company (PMC). HAD will engage non-governmental organisations with extensive district networks and experience in

building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings in selected areas to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme and provide them with assistance. By making use of their extensive district networks, the relevant organisations will communicate and co-ordinate with the owners to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme. They will also assist the owners’ corporations/owners of participating buildings in convening meetings to discuss and resolve matters related to the implementation of “joint property management”, and facilitate the attainment of consensus among all parties involved. HAD also encourages non-governmental organisations, when submitting their proposals, to introduce measures to attract owners to participate in the pilot scheme. These measures may include the effective utilisation of technology to minimise property management costs and the identification of additional revenue streams for buildings. The revenue generated can be used to cover the day-to-day expenses borne by owners or owners’ corporations.

- (c) The success of the pilot scheme hinges on the owners’ recognition of the necessity for proper building management and the attainment of consensus among owners of different buildings on jointly hiring a single PMC. We will proactively publicise the benefits of the “joint property management” model, while remaining mindful that the challenges associated with the implementation of the pilot scheme must not be underestimated. We will assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme according to the outcomes of its implementation and feedback from participating owners.
- (d) Apart from the Government’s efforts in publicising the benefits of the “joint property management” model, the non-governmental organisations engaged to implement the pilot scheme will also promote the scheme to the owners’ corporations/owners of the target buildings. Through their extensive district networks, these organisations will communicate and co-ordinate with the owners to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme and help them understand that proper building management will undoubtedly contribute to a comfortable living environment. In the course of implementing the pilot scheme, members of District Councils and the District Services and Community Care Teams may also leverage their district networks and their opportunities in providing services to assist the engaged non-governmental organisations with the implementation and promotion of the pilot scheme and facilitate communication with the owners’ corporations or owners of old single-block buildings in their sub-districts to explain the pilot scheme in detail and encourage their participation in the scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB095**

**(Question Serial No. 3068)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In order to get a fuller picture of buildings in the territory in terms of their management status and age distribution, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide the respective numbers of buildings which have owners' corporations (OCs) and those which do not, broken down by the 18 District Council districts, and by age group as follows: 29 years or below, 30-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years and 70 years or above;
- (b) What are the Government's specific measures targeted at buildings without OCs to assist owners in setting up OCs, such as the stepping up of publicity and education efforts and the provision of technical support? What are the implementation details and how will their effectiveness be evaluated?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), as at December 2024, there were about 20 000 buildings in Hong Kong with owners' corporations (OCs) and about 20 800 buildings without OCs in the territory. Of those buildings without OCs, they included private buildings under single ownership and town houses, while some were under other forms of management, such as owners' committees. A breakdown by district is set out at **Annex**. HAD does not have a breakdown of the above buildings by year of completion.
- (b) To enhance the support for owners of "three-nil" buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any OC or any form of residents' organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed) and assist them in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the Resident Liaison Ambassador (RLA) Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of "three-nil" buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents' discussion and

handling of daily building management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. Our long-term objective is to help owners of these buildings form OCs for proper management of their own properties. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs' involvement. HAD also implemented a pilot scheme under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of "three-nil" buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of "three-nil" buildings, including Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, North and Tai Po Districts, reaching out to about 690 "three-nil" buildings in total. With the assistance of the BMPASS pilot scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 62 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 1 000 RLAs were recruited. Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and garnered widespread support from users and the community, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 for a period of 3 years to cover all "three-nil" buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. As at December 2024, 22 OCs were formed, 8 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 166 RLAs were recruited with the assistance of the scheme.

To encourage property owners to fulfil their responsibilities in building management and to enhance their knowledge thereof, HAD and District Offices organise regularly a great variety of educational and publicity programmes through workshops, seminars, training courses, Television and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, easy-to-read publicity materials, etc.

In addition, the Chief Executive announced in his 2024 Policy Address the implementation of a pilot scheme on "joint property management" in selected areas in 2025 to assist "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings in jointly hiring a single PMC for joint property management so that the management fees can be apportioned and these buildings will be able to receive basic building management services at a more affordable cost. Making reference to the number and distribution of old single-block private buildings in the selected areas, HAD will implement the pilot scheme in the first half of 2025 in 4 districts, namely Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, where clusters of older single-block buildings are present. The scheme aims to encourage and facilitate owners of "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to adopt the "joint property management" model on a trial basis. The pilot scheme is anticipated to run for an initial duration of 1 year. Subject to the outcomes of the implementation of the pilot scheme, a review will be conducted to consider the feasibility of extending it to other districts.

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HYAB095**

**Number of buildings with and without owners' corporations (OCs) by district #  
(as at December 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of buildings with OCs</b>	<b>Number of buildings without OCs</b>
Central & Western	1 756	1 408
Eastern	884	507
Southern	921	1 295
Wan Chai	1 428	845
Kowloon City	1 699	834
Kwun Tong	551	345
Yau Tsim Mong	1 794	1 157
Sham Shui Po	1 389	770
Wong Tai Sin	373	131
Islands	326	509
Sai Kung	1 912	791
Tai Po	1 293	2 125
Tsuen Wan	592	386
Yuen Long	1 699	7 410
Sha Tin	1 067	929
Tuen Mun	991	438
North	901	689
Kwai Tsing	386	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 962</b>	<b>20 758</b>

# Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB096**

**(Question Serial No. 2118)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding “the provision of support services for ethnic minorities (EMs)”, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the manpower and expenditure involved in providing support services for EMs in the past 3 years and up to the present?
- (b) Please provide the details of the service capacity of the 10 support service centres for EMs (EM centres) and their service utilisation over the past year, with a breakdown by service.
- (c) Please provide the details of the top 5 types of services with the highest number of users last year.
- (d) What is the amount of funding earmarked by the Government for implementation of the relevant programmes this year?
- (e) Has the Government conducted regular reviews on the effectiveness of the EM centres? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (f) What were the criteria taken into account when choosing the locations of the EM centres? Are the criteria subject to regular reviews?
- (g) What were the outcomes of the work of each of the Ethnic Minority Care Teams over the past year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

- (a) The manpower and expenditure of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in providing support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) in the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Manpower involved</b>	<b>Service expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2022-23	11 civil service staff 4 Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff	81.80
2023-24	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff	81.63
2024-25	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff	114.20 <sup>Note 1</sup> (Revised estimate)

<sup>Note 1</sup> It was announced in the 2023 Policy Address that a series of measures would be put in place to strengthen support for EMs, including setting up 2 additional support service centres for EMs (EM centres), setting up an Ethnic Minority Care Team (EM Care Team) in each EM centre, regularising the enhanced services provided by EM centres for EM new arrivals and youths, and the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony. Hence, there is an increase in the revised estimated expenditure for 2024-25 compared with the actual expenditure in 2023-24.

