

**Replies to initial questions  
raised by Legislative Council Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-27**

**Home Affairs Department**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB074**

**(Question Serial No. 1564)**

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 give full play to the role of clansmen associations as the “super-connector”, it is equally important to encourage the public to “go into the Mainland”.

- (a) What percentage of the funding earmarked for the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme in the coming year can be used by clansmen associations to organise such cross-border activities as hometown study tours, and Mainland exchange programmes for young people?
- (b) What is the maximum amount of funding approved for a clansmen association for this type of cross-border activity?
- (c) Has any relevant funding approval mechanism been set up to ensure the proper use of public money?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2023 Policy Address, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) in the first quarter of 2024. The Scheme, which will run for a period of 3 years with a total funding of \$30 million earmarked for application by clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture, aims to deepen the public’s understanding of and sense of belonging to their hometowns, thereby fostering the spirit of loving the motherland, Hong Kong and their hometowns. Since the launch of the Scheme 2 years ago, a total of 77 projects of diverse nature and themes have been approved, 21 of which are activities fostering exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland. A total funding of about \$4 million was approved for these activities, accounting for approximately 20% of the total amount of subsidies approved during the first 2 years of implementation of the Scheme.

HAD will begin accepting funding applications under the Scheme for 2026-27 in April this year. Applications will be assessed based on such criteria as the reputation and experience

of the applicant organisations, as well as the content of their activities and programmes. In general, the amount of subsidy approved for each clansmen association in an application, including those for fostering exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland, ranges from \$100,000 to \$195,000. HAD will implement the Scheme in accordance with the relevant funding guidelines and monitoring mechanism.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB075**

**(Question Serial No. 1565)**

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:

Clansmen associations have been playing increasingly important roles in community building, promoting district governance, and serving as a “super-connector” between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

- (a) Upon the expiry of the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme in 2026-27, will dedicated funding be set aside from recurrent expenditure in the future for the “regularisation” of the funding provision?
- (b) If no subsequent funding is reserved, how should clansmen associations meet the substantial expenditure involved in organising activities to promote hometown culture in the future?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2023 Policy Address, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) in the first quarter of 2024. The Scheme, which will run for a period of 3 years with a total funding of \$30 million earmarked for application by clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture, aims to deepen the public’s understanding of and sense of belonging to their hometowns, thereby fostering the spirit of loving the motherland, Hong Kong and their hometowns. At the same time, clansmen associations have been applying for funding support through the Community Involvement Programme implemented by the HAD on an ongoing basis to organise projects featuring local characteristics. Some clansmen associations have also applied for funding for organising exchange tours to the Mainland for young people by joining the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland launched by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau. HAD will continue to implement the Scheme in 2026-27 and keep under review its effectiveness and arrangements.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB076**

**(Question Serial No. 1644)**

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 introduced the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) to provide funding for community involvement initiatives in the districts to promote community building. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How many applications were received under the CIP in each of the past 3 years? How many of them were approved? What were the main reasons for rejecting applications?
- (b) What were the amount of funding approved under the CIP, the actual expenditure, the number of activities approved and the total number of participants in the activities, broken down by District Council (DC) district, in each of the past 3 years?
- (c) What were the amount of funding approved under the CIP, the actual expenditure, the number of activities approved and the total number of participants in the activities, broken down by type of organiser (including government departments, non-governmental organisations, and committees or working groups under DCs or District Offices), in each of the past 3 years?
- (d) What were the number of thematic activities approved, the amount of funding approved, the actual expenditure and the total number of participants in the activities, broken down by theme of activity (including culture and arts, recreation and sports, festive celebrations and district festivals, social services, health and hygiene, crime fighting and corruption prevention, environmental improvement and protection, fire safety, road safety, national security education, national education, etc.), in each of the past 3 years?
- (e) What measures or mechanism does the Government have in place to regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the CIP, so as to ensure that the community's needs are continuously addressed and public participation is effectively promoted?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

- (a) The total number of applications received under the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) and the number of activities approved by District Offices (DOs) in the past 3 financial years are set out below. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not have the relevant statistical information on the various grounds for rejecting funding applications.

	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Total number of applications received	3 472	3 922	3 955
Number of activities approved	2 972	3 433	3 513

Note: Figures in the table above exclude projects implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

- (b) The amount of funding approved, the actual expenditure and the number of activities approved under the CIP, broken down by district, in each of the past 3 financial years are set out at the Annex. The activities under the CIP take various forms, ranging from large-scale events such as display of festive installations, district festivals and carnivals to performances, workshops, and interest classes with fewer participants. To avoid misinterpretation, the numbers of participants/attendances for different types of activities should not be aggregated. HAD does not have any statistics on the number of participants/attendances broken down by type of activity.
- (c) and (d) HAD implements the CIP to provide funding for government departments, non-governmental organisations, District Councils (DCs), or committees/working groups under DCs/DOs to organise various types of community involvement (CI) activities to promote district harmony and address district needs. These activities include, among others, projects featuring local characteristics, popular festive celebrations as well as cultural, artistic and recreational activities. While the local organisations may apply for funding to organise CI activities on their own, they are also invited by DOs from time to time to co-organise large-scale events. Moreover, a single activity may encompass multiple themes. A celebratory event for National Day, for example, may include elements of national education and theatrical performances. Given this, statistics broken down by type of organiser or theme of activity should not be provided so as to avoid inaccuracies and misinterpretation.
- (e) In vetting applications for funding under the CIP, DOs will give due consideration to various factors, including district needs, modes of implementation, views of the local communities, etc., to ensure that the funded activities meet community needs. In addition, DO staff will conduct visits or attend the activities on a random basis, and invite participants to provide feedback on the performance and effectiveness of the CI projects, so as to evaluate whether the objectives of the projects have been achieved.