- (b) The 10 EM centres provide dedicated classes, counselling services, integration programmes, etc. for EMs. The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services for EMs to facilitate their access to public services.

The statistics of the EM centres are kept on a project year basis. The actual number of service recipients of the 8 EM centres in the last project year (2023-24 project year) are as follows:

<b>Centre</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>	<b>Number of service recipients</b>
HOPE Centre	8 119
HOME Centre	11 966
HOME Sub-centre	7 887
CHEER Centre	28 653
YLTH Centre	16 231
ONE Centre	12 766
LINK Centre	18 980
TOUCH Sub-centre	10 244
<b>Total</b>	<b>114 846</b>

<sup>Note 2</sup> The 2 new centres located in Kowloon City and Sha Tin officially opened in December 2024. Hence, there is no data on the service utilisation of these 2 centres in the past year.

- (c) In 2023-24, the top 5 types of services provided by the EM centres with the highest number of service recipients are (i) integration programmes, (ii) interpretation and translation services, (iii) consultation, counselling and referral services, (iv) after-school tutorial classes, and (v) language classes.
- (d) In 2025-26, the estimated expenditure of HAD on support services for EMs is about \$120.8 million.
- (e) HAD has been closely monitoring the operation of the EM centres to ensure that the organisations concerned perform to standard and comply with the terms of the grant agreements. Such measures include examination of regular progress reports, user surveys, etc. submitted by these organisations. We also arrange for staff to conduct programme observations, review meetings and random checks on their financial records to ensure that the EM centres are operating in accordance with the grant agreements. We will continue to keep the operation of the EM centres under review in order to ensure that their services meet the needs of EMs.
- (f) When considering the locations of the EM centres, HAD would take into account the demographic distribution of EMs and the views of relevant stakeholders. At present, a total of 10 EM centres, located in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Kwai Tsing, Tung Chung and Sha Tin, provide services for EMs across the territory, covering the districts where they mainly reside. We will keep in view the needs of EMs and review how to strengthen the support services from time to time.
- (g) The 10 EM centres have set up EM Care Teams in succession since July 2024 to strengthen the caring services for EMs. As of end of February 2025, the 10 EM Care Teams have conducted about 2 100 home visits and 260 outreach activities, reaching out to about 4 620 EM families/individuals. In addition, the EM Care Teams have disseminated important government information to EMs, such as promoting the Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents (non-Chinese Citizens) and assisting them to make application, and disseminating relevant information to EMs during typhoons and cold spells, reminding them to take appropriate precautionary measures. The EM Care Teams have also worked closely with the District Offices and the District Services and Community Care Teams to follow up on cases of EMs who encountered difficulties.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB097**

**(Question Serial No. 3042)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 205 of the Budget Speech that the Government will increase the funding of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) by 50% in the next term of service. The Government will further enhance the provision of caring services. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) For which areas will the increased funding in the next term of service primarily intended to be used (such as supplies, manpower, etc.)?
- (b) Will the Government consider increasing the provision for promoting CTs' accomplishments which bring positive energy to people? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (a) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

- (b) To show appreciation for the CTs, including the team members, volunteers and partnering organisations, for their selfless devotion, and to share their good stories and good deeds in providing caring services with their peers and the public, the Home Affairs Department has launched the Care Team Commendation Scheme (CTCS). A sharing session entitled “Good People • Good Deeds” of CTs will be held under CTCS in the first half of 2025. During the session, heartfelt, inspirational and exemplary stories of the CTs which can serve as models for their peers will be shared.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB098**

**(Question Serial No. 2628)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the staffing of CTs in the 18 districts proposed by the Government?
- (b) Will staff of professional grades such as social workers be included in the staffing of CTs? If yes, what is the manning ratio of the professional grades?
- (c) What are the planned performance indicators for CTs, such as scope of service, types and nature of service, and number of target beneficiaries?
- (d) What is the total amount of provision for CTs in the 18 districts? Please provide information on the estimated provision for each of the districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 District Services and Community Care Team (CT) providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

The current number of members of CTs in each district is set out in **Annex A**.

- (c) To ensure that CTs provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. The KPIs concerned encompass community care, assistance in emergencies and the

provision of supplementary services. At the initial stage of the establishment of CTs, the KPIs include establishing communication channels for CTs in the sub-districts, widely publicising these communication channels and services of CTs to residents of the sub-districts, and establishing liaison networks to reach out to at least 15% of the households of the sub-districts within 1 year from the funding agreement's effective date. CTs have successfully achieved all these KPIs. Besides, CTs are making ongoing efforts in conducting visits and providing home or other support services. They will also continue to offer assistance in the event of emergencies, according to local circumstances, and provide supplementary services in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

- (d) The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out in **Annex B**.

**Number of members of  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CT members</b>
Central & Western	175
Eastern	403
Southern	190
Wan Chai	153
Kowloon City	263
Kwun Tong	416
Sham Shui Po	291
Wong Tai Sin	280
Yau Tsim Mong	229
Islands	113
Kwai Tsing	343
Tsuen Wan	223
North	202
Sai Kung	330
Sha Tin	475
Tai Po	221
Tuen Mun	337
Yuen Long	448
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 092</b>

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
(as at early March 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>266.09</b>

\* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB099**

**(Question Serial No. 2629)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

What were the ethnic minority (EM) population in the service area, annual number of users, gross floor area, net operational floor area and net usable floor area of each of the support service centres for EMs in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

At present, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to run 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Kwai Tsing, Tung Chung and Sha Tin to provide various support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community. The EM centres provide services on a territory-wide basis for target users in all districts. The statistics on population of EMs (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by district based on the 2021 Population Census are set out in **Annex A**.

The gross floor area of the EM centres and the number of service recipients from 2019-20 project year to 2023-24 project year are set out in **Annex B** and **Annex C** respectively. HAD does not have information on the net operating floor area or net usable floor area of the EM centres.

**Statistics on population of  
ethnic minorities (excluding foreign domestic helpers) in 2021**

(Based on the 2021 Population Census)

<b>District</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>Nepalese</b>	<b>Pakistani</b>	<b>Filipino</b>	<b>Thai</b>	<b>Indonesian</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	7 164	12 538	1 184	2 630	572	1 057	25 145
Yuen Long	1 503	8 375	3 253	1 998	555	771	16 455
Islands	5 881	961	1 418	4 229	608	540	13 637
Kowloon City	4 287	506	1 446	2 084	883	297	9 503
Central & Western	3 858	589	291	2 686	417	349	8 190
Kwai Tsing	1 760	458	4 400	355	610	598	8 181
Eastern	2 145	376	1 456	2 314	748	582	7 621
Wan Chai	1 658	1 737	225	2 107	738	625	7 090
Sham Shui Po	950	1 382	2 364	982	653	566	6 897
Kwun Tong	1 379	149	1 831	793	1 347	691	6 190
Sai Kung	2 377	110	958	1 584	534	480	6 043
Tuen Mun	620	916	1 766	1 286	735	537	5 860
Southern	2 220	258	391	765	347	235	4 216
Sha Tin	1 474	32	772	628	751	329	3 986
Tsuen Wan	557	847	716	860	222	337	3 539
Wong Tai Sin	490	289	1 139	325	733	403	3 379
Tai Po	130	15	152	235	601	362	1 495
North	94	2	576	293	293	190	1 448
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 547</b>	<b>29 540</b>	<b>24 338</b>	<b>26 154</b>	<b>11 347</b>	<b>8 949</b>	<b>138 875</b>

**Gross floor area of support service centres for ethnic minorities**

<b>Centre*</b>	<b>Gross floor area (square metre)</b>				
	<b>2019-20 project year</b>	<b>2020-21 project year</b>	<b>2021-22 project year</b>	<b>2022-23 project year</b>	<b>2023-24 project year</b>
HOPE Centre	353	353	353	353	353
HOME Centre	307	307	307	307	307
HOME Sub-centre	149	149	149	149	149
CHEER Centre	599	599	599	599	599
YLTH Centre	194	194	194	194	306
SHINE Centre/ ONE Centre**	390	390	415	415	415
LINK Centre	390	390	390	390	390
TOUCH Sub-centre	409	409	290	290	389
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 791</b>	<b>2 791</b>	<b>2 697</b>	<b>2 697</b>	<b>2 908</b>

\* As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened recently in December 2024, the relevant figures for the 2 centres in the past 5 years are not available.

\*\* The SHINE Centre ceased operation in August 2021 and was replaced by the ONE Centre.

**Annex C to Reply Serial No. HYAB099**

**Number of service recipients of support service centres for ethnic minorities**

<b>Centre*</b>	<b>Number of service recipients</b>				
	<b>2019-20 project year</b>	<b>2020-21 project year</b>	<b>2021-22 project year</b>	<b>2022-23 project year</b>	<b>2023-24 project year</b>
HOPE Centre	5 192	6 808	6 498	7 383	8 119
HOME Centre	13 522	14 526	13 073	9 298	11 966
HOME Sub-centre	5 961	7 733	6 781	5 681	7 887
CHEER Centre	21 667	25 967	22 791	29 205	28 653
YLTH Centre	15 429	12 313	16 183	18 855	16 231
SHINE Centre/ ONE Centre**	14 618	18 378	4 230	12 065	12 766
LINK Centre	9 557	11 170	16 835	15 259	18 980
TOUCH Sub-centre	4 199	4 456	4 208	4 746	10 244
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 145</b>	<b>101 351</b>	<b>90 599</b>	<b>102 492</b>	<b>114 846</b>

\* As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened recently in December 2024, the relevant figures for the 2 centres in the past 5 years are not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB100**

**(Question Serial No. 1959)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is reported that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) from various districts distributed free tickets and held private screenings of the movie Ne Zha for public enjoyment. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Did the distribution of free movie tickets and the hosting of private cinema screenings by the CTs mentioned above involve the use of public funds? If yes, what are the details? If no, which organisations provided those tickets?
- (b) There are views that activities such as distributing free movie tickets and hosting free private screenings should not be considered a “caring” duty of the publicly-funded CTs. Has the Bureau taken note of these views and made improvements accordingly?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) According to the funding agreements between the Government and the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), CTs may take into account the local circumstances and needs of their districts in providing additional services, such as organising integration activities and exhibitions on national security education, etc. It is the practice of some CTs to establish liaison with residents in their sub-districts by organising movie appreciation activities for the communities, benefitting those at the grassroots level, the elderly, families and ethnic minorities, etc.