**Statistics on Community Involvement Programme from 2022-23 to 2024-25  
(broken down by 18 districts)**

**2022-23**

<b>District</b>	<b>Funding approved</b>	<b>Actual expenditure</b>	<b>Number of activities approved</b>
Central & Western	\$13,430,020.90	\$10,925,490.60	154
Eastern	\$19,714,740.55	\$16,760,549.24	147
Southern	\$17,849,954.00	\$10,489,944.85	200
Wan Chai	\$4,930,517.48	\$4,197,260.54	63
Kowloon City	\$14,663,332.20	\$11,008,854.19	181
Yau Tsim Mong	\$13,721,657.15	\$11,906,625.92	138
Sham Shui Po	\$15,560,675.30	\$13,124,894.65	173
Wong Tai Sin	\$19,157,373.00	\$15,250,039.81	189
Kwun Tong	\$17,783,599.10	\$15,094,975.96	196
Tai Po	\$15,917,921.37	\$12,071,738.04	76
Yuen Long	\$20,708,573.82	\$17,410,988.97	312
Tuen Mun	\$14,784,463.00	\$12,806,943.11	329
North	\$10,057,872.00	\$9,246,444.70	145
Sai Kung	\$13,255,351.91	\$12,006,205.43	113
Sha Tin	\$22,694,608.60	\$20,102,546.33	243
Tsuen Wan	\$9,224,109.50	\$8,061,253.43	66
Kwai Tsing	\$14,867,645.55	\$13,054,580.21	97
Islands	\$7,509,288.70	\$5,631,186.15	150

**2023-24**

<b>District</b>	<b>Funding approved</b>	<b>Actual expenditure</b>	<b>Number of activities approved</b>
Central & Western	\$14,547,327.57	\$10,939,988.12	164
Eastern	\$19,469,669.36	\$17,233,007.39	178
Southern	\$15,352,343.45	\$8,341,775.10	204
Wan Chai	\$10,144,128.50	\$9,220,505.27	94
Kowloon City	\$18,562,825.60	\$12,322,869.45	177
Yau Tsim Mong	\$17,472,367.79	\$15,343,463.21	177
Sham Shui Po	\$17,491,116.30	\$15,196,537.62	213
Wong Tai Sin	\$18,849,626.40	\$15,910,922.58	219
Kwun Tong	\$18,772,808.00	\$15,889,071.82	235
Tai Po	\$14,581,132.64	\$13,186,321.97	78
Yuen Long	\$21,033,245.50	\$17,601,196.94	319
Tuen Mun	\$16,497,117.00	\$14,296,976.06	391
North	\$12,657,597.50	\$11,834,488.17	155
Sai Kung	\$18,129,440.63	\$16,147,978.41	157
Sha Tin	\$20,866,373.44	\$18,069,955.82	309
Tsuen Wan	\$10,467,524.10	\$9,199,940.60	62
Kwai Tsing	\$14,392,549.92	\$13,287,800.01	107
Islands	\$15,181,377.30	\$10,216,693.12	194

**2024-25**

<b>District</b>	<b>Funding approved</b>	<b>Actual expenditure</b>	<b>Number of activities approved</b>
Central & Western	\$14,690,535.21	\$11,079,099.18	170
Eastern	\$21,491,797.16	\$17,049,028.38	173
Southern	\$16,243,119.85	\$10,141,736.32	209
Wan Chai	\$10,427,789.79	\$9,126,782.83	67
Kowloon City	\$20,346,482.30	\$13,118,207.18	227
Yau Tsim Mong	\$16,257,688.00	\$14,243,411.37	181
Sham Shui Po	\$18,183,627.71	\$16,174,729.61	203
Wong Tai Sin	\$19,838,478.44	\$15,282,609.60	202
Kwun Tong	\$19,079,752.42	\$16,586,129.43	250
Tai Po	\$13,885,503.90	\$13,029,907.65	88
Yuen Long	\$22,914,281.70	\$18,199,815.49	373
Tuen Mun	\$17,817,277.20	\$15,918,040.01	403
North	\$12,641,198.70	\$11,655,309.22	179
Sai Kung	\$15,513,088.88	\$13,856,371.99	156
Sha Tin	\$20,023,768.70	\$18,656,119.16	257
Tsuen Wan	\$10,755,512.15	\$9,948,024.02	69
Kwai Tsing	\$16,570,305.55	\$15,797,343.65	139
Islands	\$12,714,483.99	\$11,317,517.07	167

**Note:**

1. Figures in the tables above exclude projects implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
2. Community involvement activities are approved by District Offices (DOs) having regard to local circumstances and district needs. Hence, the numbers of activities approved and the funding amounts vary across districts, precluding a direct comparison.
3. Expenditures on the activities are reimbursed on an accountable basis. Unspent amounts held by the grantees will be returned to DOs for financing other activities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB077**

**(Question Serial No. 2822)**

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 District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) serve as an important component in the effort to improve district governance. It is noted that the total expenditure for the overall service plan of the first-term CTs was \$444 million, of which \$411 million was covered by government funding provision. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What was the amount of expenditure covered by government funding for CTs by district over the past year?
- (b) What are the funding provision earmarked for CTs and the expected key performance indicators in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) The District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) fully launched the first two-year service term in the third quarter of 2023. While the Government provided CTs with part of the resources, the operating organisations supported the CT's provision of services through sponsorships, donations, or internal resources of the organisations. The total expenditure for the overall service plan of the first two-year service term was \$444 million, of which \$411 million was covered by government funding disbursed according to the funding agreements (i.e. 92%), while the remaining expenditure (i.e. 8%) was met by community resources gathered by CTs. A breakdown of the funding disbursed to CTs for the first service term in each of the 18 districts is set out at the Annex.
- (b) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government would regularise CTs and increase funding amount by 50% in the second service term in support of their work. The funding provision for the second service term of 2 years is \$678 million in total. CTs have commenced their second service term in October 2025 upon the end of the first term. The second-term services will be further optimised in 3 key directions:

seamless continuity, tailored to district needs, and deeper and broader services. In terms of provision of service, CTs will deepen and broaden the service scope. For example, in older districts, CTs will strengthen support on building management; for newly developed areas, they will focus on supporting families which have just moved in. Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work of the first service term, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level. CTs will further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of their sub-districts.