We understand that some CTs considered “Ne Zha 2” a showcase of values in traditional Chinese culture and thus organised appreciation activities of the movie to promote traditional Chinese culture. CTs collaborate with various groups in organising movie appreciation activities by taking into account local circumstances and needs, thereby leveraging community resources for public good. Movie appreciation activities arranged by individual CTs for grassroots communities are conducted in accordance with the terms of the funding

agreements. The Home Affairs Department does not have the statistics on the organisations responsible for distributing tickets for these movie appreciation activities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB101**

**(Question Serial No. 1961)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is reported that the Home Affairs Department (HAD) used public funds to subsidise the exhibition of the animated movie “Ne Zha 2”. The “We Care We Serve” logo was also seen on posters for the “Ne Zha 2” private screening events organised by the District Services and Community Care Teams. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years, did the Bureau allocate and earmark any funding to subsidise the exhibition of the movie? If so, what was the amount involved? What was the amount of public funds spent by HAD in subsidising the events associated with the aforementioned animated movie?
- (b) Apart from subsidising “Ne Zha 2”, did HAD subsidise the screening events of other movies, or are there any plans to do so?
- (c) What were the considerations behind HAD’s decision to subsidise the exhibition of “Ne Zha 2”?
- (d) There are views that the movie “Four Trails” generates high benefits at a low cost. It received accolades at international film festivals which helps telling the good stories of Hong Kong. In addition to sponsoring “Ne Zha 2”, will the Director of Bureau take the initiative to fund the viewing of other movies which can help promote the image of Hong Kong, such as “Four Trails” and “Twilight of the Warriors: Walled in”, in order to avoid discriminatory treatment towards other film producers and distributors?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- (a) to (d) The Home Affairs Department has not set aside dedicated funding for screening of movies in 2024-25 and 2025-26. According to the funding agreements between the Government and the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), CTs may take into account the local circumstances and needs of their districts in

providing additional services, such as organising integration activities and exhibitions on national security education, etc. It is the practice of some CTs to establish liaison with residents in their sub-districts by organising movie appreciation activities for the communities, benefitting those at the grassroots level, the elderly, families and ethnic minorities, etc.

We understand that some CTs considered “Ne Zha 2” a showcase of values in traditional Chinese culture and thus organised appreciation activities of the movie to promote traditional Chinese culture. CTs collaborate with various groups in organising movie appreciation activities by taking into account local circumstances and needs, thereby leveraging community resources for public good. Movie appreciation activities arranged by individual CTs for grassroots communities are conducted in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HYAB102****(Question Serial No. 2569)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) LicensingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please inform this Committee of the following information on the law enforcement actions taken by the Government in respect of suspected operation of unlicensed hotels or guesthouses in the past 3 years: (1) the number of complaints accepted; (2) the number of inspections; (3) the number of times for which evidence was collected by means of decoy operations; (4) the number of prosecutions; and (5) the convicted cases and penalties.
- (b) In 2025-26, what are the Government's plans and budget for promoting to visitors the importance of patronising licensed hotels and guesthouses?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)Reply:

- (a) Operation of guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), which aims to ensure that premises intended to be used as guesthouses are suitable for such a purpose, including compliance with statutory standards in respect of building and fire safety. The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for administering the HAGAO, including issuing guesthouse licences and performing enforcement duties.

The numbers of complaints, inspections, prosecutions and convictions related to suspected unlicensed hotels or guesthouses received by OLA in the past 3 years (from 2022 to 2024) are as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of complaints	242	1 084	1 281	2 607
No. of inspections	4 297	5 588	9 955	19 840
No. of prosecutions#	42	120	175	337
No. of convictions#*	25	91	143	259

In order not to undermine future investigation and enforcement, it is inappropriate to disclose statistics related to OLA's collection of evidence by posing as clients (commonly known as "decoy operation").

# The number of prosecutions against and convictions for operating unlicensed hotels or guesthouses may involve cases occurred before that particular year.

\* In the past 3 years, the amounts of fines imposed on offenders who operated unlicensed hotels or guesthouses ranged from \$1,000 to \$30,000.

- (b) To promote the importance of patronising licensed hotels and guesthouses among tourists, HAD places advertisements in MTR stations located in tourist hotspots such as Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Yau Ma Tei during peak travel seasons such as the National Day and Chinese New Year holidays. Outdoor advertisements are also displayed in places packed with guesthouses (e.g. Chungking Mansion). A list of licensed hotels and guesthouses has been uploaded to OLA's website ([www.hadla.gov.hk](http://www.hadla.gov.hk)) and the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses" to facilitate tourists' search for the latest details, licence numbers and addresses of licensed hotels and guesthouses. Additionally, OLA requires all licensed guesthouses to display the "licensed hotels and guesthouses" logo at their main entrances as well as the door of each of the guest rooms so that the tourists will be able to identify whether the guesthouses in which they are staying are licensed under the HAGAO. OLA has also enhanced its publicity efforts on internet search engines outside Hong Kong to help tourists gain access to information about licensed hotels and guesthouses when planning their trips. OLA will review and flexibly adjust its enforcement and publicity strategies from time to time, and continue to vigorously combat and eradicate the operation of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB103**

**(Question Serial No. 2993)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government will increase the funding for the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) by about 50% in their next term of service. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A detailed breakdown of expenditure incurred by CTs in the 18 districts by service area (such as community care, assistance in emergencies, etc.) since 2023 and the respective percentage of such expenditure.
- (b) The estimates for “District Services and Community Care Teams” this year is \$319 million, representing an increase of more than 70% over the previous financial year. What are the reasons for such an increase? What are the key areas that the estimates will focus on?
- (c) What are the expected outcomes of providing additional government funding for CTs and how will the outcomes be evaluated?

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out at Annex. We do not maintain statistics on the breakdown of the expenditure for each of the service areas by district.
- (b) and (c) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of

their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

To monitor the progress of the work of CTs, the operating organisation of each CT is required to submit to the Government a progress report on the work of its CT every 6 months, as well as an annual report covering the CT's work and financial details, including the annual audited account prepared by an independent certified public accountant. District Offices monitor the work of CTs on a regular basis, including deploying staff to conduct visits or attend their activities or services to evaluate the effectiveness of their services, and review the progress on the services provided according to their proposed service plans.



**Annex to Reply Serial No. HYAB103**

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
(as at early March 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Amount of Funding Disbursed* (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>266.09</b>

\* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB127**

**(Question Serial No. 3879)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As this year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance), and considering that one of the responsibilities of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau is to co-ordinate major celebration activities, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has the Government considered organising activities to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance? If yes, please provide details of these activities, their implementation schedule and the estimated expenditure in tabular form.
- (b) Given the presence of numerous historic sites in Hong Kong related to the War of Resistance, will the Government consider developing tour routes on the history of the War of Resistance by linking these sites, and promoting them as part of the commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

- (a) This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance) and the World Anti-Fascist War. The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host commemorative activities to strengthen the sense of patriotism. In terms of implementation, the Working Group on Patriotic Education led by the Chief Secretary for Administration will co-ordinate relevant bureaux and departments in launching a series of commemorative activities, including a solemn official ceremony at the Hong Kong City Hall Memorial Garden on 3 September, the Victory Day of the War of Resistance. Moreover, with the funding and support from the Home Affairs Department (HAD), 3 major associations, namely the Hong Kong Island Federation, the Kowloon Federation of Associations and the New Territories Association of Societies, will organise activities on 3 September to commemorate the victory of the War of Resistance, with a view to

deepening the understanding among members of the public about the historical events of the War of Resistance on the Mainland and in Hong Kong and fostering their sense of patriotism. The 18 District Offices of HAD will also organise activities relating to the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance in their respective districts. HAD and the government departments concerned will handle the work arising from the above-mentioned activities with their existing resources and manpower. Hence, the estimated expenditure involved cannot be separately identified.

- (b) According to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence (MWRCD) has commenced historical research relevant to the War of Resistance in Hong Kong, with a view to providing related historical information for the War of Resistance heritage trails to be set up by the Government in the future. The information will offer the public an insight into the history of the War of Resistance, and enrich their travel experience. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Tourism Board, through its one-stop travel information platform “Discover Hong Kong”, has been promoting various tourist spots in Hong Kong, including the permanent exhibition at the MWRCD, which showcases the history of the War of Resistance in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB128**

**(Question Serial No. 3794)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the matters on fishermen villages, please advise on the following:

- (a) The relevant information pertaining to the number of existing fishermen villages, their locations, reasons for building the villages, year of completion, present population, number of buildings therein and their average size, and ownership of the land of such village sites.
- (b) For fishermen villages under different ownership, what are the application procedures when they are to carry out various types of maintenance and improvement of ancillary facilities in the villages? Does the Government currently have any schemes or funds to provide assistance for these maintenance and improvement works?
- (c) In the past 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25), has the Government provided any support for maintenance works in fishermen villages? What are the expenditure involved and the details?
- (d) Some fishermen have pointed out that some fishermen villages are still faced with inconvenient water and electricity supply, lack of individual toilet facilities and dilapidation despite the Government's effort to assist in their restoration through minor works programmes or other works. Will the Government review the situation in order to render genuinely suitable assistance to them?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

- (a) Details about existing fishermen villages based on information available to District Offices (DOs) are at **Annex**. With regard to details on the number and size of buildings, land ownership, etc. of fishermen villages which involve lands matters, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not have the information.

- (b) HAD provides funding for carrying out minor works to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural community mainly through the Rural Public Works programme and the District Minor Works programme. DOs would collect views from local organisations and individuals, including District Council members, Rural Committees and villagers, through various channels, with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community.
- (c) During the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 (as at the end of February 2025), HAD carried out a total of 48 minor improvement and maintenance works projects for various fishermen villages in Kwai Tsing, North, Sai Kung, Tai Po and Yuen Long districts. The works comprised mainly improvement and maintenance of access roads and stormwater drainage facilities, involving a total expenditure of about \$12.75 million.
- (d) DOs would refer matters such as the supply of electricity and potable water, as well as the provision of toilet facilities, to the relevant departments for consideration and follow-up actions.

**Details about fishermen villages**

<i>Name of fishermen village</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>
North District				
1. Ap Chau Fishermen's Village	Ap Chau	To improve living conditions	1960	About 10
Yuen Long				
1. Chung Hau Tsuen	Shan Pui, Yuen Long	Established by the donation of Lutheran World Federation/ Department of World Service, Hong Kong Office	1967	About 400
Tai Po				
1. Tap Mun Fishermen's New Village	Tap Mun Island	To improve living conditions	1964	About 50
2. C.A.R.E. Village	Wong Yi Au, Tai Po Road (Yuen Chau Tsai)	To re-house fishermen's families who lost their boats during typhoon and fire	Mid 1960s to 1970s	About 800
3. Sam Mun Tsai Fishermen's New Village	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To re-house villagers affected by the construction project of Plover Cove Reservoir	1965	About 1 000
4. Luen Yick Fishermen Village	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To improve living conditions	1975	About 500
Tsuen Wan				
1. Ma Wan Fishermen's New Village	Ma Wan	To re-house villagers from Ma Wan Fishermen's Village affected by the implementation of the project of Ma Wan Park Phase 2	2009	About 250
Sha Tin				
1. Ah Kung Kok Fishermen Village	A Kung Kok, Sha Tin	To re-house villagers affected by the reclamation works for building Sha Tin Race Course and Ma On Shan new town	1984	About 400
2. To Tau Wan Village	Ma On Shan, Sha Tin	To improve living conditions	Around 1950	About 120
Kwai Tsing				
1. Tsing Yi Fishermen's New Village	Tsing Yi	Established by the donation of The Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere	1960s	About 240
2. St. Paul's Village	Tsing Yi	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1973	About 150

<i>Name of fishermen village</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>
Sai Kung				
1. Kwun Mun Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1978	About 200
2. Man Yee Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1984	Less than 1 000
3. Shui Bin Tsuen	Hang Hau, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1970s	About 180
4. Tui Min Hoi Fishermen's Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1963	About 100
5. St. Peter Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1964	About 180
6. Ming Shun Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1976	About 320
7. Tai Ping Village	Po Lo Che, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	Early 1970s	About 700