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) for the first service term**

District	Number of CTs	Amount of funding disbursed (\$ million)
Central & Western	15	12.00
Eastern	35	31.63
Southern	17	20.06
Wan Chai	13	12.30
Kowloon City	25	23.84
Kwun Tong	40	32.93
Yau Tsim Mong	20	17.23
Sham Shui Po	25	23.71
Wong Tai Sin	25	24.10
Islands	10	8.34
Sai Kung	29	26.83
Tai Po	19	17.92
Tsuen Wan	19	21.88
Yuen Long	39	35.01
Sha Tin	41	35.82
Tuen Mun	31	24.63
North	18	14.42
Kwai Tsing	31	28.04
<b>Total*</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>410.70</b> <b>(\$411 million)</b>

\* There is a slight discrepancy between the sum of figures and the total owing to rounding.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB078**

**(Question Serial No. 1770)**

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) the annual number of cases handled by the Ethnic Minority Care Teams in 2024-25 and 2025-26; and
- (b) the annual service capacity of the interpretation and translation service centres for EMs in 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26, with a breakdown by job nature (e.g. written translation, simultaneous interpretation, etc.).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ye, Grace (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

- (a) To strengthen support services for ethnic minorities (EMs), the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up 1 Ethnic Minority Care Team (EM Care Team), mainly composed of EMs, in each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres). The first 8 EM Care Teams were set up in July 2024, followed by the remaining 2 in December 2024. In 2024-25 and 2025-26 (as of January 2026), the 10 EM Care Teams conducted about 2 100 and 4 120 home visits as well as 262 and 732 outreach activities, reaching out to about 4 600 and 9 120 EM individuals respectively.
- (b) The figures on the use of interpretation and translation services provided by the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER Centre) with a breakdown by service type in 2023-24 and 2024-25 are set out at the Annex. To alleviate the inconvenience faced by EMs due to language barriers, HAD established the HOPE Interpretation and Translation Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities (HOPE Interpretation and Translation Service Centre) in December 2025. The usage figures of the services of the CHEER Centre and the HOPE Interpretation and Translation Service Centre in 2025-26 will only be available after receiving the quarterly reports from the centre operators in mid-2026.

**Use of the CHEER Centre's  
interpretation and translation services by service type**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Usage figure</b>	
	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Telephone Interpretation and Enquiry Service	5 539	5 389
On-site Interpretation Service	1 697	2 318
WhatsApp and Sight Interpretation Service*	302	577
Written Translation Service (including proofreading service)	201	182
Simultaneous Interpretation Service	478	579
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 217</b>	<b>9 045</b>

- \* 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.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB079**

**(Question Serial No. 1634)**

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:

Notwithstanding a \$5.5 million increase in the financial provision for district governance, the indicators set for District Council consultations (on district affairs affecting the livelihood, living environment in the district and the well-being of the people in the district) and liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings are both lower than those for 2025. Please inform this Committee of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The \$5.5 million increase in the financial provision for district governance is mainly due to the increased provisions for honoraria and allowances for District Council (DC) members and filling of vacancies. The increase is unrelated to the 2 performance indicators.

The estimated number of DC consultations on district affairs in 2025 was 2 561, while the actual number stood at 2 613. The estimated number for 2026 is 2 567, similar to that of 2025. The Government will consult the relevant DCs on district affairs affecting the livelihood and living environment in the district and the well-being of the people in the district according to the actual needs.

With regard to building management, 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.

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 actual needs, and whether owners or management bodies have made requests. In 2025, the estimated number of liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings was 72 200, while the actual number stood at 75 201. In 2025, the actual number of liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings exceeded the estimate mainly due to an increase in the number of

enquiries from owners and management bodies regarding the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2024, which took effect in July 2025. In 2026, the estimated number of liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings is 72 000, similar to that of 2025.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB080**

**(Question Serial No. 1635)**

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 provision for District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) will rise from \$319.1 million in 2025-26 to \$355.2 million in 2026-27, representing an increase of 11.4%. What will this additional provision primarily be used for? Is it related to providing administrative support and training for CTs?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government would regularise the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) and increase funding amount by 50% in the second service term in support of their work. The funding provision for the second service term for 2 years is \$678 million in total. After reviewing the cash flow needs of the first-term CTs, the estimated cash flow for the first year of the second service term is slightly adjusted to \$355.2 million for 2026-27. The adjustment aims to provide CTs with more sufficient cash flow to facilitate service planning.

As with the first service term, 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).

Regarding the provision of training, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) continues to work closely with relevant government departments to provide training for CT members and volunteers, covering practical skills such as emergency response, communication skills and health support, enabling them to better equip themselves to better serve and care for the community. For instance, HAD and the Fire Services Department jointly organised 3 training sessions on community emergency response in January 2026 to provide CT members with basic knowledge of fire prevention and emergency response, thereby further enhancing their ability and confidence to protect themselves and assist others during emergencies. HAD also collaborated with the Department of Health to organise 2 training sessions for CT members in March 2026. These training sessions, delivered by healthcare professionals, covered topics such as communicating with socially isolated elderly individuals

and fall prevention (including home safety assessments and simple exercises). The aforementioned training sessions were conducted without utilising the funding provision earmarked for CTs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB081**

**(Question Serial No. 2807)**

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 Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme will be regularised. In this connection, please advise on the expenditure for the scheme, the scope of services and the number of “three-nil” buildings using the services under the scheme in 2025-26, as well as the corresponding information expected for 2026-27.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, the Home Affairs Department has implemented the Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme (BMPASS) to engage local organisations/non-governmental organisations with wide district networks and rich experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming owners’ corporations (OCs). The new round of the BMPASS has been implemented since July 2024 and will run for 3 years. It covers a total of 867 “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory, with an estimated total expenditure of 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 and assistance 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; and recruiting Resident Liaison Ambassadors.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB082**

**(Question Serial No. 3240)**

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 a “Youth Network” and a “Women’s Network” would be established at the 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities. Please advise on the estimated expenditure, manpower and target number of participants.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

To further facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community, the Home Affairs Department will establish a “Youth Network” and a “Women’s Network” at the 10 support service centres for EMs (EM centres) in April 2026 to organise more activities specifically for EM youth and women, with a view to helping them unleash their potential and promoting their physical and mental well-being. The total estimated annual recurrent expenditure for this new initiative is \$7 million. The 10 EM centres will recruit a total of 10 full-time staff and 5 part-time staff to implement this new initiative. The total estimated number of service recipients is around 7 000.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB083**

**(Question Serial No. 1358)**

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 mentioned in the Programme, the Government will continue to implement the regularised Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) with a breakdown by year, the number and names of local organisations/non-governmental organisations with building management or related experience that are currently participating in or have been invited to participate in the scheme, the financial provisions involved, and the number and locations of the buildings for which these organisations are or were responsible;
- (b) the current situation of the Government's efforts in delivering relevant professional building management knowledge to the participating organisations. If such knowledge has been imparted, please provide the details of the content, the number of hours of the training courses, the expenditure involved and the cumulative number of persons who have received training so far. If no such training is provided, how does the Government ensure that the participating organisations are able to maintain their service quality? What regulatory and quality assurance mechanisms and standards are currently in place?
- (c) Does the Government have any plans to further expand the scope of the scheme, extend the contract period, increase the number of participating organisations or adjust its mode of operation? If yes, please provide the details and timetable of the plan. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) To enhance the support for owners of "three-nil" buildings, the Home Affairs Department (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 (NGOs) 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 owners’ corporations (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. The districts where the BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented, the local organisations/NGOs engaged, and the numbers of target buildings are set out in **Annex A**.

Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and received broad support from the community and users, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 under a similar mode of operation for a period of 3 years, extending coverage to all “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory, involving an estimated total expenditure of around \$33.11 million. The names of local organisations/NGOs engaged, the districts for which they are or were responsible and the numbers of target buildings are set out in **Annex B**.

- (b) All local organisations/NGOs engaged by HAD possess experience in building management or related fields. Under their engagement contracts, they are required to work in partnership with professional property management companies (PMCs) that hold a valid PMC licence under the Property Management Services Ordinance (Cap. 626) and have accumulated more than 10 years of property management experience in Hong Kong. HAD has established specific performance indicators and a monitoring mechanism to ensure that the local organisations/NGOs engaged maintain professional service quality. The relevant District Offices (DOs) are responsible for overseeing the implementation progress of the BMPASS and the performance of the local organisations/NGOs engaged. Meanwhile, the relevant Area Committees (ACs) convey residents’ feedback on the services provided under the scheme to the DOs. In addition to submitting quarterly progress reports, the local organisations/NGOs engaged are required to convene users’ advisory meetings and conduct users’ satisfaction surveys regularly. They are also expected to attend meetings of the ACs to report on their work progress. HAD will hold quarterly review meetings with the local organisations/NGOs engaged to review the implementation progress of the scheme and the quality of service delivery.
- (c) The BMPASS pilot scheme was overall proven effective and received broad support from the community and users. HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 under a similar mode of operation for a period of 3 years, extending coverage to all “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory to provide ongoing support for these buildings.

**Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB083**

**The districts where the “pilot scheme” under  
the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme was implemented,  
the local organisations/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) engaged,  
and the number of target buildings  
(June 2022 to June 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Local organisations/ NGOs engaged</b>	<b>Number of target buildings</b>
Central & Western	Mount Davis Kai-Fong Welfare Association	77
Eastern	Association of Care for Community Hong Kong	36
Wan Chai	Centre Stage Squarer	42
Kowloon City	Community Care Limited and New Home Association Kowloon West Service Centre	71
Yau Tsim Mong	Community Engagement Workshop	96
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Neighbourhood Cares Association and Kowloon Federation of Associations Sham Shui Po District Committee	206
Tai Po	Tai Po District Residents Association	71
Tsuen Wan	Association for Tsuen Wan Development	44
North	Luen Wo Hui Residential Association	45
	<b>Total</b>	<b>688</b>

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB083**

**Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme 2024-2027  
Local organisations/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) engaged, the districts for  
which they are responsible and the numbers of target buildings**

<b>Local organisations/ NGOs engaged</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of target buildings</b>
Community Engagement Workshop	Yau Tsim Mong	137
Sham Ching Youth Association Limited	Sham Shui Po	137
	Tsuen Wan	23
	Kwai Tsing	3
Mount Davis Kai-Fong Welfare Association	Central & Western	89
	Wan Chai	67
	Eastern	27
	Southern	25
	Islands	4
Community Care Limited	Kowloon City	121
	Wong Tai Sin	19
	Kwun Tong	9
	Sai Kung	15
Luen Heep Social Service	North	94
	Tai Po	53
	Sha Tin	8
	Tuen Mun	4
	Yuen Long	32
<b>Total</b>		<b>867</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HYAB084****(Question Serial No. 1359)**

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 one-year Pilot Scheme on “Joint Property Management” (Pilot Scheme) will come to an end in the middle of this year. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide, with a breakdown by the Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan districts, the names of the buildings participating in the scheme, the number of flats involved, and the names of the relevant management organisations.
- (b) Has the Government collected data on the operating expenses of management companies participating in the scheme for use as indicators in evaluating the effectiveness of the scheme? If yes, please provide the relevant details. If such data may be disclosed publicly, can the Government provide reference data such as the amount of management fees apportioned according to the number of participating buildings and the total number of flats, for the reference of building owners who have not participated in the scheme? If yes, please explain in detail the relevant data and the basis of computation. If no, please explain the reasons; and
- (c) Does the Government have any plans to regularise the Pilot Scheme? If yes, please indicate whether the coverage will be further extended (i.e. to cover other districts), the estimated expenditure involved, the implementation timetable and other relevant details. If there is no such plan for the time being, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the one-year Pilot Scheme on “Joint Property Management” (Pilot Scheme) in June 2025 in 4 districts, namely, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan. The 4 relevant District Offices each engaged local organisations with wide district networks and rich experience in building management or related fields to assist in implementing the Pilot Scheme. As at December 2025, the local organisations engaged reached out to a total of 150 target

buildings (including 31 in Yau Tsim Mong, 40 in Sham Shui Po, 26 in Kowloon City and 53 in Tsuen Wan). Of these, 6 buildings (including 3 in Yau Tsim Mong and 3 in Sham Shui Po), comprising a total of about 130 households, successfully engaged property management companies (PMCs) and commenced implementation of “Joint Property Management” in January 2026. The local organisations engaged to assist in implementing the Pilot Scheme are tabulated as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name of local organisation</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	Tai Nam Social Service Association
Sham Shui Po	Sham Ching Youth Association
Kowloon City	Community Care Limited
Tsuen Wan	Association for Tsuen Wan Development

- (b) Given the varied conditions, facilities and services of buildings, as well as the diverse needs of residents, it is difficult to generalise the level of management fees, which will depend on the number of participating buildings in the Pilot Scheme and the needs of individual buildings. Based on the experience of implementing the Pilot Scheme in the Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong districts, the tendered price of the successful tendering PMC for “basic services” was around \$150 per month per household. HAD does not maintain any information on the operating expenses of the PMCs participating in the Pilot Scheme.
- (c) The 2025 Policy Address announced that, subject to the implementation outcome, HAD will consider expanding the Pilot Scheme to other districts. The Government has earmarked \$7.25 million in 2026-27 to continue the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. The funding will be used for engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the Pilot Scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs. We are evaluating the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme with reference to, among other things, the implementation outcomes achieved and the feedback received from participating owners, with a view to considering whether to regularise the Pilot Scheme.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB085**