\* The Government has not conducted any surveys on the population in fishermen villages.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB129**

**(Question Serial No. 4013)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance). The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host a series of commemorative activities. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

Will the Government allocate additional resources for the organisation of commemorative activities in the New Territories in collaboration with the Heung Yee Kuk New Territories and the 27 Rural Committees, considering the significant role played by the indigenous villagers of the New Territories during the War of Resistance? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance) and the World Anti-Fascist War. The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host commemorative activities to strengthen the sense of patriotism. In terms of implementation, the Working Group on Patriotic Education led by the Chief Secretary for Administration will co-ordinate relevant bureaux and departments in launching a series of commemorative activities, including a solemn official ceremony at the Hong Kong City Hall Memorial Garden on 3 September, the Victory Day of the War of Resistance, at which representatives of district organisations, including those of Heung Yee Kuk, will be invited. Moreover, with the funding and support from the Home Affairs Department (HAD), 3 major associations, namely the Hong Kong Island Federation, the Kowloon Federation of Associations and the New Territories Association of Societies, will organise activities on 3 September to commemorate the victory of the War of Resistance, with a view to deepening the understanding among members of the public about the historical events of the War of Resistance on the Mainland and in Hong Kong and fostering their sense of patriotism. The 18 District Offices (DOs) of HAD will also organise activities relating to the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance in their respective districts. To this end, the DOs concerned will maintain close liaison and collaboration with various patriotic



and Hong Kong-loving organisations, including the Heung Yee Kuk and the Rural Committees.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB130**

**(Question Serial No. 3492)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How does the Government account for the decrease in the estimated figure for 2025 over 2024 and 2023?
- (b) Regarding the taking forward of the relevant work, please provide the details of the five tasks to be initiated in the first place;
- (c) Regarding the taking forward of the relevant work, what are the manpower and resources involved, broken down by District Council?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 131)

Reply:

- (a) Building management is the responsibility of owners. The Government's policy is to act as a facilitator, to encourage and assist owners to form suitable organisations, such as owners' corporations (OCs), through multi-pronged measures, and provide appropriate support to help them fulfil their building management responsibilities.

Generally speaking, the estimated number of "liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings" for each year is determined by the number of private buildings and management bodies in the corresponding year. The actual figure depends on whether owners or management bodies have made requests, and whether there are any exceptional circumstances that necessitate such actions. In 2023 and 2024, there was an increase in the numbers of "liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings", primarily attributable to the need for more support in building management (such as reconvening general meetings of OCs) from owners and management bodies following the epidemic.

(b) and (c) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has always been committed to strengthening its support for owners/management bodies of private buildings and assisting them in fulfilling their building management responsibilities. HAD has a dedicated division and a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 District Offices (DOs) to carry out building management duties. In terms of liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings, the relevant officers provide advice to owners on the procedures for the formation of an OC, attend owners' meetings upon invitation, offer guidance to owners or management bodies on the operation of OCs, handle enquiries and complaints regarding building management, and assist owners and OCs in resolving building management disputes. Liaising with owners and management bodies of private buildings is one of the tasks assigned to Liaison Officers (LOs) responsible for building management duties. HAD and the 18 DBMLTs have a total of 145 LOs dedicated to carrying out duties related to building management. The estimated expenditure involved is \$105.56 million for 2024-25.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB131**

**(Question Serial No. 3533)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

- (a) What are the figures on the use of interpretation services provided by the CHEER Centre of the Hong Kong Christian Service (including telephone interpretation service, sight interpretation service, on-site (escort) interpretation service, written translation service, proofreading service and simultaneous interpretation service) by government departments (including the Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Labour Department, Department of Health, Hospital Authority and other government departments) in the past 5 years?
- (b) Of these figures, please give a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority languages of the use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation services by government departments.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

- (a) The figures on the use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by government bureaux and departments in the past 5 years are set out in **Annex A**.
- (b) The figures on the interpretation and translation services provided by the CHEER Centre to all users with a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority (EM) languages in the past 5 years are set out in **Annex B**. The use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by bureaux and departments with a breakdown by the 8 EM languages is not available.

## **Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB131**

### **Use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by government bureaux and departments\***

<b>Service</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Social Welfare Department</b>	<b>Housing Department</b>	<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Labour Department</b>	<b>Other bureaux and departments</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Telephone Interpretation &amp; Enquiry Service</b>	2019-20	394	47	53	337	99	<b>930</b>
	2020-21	534	54	336	460	380	<b>1 764</b>
	2021-22	666	34	419	593	352	<b>2 064</b>
	2022-23	498	10	202	608	192	<b>1 510</b>
	2023-24	426	25	104	566	187	<b>1 308</b>
<b>On-site Interpretation Service</b>	2019-20	33	18	755	54	166	<b>1 026</b>
	2020-21	31	23	513	25	219	<b>811</b>
	2021-22	28	32	645	53	221	<b>979</b>
	2022-23	39	37	608	73	312	<b>1 069</b>
	2023-24	30	34	1 006	81	219	<b>1 370</b>
<b>WhatsApp and Sight Interpretation Service**</b>	2019-20	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<b>N.A.</b>
	2020-21	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<b>N.A.</b>
	2021-22	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<b>N.A.</b>
	2022-23	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<b>N.A.</b>
	2023-24	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	<b>N.A.</b>
<b>Written Translation Service (including proofreading service)</b>	2019-20	15	1	0	11	12	<b>39</b>
	2020-21	7	2	8	21	102	<b>140</b>
	2021-22	6	3	5	15	78	<b>107</b>
	2022-23	4	2	5	19	38	<b>68</b>
	2023-24	12	4	0	15	29	<b>60</b>
<b>Simultaneous Interpretation Service</b>	2019-20	0	0	0	9	1	<b>10</b>
	2020-21	0	0	0	3	1	<b>4</b>
	2021-22	0	0	0	16	0	<b>16</b>
	2022-23	0	0	0	20	0	<b>20</b>
	2023-24	0	0	0	17	3	<b>20</b>

\* Usage figures of 2024-25 will only be available in early May 2025 after receipt of the quarterly reports from the centre operator.