**(Question Serial No. 1360)**

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:

It is the Government's intention to strengthen support for building management and maintenance. Accordingly, the policy objective is to liaise proactively with owners/management bodies of private buildings to enhance communication. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the reasons for the decrease in the estimated figure for 2026 relating to "liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings" as compared to the figures for 2025 and 2024? What are the staffing provision and expenditure involved in that estimate?
- (b) What are the details of the work objectives of the grades primarily involved in taking forward the relevant work?
- (c) With regard to the existing staff grades, what are the grades and establishment of staff responsible for assisting owners' corporations (OCs) in building management, receiving and answering enquiries of OCs and residents? Please provide information on the current staff establishment and expenditure involved in discharging these duties. Are there any plans for the Department to increase/adjust the relevant establishment in 2026-27? If yes, what are the changes and expenditure involved?
- (d) What in-service training did the Department provide in the past 3 years for members of the relevant grades and establishment to strengthen support for building management and maintenance? Please provide the details of such training and specify the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (a) to (c) Building management is the responsibility of owners. The Government's policy is to act as a facilitator, to encourage and assist owners in forming 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 “liaisons 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 actual needs and whether owners or management bodies have made requests. The estimated numbers of “liaisons with owners and management bodies of private buildings” in 2024 and 2025 were 69 400 and 72 200 respectively, while the actual figures were 77 482 and 75 201 respectively. The actual figures in 2024 and 2025 were higher than those estimated, primarily due to an increase in enquiries from owners and management bodies concerning the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (the Amendment Ordinance), which was gazetted in July 2024 and has taken effect since July 2025. The estimated number of “liaisons with owners and management bodies of private buildings” in 2026 is 72 000, comparable to that of 2025.

In addition to a dedicated division in its Headquarters (HQs), the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 districts to provide support for owners and OCs. The work of the DBMLT includes assisting owners in forming OCs under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO), attending owners’ meetings to provide information and assistance, offering advice to owners or management bodies on the operation of OCs, handling enquiries and complaints regarding building management, assisting in resolving building management disputes, referring owners or management bodies in need to HAD’s building management support services, and organising educational and publicity programmes on building management. In 2025-26, there were 145 Liaison Officers (LOs) engaged in building management duties in the HAD HQs and the 18 DBMLTs, and the revised estimated expenditure was about \$108.2 million. To strengthen the support for and the enforcement efforts in building management, HAD will create 1 permanent post of Senior Liaison Officer, as well as time-limited posts, including 1 Chief Liaison Officer and 1 Senior Liaison Officer in 2026-27 at its HQs, which will be retained until 2030-31. HAD has earmarked the required funding in the 2026-27 draft Estimates and the resources required for subsequent years will be reflected in the draft Estimates for the relevant years.

- (d) To equip LOs with the professional knowledge for discharging their building management related duties effectively, HAD provides training programmes and briefing sessions for them on a regular and need basis, which include providing LOs who are newly recruited or posted to perform building management duties with basic knowledge of building management and building management support services, as well as providing more experienced LOs with training on mediation skills, legal knowledge pertaining to building management, case-sharing sessions, etc. Following the passage of the Amendment Ordinance, HAD promptly organised briefings for LOs to familiarise them with the major content of the Amendment Ordinance, enabling them to explain the amendments to OCs and property owners and to assist them in fulfilling their obligations under the BMO. The relevant actual/revised estimated total expenditure in 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 were about \$0.435 million, \$0.446 million and \$0.4 million respectively.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB086**

**(Question Serial No. 1371)**

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 that in 2026-27, the Home Affairs Department will continue to provide support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) to facilitate their integration into the community; and will establish a “Youth Network” and a “Women’s Network” at each of the 10 support service centres for EMs (EM centres) to organise activities specifically for EM youth and women. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding the support services provided to EMs by the existing 10 EM centres, please set out, with a breakdown by centre, the public expenditure incurred, staff establishment and number of beneficiaries of each type of service, including those provided by the EM Care Teams, over the past 3 years.
- (b) Please specify the contract periods and durations of the operating organisations of these centres.
- (c) Please provide details on the mechanism for monitoring the service quality and cost-effectiveness of the EM centres. Has the Government assessed their overall effectiveness? If yes, what are the details?
- (d) Given that EM populations are distributed across different districts on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories, will the Government consider further increasing the number of EM centres? If yes, which district(s) will be selected? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) It is mentioned in the Policy Address last year that a “Youth Network” and a “Women’s Network” would be established at the 10 EM centres to organise activities specifically for EM youth and women, and the Health Bureau would launch a pilot project of providing emotional support and counselling services for EMs. Please provide details on the implementation of these 2 new initiatives.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditure, staff establishment and number of service recipients by service type of the 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for the past 3 project years (from 2022-23 project year to 2024-25 project year) are set out in **Annexes A, B and C** respectively.
- (b) The term of the grant agreement entered into between HAD and the operator of each EM centre is 2 years. The current grant agreement periods of the 10 EM centres are as follows:

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Grant agreement period</b>
HOPE Centre	31 May 2025 to 30 May 2027
DREAM Centre	4 November 2024 to 3 November 2026
HOME Centre	11 December 2024 to 10 December 2026
HOME Sub-centre	11 December 2024 to 10 December 2026
CHEER Centre	5 September 2025 to 4 September 2027
YLTH Centre	28 June 2025 to 27 June 2027
ONE Centre	1 August 2025 to 31 July 2027
IDEA Centre	1 November 2024 to 31 October 2026
LINK Centre	30 October 2024 to 29 October 2026
TOUCH Sub-centre	21 December 2024 to 20 December 2026

- (c) 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.
- (d) HAD increased the number of EM centres from 8 to 10 in 2024. The 10 EM centres are now located across Hong Kong in Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Tung Chung, covering the districts where EMs mainly reside. We will keep in view the needs of EMs and review ways to strengthen the support services from time to time.
- (e) A “Youth Network” and a “Women’s Network” will be established at each of the 10 EM centres in April 2026 to provide new services specifically for EM youth and women. The “Youth Network” aims to facilitate peer interaction among EM youth, strengthen their community ties and provide more information and activities on career development and national development. The “Women’s Network” will provide a platform for experience sharing and mutual support, promoting health and mental health

education. In addition, the Health Bureau launched a two-year pilot project in December 2023 to set up a service centre providing emotional support and counselling services for EMs. The centre's multi-professional team comprising social workers, counsellors and support staff conversant in EM languages provides EMs with mental health support and counselling services and refers cases requiring additional support and/or treatment. As at the end of December 2025, the centre had conducted more than 5 600 well-being questionnaire check-ups with over 950 telephone follow-up calls, and had provided more than 2 200 counselling sessions for EMs in need. The pilot project was extended for an additional 2 years in December 2025.

**Expenditure of support service centres for ethnic minorities**

Centre	Actual expenditure (\$ million)		
	2022-23 project year	2023-24 project year	2024-25 project year
HOPE Centre	8.19	9.34	9.23
DREAM Centre <sup>Note 1</sup>	-	-	11.00
HOME Centre	7.28	8.49	10.31
HOME Sub-centre	3.22	4.84	6.25
CHEER Centre	20.48	26.21	19.03
YLTH Centre	7.28	9.46	9.89
ONE Centre	5.43	9.54	8.23
IDEA Centre <sup>Note 1</sup>	-	-	11.00
LINK Centre	7.00	7.15	10.03
TOUCH Sub-centre	3.50	5.20	6.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.38</b>	<b>80.23</b>	<b>101.50</b>

<sup>Note 1</sup> As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened in December 2024, the figures for the 2 centres in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 project years are not available.

Staff establishment of support service centres for ethnic minorities

Centre	2022-23 project year	2023-24 project year	2024-25 project year
HOPE Centre	15 (15 FT 0 PT)	16 (16 FT 0 PT)	19 (19 FT 0 PT)
DREAM Centre <sup>Note 1</sup>	-	-	19 (19 FT 0 PT)
HOME Centre	18 (16 FT 2 PT)	25 (22 FT 3 PT)	23 (22 FT 1 PT)
HOME Sub-centre	8 (8 FT 0 PT)	15 (14 FT 1 PT)	15 (14 FT 1 PT)
CHEER Centre	55 (55 FT 0 PT)	53 (53 FT 0 PT)	53 (53 FT 0 PT)
YLTH Centre	26 (16 FT 10 PT)	23 (16 FT 7 PT)	28 (20 FT 8 PT)
ONE Centre	27 (22 FT 5 PT)	24 (24 FT 0 PT)	27 (27 FT 0 PT)
IDEA Centre <sup>Note 1</sup>	-	-	17 (13 FT 4 PT)
LINK Centre	20 (15 FT 5 PT)	27 (19 FT 8 PT)	26 (18 FT 8 PT)
TOUCH Sub-centre	8 (7 FT 1 PT)	13 (12 FT 1 PT)	13 (13 FT 0 PT)
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b> <b>(154 FT</b> <b>23 PT)</b>	<b>196</b> <b>(176 FT</b> <b>20 PT)</b>	<b>240</b> <b>(218 FT</b> <b>22 PT)</b>

<sup>Note 1</sup> As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened in December 2024, the figures for the 2 centres in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 project years are not available.

FT – Full-time staff

PT – Part-time staff

**Numbers of service recipients of support service centres for ethnic minorities by service type**

**2022-23 project year**

	<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
Language class	602	462	195	188	244	320	212	95
After-school tutorial class	157	589	302	148	206	397	324	200
Integration programme	6 278	7 949	4 898	20 422	17 603	11 083	12 760	3 510
Counselling, guidance and referral service	346	298	286	490	802	265	1 963	941
Interpretation and translation service	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	7 957	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 383</b>	<b>9 298</b>	<b>5 681</b>	<b>29 205</b>	<b>18 855</b>	<b>12 065</b>	<b>15 259</b>	<b>4 746</b>

**2023-24 project year**

	<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
Language class	458	450	177	408	263	254	230	137
After-school tutorial class	158	366	318	130	119	584	722	389
Integration programme	7 106	10 299	6 575	18 847	14 969	11 389	15 183	7 343
Ethnic Minority Care Team <sup>Note 1</sup>	-	542	515	299	-	167	687	862
Counselling, guidance and referral service	397	309	302	146	880	372	2 158	1 513
Interpretation and translation service	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	8 823	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 119</b>	<b>11 966</b>	<b>7 887</b>	<b>28 653</b>	<b>16 231</b>	<b>12 766</b>	<b>18 980</b>	<b>10 244</b>

Note 1 Ethnic Minority Care Teams commenced services in July 2024.

**2024-25 project year**

	<b>HOPE Centre</b>	<b>DREAM Centre</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>	<b>HOME Centre</b>	<b>HOME Sub-centre</b>	<b>CHEER Centre</b>	<b>YLTH Centre</b>	<b>ONE Centre</b>	<b>IDEA Centre</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>	<b>LINK Centre</b>	<b>TOUCH Sub-centre</b>
Reporting period	31 May 2024 to 30 May 2025	4 November 2024 to 3 November 2025	11 December 2024 to 10 December 2025	11 December 2024 to 10 December 2025	5 September 2024 to 4 September 2025	28 June 2024 to 27 June 2025	1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025	1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025	30 October 2024 to 29 October 2025	21 December 2024 to 20 December 2025
Language class	462	390	348	214	506	264	356	448	340	152
After-school tutorial class	260	166	655	357	216	208	617	477	488	361
Integration programme	8 377	8 621	9 064	6 745	20 005	12 798	15 723	10 421	14 999	9 085
Ethnic Minority Care Team	710	1 012	1 163	941	629	2 138	927	1 496	1 132	1 053
Counselling, guidance and referral service	331	629	431	328	138	1 140	367	709	1 348	1 266
Interpretation and translation service	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9 261	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 140</b>	<b>10 818</b>	<b>11 661</b>	<b>8 585</b>	<b>30 755</b>	<b>16 548</b>	<b>17 990</b>	<b>13 551</b>	<b>18 307</b>	<b>11 917</b>

Note 2 The DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened in December 2024.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB087**

**(Question Serial No. 2674)**

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. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of RLAs recruited under the scheme each year, with a breakdown by the 18 districts, along with the expenditure and establishment involved since its implementation;
- (b) the number and findings of the effectiveness reviews conducted by the Government on the scheme since its implementation, including details on whether there has been any overlap in resources or target beneficiaries with similar ongoing schemes, and whether there are plans to review the relevant schemes to provide more targeted support. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

To assist owners of old buildings in enhancing building management, the Home Affairs Department (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. As at December 2025, about 2 350 RLAs were living in “three-nil” buildings. A breakdown by district is set out at the Annex.