\*\* Ethnic minorities can send documents in English through WhatsApp or bring along such documents to the CHEER Centre for oral translation service provided by interpreters. However, this service is not available to government bureaux and departments.

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB131**

**Provision of interpretation and translation services  
by the CHEER Centre to all users with a breakdown by ethnic minority language\***

Service	Year	Bahasa Indonesia	Thai	Tagalog	Hindi	Nepali	Punjabi	Urdu	Vietnamese	Total
<b>Telephone Interpretation &amp; Enquiry Service</b>	2019-20	488	239	279	151	1 333	208	925	24	<b>3 647</b>
	2020-21	869	1 745	477	309	1 336	236	1 352	53	<b>6 377</b>
	2021-22	820	637	598	280	1 450	333	1 768	124	<b>6 010</b>
	2022-23	675	556	652	351	1 196	341	1 406	54	<b>5 231</b>
	2023-24	463	280	500	164	1 020	273	1 296	32	<b>4 028</b>
<b>On-site Interpretation Service</b>	2019-20	50	29	11	65	193	85	748	7	<b>1 188</b>
	2020-21	73	12	10	32	259	58	490	28	<b>962</b>
	2021-22	87	67	33	42	267	89	554	74	<b>1 213</b>
	2022-23	86	74	30	60	398	61	512	69	<b>1 290</b>
	2023-24	111	47	52	90	381	108	844	64	<b>1 697</b>
<b>WhatsApp and Sight Interpretation Service**</b>	2019-20	4	16	0	1	39	4	130	0	<b>194</b>
	2020-21	5	219	2	3	56	6	41	1	<b>333</b>
	2021-22	18	57	5	8	111	4	79	3	<b>285</b>
	2022-23	36	154	210	12	80	46	83	8	<b>629</b>
	2023-24	14	31	73	7	62	11	102	2	<b>302</b>
<b>Written Translation Service*** (including proofreading service)</b>	2019-20	51	47	45	65	67	41	85	17	<b>418</b>
	2020-21	107	113	111	142	148	107	180	93	<b>1 001</b>
	2021-22	95	104	93	130	137	101	168	94	<b>922</b>
	2022-23	84	90	76	130	157	98	174	75	<b>884</b>
	2023-24	76	73	73	108	134	79	154	57	<b>754</b>
<b>Simultaneous Interpretation Service***</b>	2019-20	85	9	5	3	15	3	11	0	<b>131</b>
	2020-21	84	7	9	5	6	0	4	0	<b>115</b>
	2021-22	122	23	11	6	16	1	10	0	<b>189</b>
	2022-23	249	28	1	12	31	1	24	0	<b>346</b>
	2023-24	323	37	4	10	69	4	31	0	<b>478</b>

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\*\*\* More than 1 ethnic minority language may be involved in a request for written translation service and simultaneous interpretation service.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HYAB132****(Question Serial No. 3534)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority languages of the staff establishment for and the figures on interpretation and translation services.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)Reply:

The Home Affairs Department has commissioned the Hong Kong Christian Service to operate the CHEER Centre. Apart from providing support services to facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community, the CHEER Centre also provides general interpretation and translation services of English and 8 EM languages in non-specialised/non-professional areas.

The breakdown by the 8 EM languages of the staff establishment of interpreters and the figures on interpretation and translation services provided in 2023-24 are as follows:

<b>EM language</b>	<b>Staff establishment</b>	<b>Number of service provided*</b>
Bahasa Indonesia	5	987
Thai	3	468
Tagalog	3	702
Hindi	4	379
Nepali	4	1 666
Punjabi	3	475
Urdu	6	2 427
Vietnamese	2	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7 259</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB133**

**(Question Serial No. 3535)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

What is the estimated annual expenditure for each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) in the coming 5 financial years? What is the target number of EMs to be served?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to run 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) in Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Tung Chung to provide various support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community.

The term of the grant agreement entered into between HAD and the operator of each centre is 2 years. The annual operating grants for the EM centres and the estimated number of recipients of their services for the current 2024-25 project year and the coming 2025-26 project year are set out in **Annex A** and **Annex B** respectively.



**Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB133**

**Grants for support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Annual operating cost (\$ million)</b>	
	<b>2024-25 project year</b>	<b>2025-26 project year</b>
HOPE Centre	10.56	10.56**
DREAM Centre	11.00	11.00
HOME Centre	10.31	10.31
HOME Sub-centre	6.25	6.25
CHEER Centre*	27.06	27.06**
YLTH Centre	10.56	10.56**
ONE Centre	10.51	10.51**
IDEA Centre	11.00	11.00
LINK Centre	10.03	10.03
TOUCH Sub-centre	6.53	6.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>113.81</b>	<b>113.81</b>

\* The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services to facilitate access to public services by EMs.

\*\* The current grant period of HOPE Centre, CHEER Centre, YLTH Centre and ONE Centre will end between the second and third quarters of 2025. Provisional funding is subject to revision to cope with variations in staff cost, rental and other expenses before the start of the new grant period.

**Estimated number of service recipients of support service centres  
for ethnic minorities (EMs)**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Estimated annual number of service recipients</b>	
	<b>2024-25 project year</b>	<b>2025-26 project year</b>
HOPE Centre	7 602	7 602**
DREAM Centre	9 283	9 223
HOME Centre	10 236	10 236
HOME Sub-centre	7 309	7 309
CHEER Centre*	18 704	18 704**
YLTH Centre	10 219	10 219**
ONE Centre	11 806	11 806**
IDEA Centre	9 870	9 650
LINK Centre	14 726	13 642
TOUCH Sub-centre	5 925	5 925
<b>Total</b>	<b>105 680</b>	<b>104 316</b>

\* The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services to facilitate access to public services by EMs.

\*\* The current grant period of HOPE Centre, CHEER Centre, YLTH Centre and ONE Centre will end between the second and third quarters of 2025. Provisional estimated number of service recipients is subject to revision to cope with variations in the actual demand and circumstances before the start of the new grant period.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB134**

**(Question Serial No. 3536)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the rent, staff remuneration and expenditure on services of each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities in the past 5 years. What are the percentages of these expenditure items against the amount of funding received?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The annual operating grants of the support service centres for ethnic minorities with breakdowns by staff cost, rental cost and other expenses from 2019-20 project year to 2023-24 project year are set out in **Annex**.

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HYAB134**

**Annual operating grants of support service centres for ethnic minorities**

**2019-20 project year**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>SHINE Centre</b>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.25 (43.3%)	4.85 (67.2%)	2.53 (71.5%)	17.23 (72.7%)	6.34 (71.6%)	6.04 (67.9%)	4.39 (61.8%)	2.39 (67.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (23.8%)	0.87 (12.1%)	0.17 (4.8%)	2.29 (9.7%)	0.26 (2.9%)	1.52 (17.1%)	1.10 (15.5%)	0.07 (2.0%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	2.47 (32.9%)	1.49 (20.7%)	0.84 (23.7%)	4.17 (17.6%)	2.26 (25.5%)	1.34 (15.0%)	1.61 (22.7%)	1.08 (30.5%)
<b>Total (\$ million)</b>	<b>7.51</b>	<b>7.21</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>23.69</b>	<b>8.86</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>7.10</b>	<b>3.54</b>

**2020-21 project year**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>SHINE Centre</b>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2020 to 30 May 2021	11 December 2020 to 10 December 2021	11 December 2020 to 10 December 2021	5 September 2020 to 4 September 2021	28 June 2020 to 27 June 2021	1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021	30 October 2020 to 29 October 2021	21 December 2020 to 20 December 2021
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.25 (43.3%)	5.26 (67.4%)	2.48 (64.6%)	17.23 (72.7%)	6.34 (71.6%)	6.04 (67.9%)	4.50 (58.6%)	2.67 (69.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (23.8%)	1.07 (13.7%)	0.50 (13.0%)	2.29 (9.7%)	0.26 (2.9%)	1.52 (17.1%)	1.47 (19.2%)	0.06 (1.6%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	2.47 (32.9%)	1.47 (18.9%)	0.86 (22.4%)	4.17 (17.6%)	2.26 (25.5%)	1.34 (15.0%)	1.70 (22.2%)	1.11 (28.9%)
<b>Total (\$ million)</b>	<b>7.51</b>	<b>7.80</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>23.69</b>	<b>8.86</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>3.84</b>

## **2021-22 project year**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>ONE Centre*</b>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2021 to 30 May 2022	11 December 2021 to 10 December 2022	11 December 2021 to 10 December 2022	5 September 2021 to 4 September 2022	28 June 2021 to 27 June 2022	1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022	30 October 2021 to 29 October 2022	21 December 2021 to 20 December 2022
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.85 (42.3%)	5.26 (67.4%)	2.48 (64.6%)	19.56 (76.4%)	7.01 (77.0%)	6.15 (68.0%)	4.50 (58.6%)	2.67 (69.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.7%)	1.07 (13.7%)	0.50 (13.0%)	2.53 (9.9%)	0.26 (2.9%)	0.81 (9.0%)	1.47 (19.2%)	0.06 (1.6%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.46 (38.0%)	1.47 (18.9%)	0.86 (22.4%)	3.51 (13.7%)	1.83 (20.1%)	2.09 (23.0%)	1.70 (22.2%)	1.11 (28.9%)
<b>Total (\$ million)</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>7.80</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>25.60</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>3.84</b>

\* The SHINE Centre ceased operation in August 2021 and was replaced by the ONE Centre.

## **2022-23 project year**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>ONE Centre</b>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2022 to 30 May 2023	11 December 2022 to 10 December 2023	11 December 2022 to 10 December 2023	5 September 2022 to 4 September 2023	28 June 2022 to 27 June 2023	1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023	30 October 2022 to 29 October 2023	21 December 2022 to 20 December 2023
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.85 (42.3%)	4.78 (65.7%)	1.90 (59.0%)	19.56 (76.4%)	7.01 (77.0%)	6.15 (68.0%)	4.66 (66.6%)	2.62 (74.9%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.7%)	1.19 (16.3%)	0.58 (18.0%)	2.53 (9.9%)	0.26 (2.9%)	0.81 (9.0%)	1.00 (14.3%)	0.05 (1.4%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.46 (38.0%)	1.31 (18.0%)	0.74 (23.0%)	3.51 (13.7%)	1.83 (20.1%)	2.09 (23.0%)	1.34 (19.1%)	0.83 (23.7%)
<b>Total (\$ million)</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>7.28</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>25.60</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>3.50</b>

**2023-24 project year**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>ONE Centre</b>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2023 to 30 May 2024	11 December 2023 to 10 December 2024	11 December 2023 to 10 December 2024	5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024	28 June 2023 to 27 June 2024	1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024	30 October 2023 to 29 October 2024	21 December 2023 to 20 December 2024
Staff cost (\$ million)	4.49 (48.0%)	6.17 (65.4%)	3.31 (61.6%)	20.42 (77.9%)	7.26 (76.7%)	6.17 (64.7%)	5.53 (63.1%)	4.00 (69.2%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.2%)	1.19 (12.6%)	0.58 (10.8%)	2.39 (9.1%)	0.27 (2.9%)	1.39 (14.6%)	1.00 (11.4%)	0.07 (1.2%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.06 (32.8%)	2.07 (22.0%)	1.48 (27.6%)	3.40 (13.0%)	1.93 (20.4%)	1.98 (20.7%)	2.24 (25.5%)	1.71 (29.6%)
<b>Total (\$ million)</b>	<b>9.34</b>	<b>9.43</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>26.21</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>9.54</b>	<b>8.77</b>	<b>5.78</b>

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