HAD reviews the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings from time to time to promote good building management, and to encourage and assist owners in forming owners’ corporations (OCs) for proper management of their private properties. We recruit RLAs and provide them with information on building management, enabling them to 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 private buildings form OCs for proper management of their own properties. As at December 2025, 718 OCs were formed with RLAs' involvement.

Recruitment of RLAs is mainly conducted through the services provided by the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme and the liaison teams based in District Offices. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure or establishment involved in the recruitment, and there is no overlap in resources or target beneficiaries with other schemes.

**Number of Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs)**  
**(as at December 2025)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of RLAs</b>
Central & Western	190
Eastern	31
Southern	44
Wan Chai	112
Kowloon City	216
Kwun Tong	27
Yau Tsim Mong	629
Sham Shui Po	640
Wong Tai Sin	71
Islands	0
Sai Kung	0
Tai Po	169
Tsuen Wan	69
Yuen Long	34
Sha Tin	13
Tuen Mun	3
North	104
Kwai Tsing	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 353</b>

Note: There was no RLA in the Islands and Sai Kung Districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB088**

**(Question Serial No. 0339)**

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) has launched the Owners' Corporations Advisory Services Scheme since 2018. Under the scheme, HAD has engaged property management companies to provide owners' corporations (OCs) with free advisory services on handling building management matters and has set up the Panel of Advisors on Building Management Disputes to help resolve complicated building management disputes. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of OCs participating in the scheme in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts;
- (b) the number of cases received in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 districts;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon FONG Kwok-shan, Christine (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- (a) From 2023 to 2025, a total of 1 282 owners' corporations (OCs) received services under the Owners' Corporations Advisory Services Scheme. The numbers of OCs participating in the scheme, broken down by district, are tabulated as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Central & Western	33	55	38
Eastern	16	29	19
Southern	8	18	16
Wan Chai	30	68	51
Kowloon City	32	47	35
Kwun Tong	13	26	19
Sham Shui Po	23	42	40
Wong Tai Sin	16	23	14

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	89	133	123
Islands	1	1	1
Kwai Tsing	4	9	8
North	8	12	10
Sai Kung	0	1	1
Sha Tin	3	3	3
Tai Po	10	12	6
Tsuen Wan	8	19	16
Tuen Mun	6	9	10
Yuen Long	19	27	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>429</b>

- (b) Upon receipt of complaints, the District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in the relevant district will render necessary assistance to the OCs and owners involved in a fair and impartial manner, with a view to resolving the disputes concerned. Efforts will be made to arrange meetings and discussions for the parties in dispute. Where both parties consent and the circumstances so warrant, the DBMLT will refer the parties to the Panel of Advisors on Building Management Disputes (the Panel of Advisors) for its services. Between 2023 and 2025, the Panel of Advisors provided professional advice for a total of 7 cases. The numbers of such cases, broken down by district, are tabulated as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Wan Chai	1	2	0
Kwai Tsing	0	1	1
Sha Tin	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

- (c) The Home Affairs Department has been providing support services for owners and OCs of private buildings through various initiatives, including the Owners' Corporations Advisory Services Scheme, the Free Legal Advice Service on Building Management, the Panel of Advisors, etc., with a view to assisting them in managing their buildings and resolving disputes. The relevant actual/revised estimated total expenditure in 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 were \$19.36 million, \$18.75 million and \$22.2 million respectively.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HYAB089****(Question Serial No. 1063)**

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 disputes concerning owners' corporations (OCs), would the Government inform this Committee of the number of such dispute cases received by the Home Affairs Department each year between 2020 and 2025, with a breakdown by (a) building maintenance; (b) financial management; (c) performance of the management company or the management committee (MC) of an OC; (d) building security management; and (e) election of the MC. Also, please list the number of such dispute cases which are related to OCs currently covered by the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme.

Asked by: Hon HUNG Kam-in (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

From 2020 to 2025, the numbers of complaints on building management received by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) are tabulated as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of complaints on building management</b>
2020	278
2021	373
2022	307
2023	265
2024	408
2025	362

HAD does not maintain statistics on the number of complaints broken down by subject matter.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB090**

**(Question Serial No. 1082)**

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) states in its programme that it will “continue to oversee the implementation of the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (the Amendment Ordinance) and take forward the next phase review of, and amendments to, the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO).” In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the outcomes and effectiveness of the Amendment Ordinance since its implementation (e.g. in terms of enhancement of transparency in large-scale maintenance procurement, the compliance rate of audit requirements for financial statements, and the cases in which the criminal sanctions against failure to keep certain documents are applicable). Please also provide a specific breakdown of the expenditure involved, and the staff deployment plans of HAD for monitoring the implementation of the Amendment Ordinance and developing relevant educational and publicity programmes in 2026-27.
- (b) What are the specific directions and timetable for the next phase review of, and amendments to, the BMO (including the preliminary amendment directions, such as raising voting thresholds, refining the declaration of interests mechanism, enhancing sections 40B and 40C of the BMO and establishing a mechanism for amendments to and approval of deeds of mutual covenant to assist minority owners)? What measures does HAD expect to implement to step up and improve the work on combating bid-rigging (such as ways to work in tandem with the pre-qualified list under the enhanced version of “Smart Tender”, the monitoring of third-party professionals and the criminalisation proposals)?
- (c) With regard to the handling of the Wang Fuk Court incident, the Government invoked section 31 of the BMO for the first time to dissolve its owners’ corporation (OC) and appoint a temporary administrator. After doing so, how effective are the follow-up actions (e.g. in terms of the management progress following the establishment of the dedicated follow-up team, the submission of reports to the Government and the regular reporting of updates to the Lands Tribunal), what are the expenditures incurred and the details of the support provided by the participating organisations? Will the

Government increase resources in 2026-27 to expand similar support (targeting “three-nil” buildings or buildings with multiple OCs) so as to enhance the overall quality of building management and safeguard owners’ rights?

Asked by: Hon HUNG Kam-in (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

- (a) The Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (the Amendment Ordinance) has been implemented smoothly since it took effect in July 2025. The Government has launched a series of publicity and educational programmes to assist owners, owners’ corporations (OCs), property management companies, property management practitioners and other stakeholders in understanding the new requirements under the Amendment Ordinance. In 2025-26, there were 145 Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in the Home Affairs Department (HAD) Headquarters (HQs) and the 18 District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs), and the revised estimated expenditure involved was about \$108.2 million. To strengthen the support for and the enforcement efforts in building management, HAD will create 1 permanent post of Senior Liaison Officer, as well as time-limited posts, including 1 Chief Liaison Officer and 1 Senior Liaison Officer in 2026-27 at its HQs, which will be retained until 2030-31. These new posts aim to provide OCs and owners with support, including carrying out relevant publicity and education work, and ensuring the continued and effective implementation of the Amendment Ordinance. We do not have a separate breakdown of the manpower and resources allocated specifically for monitoring the implementation of the Amendment Ordinance and developing the relevant educational and publicity programmes.
- (b) The Government consulted the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports in February 2026 on 5 major proposed amendment directions for the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO). These directions are increasing the voting thresholds for decisions on large-scale maintenance works and high-value procurements, improving the mechanisms for proxy instruments and declaration of interests, clarifying meeting procedures, and strengthening the powers of the Authority. The Government is following up on the views raised by Members. It will also consult the property management sector, OCs and the public on the proposed amendments, and will gather district opinions through the Working Groups on Building Management established under the District Councils, with the aim of finalising the concrete legislative proposals as soon as possible for submission to LegCo for deliberation.

As mentioned above, the 5 major directions preliminarily proposed include further enhancing the declaration of interest mechanism by requiring work consultants to declare any relationships with contractors, thereby increasing the transparency in the procurement process.

- (c) Since its appointment, Hop On Management Company Limited (Hop On) has taken forward a series of tasks to discharge the functions of a management committee under the BMO. These include updating bank account mandates, conducting a handover with the former management company, taking possession of the records related to the former OC, clarifying the legal liabilities and entitlements of the OC as well as examining the OC’s accounts. Hop On has also established an online platform and

created a dedicated email account to ensure effective communication with the residents. Earlier, Hop On assisted in the disbursement of cheques to eligible owners for subsidies under the Operation Building Bright 2.0 of the Urban Renewal Authority. Hop On is now reconciling the unspent balances of the OC's bank account and its major maintenance fund, with a view to formulating the relevant refund arrangements. The dedicated follow-up team from HAD maintains close liaison with Hop On, assisting it in carrying out its duties as the administrator. Hop On submits monthly reports to HAD and has set up a website to keep the residents informed of its work progress. The administrator will not charge any fees for its appointment, and Nina Wang Charity Management Limited has donated a total of \$10 million to cover the relevant expenses of the administrator.

In addition, the Government will continue to implement various measures to deepen the reforms related to building management, including enhancing the legal framework, strengthening the support services for OCs and owners, etc., to assist owners in managing their buildings properly. In 2026-27, the estimated expenditure on various support services (including advisory services for OCs, legal advisory services, mediation services, dispute resolution services, etc.) is \$21.36 million, and the Government has also set aside \$7.25 million to expand the Pilot Scheme on "Joint Property Management" targeting old single-block buildings and "three-nil" buildings to other districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB091**

**(Question Serial No. 1327)**

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 Pilot Scheme on “Joint Property Management”, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown by district of the following information since the launch of the scheme: the districts covered; the number of buildings reached out by the community organisations engaged under the scheme; the number of buildings which have signed letters of intent to participate in the scheme; and the number of buildings which have agreed to conduct joint tenders.
- (b) Have the community organisations engaged provided the Government with consolidated information on the most difficult aspects of reaching out to the buildings? If yes, what are the details?
- (c) The Government previously indicated that it would consider extending the scheme to other districts, subject to the outcomes of implementation. What is the current status of the review of the scheme? Will the Government set an objective to extend the coverage of the scheme to the whole territory?

Asked by: Hon IP Ngo-tung, Chris (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the one-year Pilot Scheme on “Joint Property Management” (Pilot Scheme) in June 2025 in 4 districts, namely, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan. As at December 2025, the local organisations engaged under the Pilot Scheme reached out to a total of 150 target buildings, of which 87 signed letters of intent to participate in the Pilot Scheme. Among these, 32 conducted joint tendering. The numbers for each district are tabulated as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of target buildings reached out to</b>	<b>Number of buildings that signed letters of intent</b>	<b>Number of buildings that conducted joint tenders</b>
Yau Tsim Mong	31	13	13
Sham Shui Po	40	13	3
Kowloon City	26	14	11
Tsuen Wan	53	47	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>32</b>

- (b) According to the local organisations engaged, the most difficult aspects of implementing the Pilot Scheme were the multiple ownership in certain buildings, and the fact that most owners were elderly or retired and thus showed little incentive to participate in the Pilot Scheme. Furthermore, even after joint tenders were conducted, individual buildings might eventually decline to sign contracts to participate in the Pilot Scheme due to concerns over management fees.
- (c) The 2025 Policy Address announced that, subject to the implementation outcome, HAD will consider expanding the Pilot Scheme to other districts. We are evaluating the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme with reference to, among other things, the implementation outcomes achieved by the local organisations engaged and the feedback received from participating owners.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB092**

**(Question Serial No. 1328)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: (4) Licensing  
Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the issuance of Trade Promotion Competition Licences (TPCLs), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of applications for a TPCL received and the number of licences issued in each of the past 3 years;
- (b) the number of law enforcement actions (including verbal warnings and prosecutions) taken by the Government against those operating without a valid TPCL in the past 3 years; and
- (c) under the current requirements, applicants should, upon completion of the competition, publish the competition results in 1 Chinese and 1 English local newspaper, and forward a copy of the relevant cuttings to the public officer appointed by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs. Has the Government considered relaxing the current requirements, for example by allowing applicants to publish the competition results on their dedicated websites or social media platforms instead, to facilitate small and medium enterprises in promoting their businesses through organising such activities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP Ngo-tung, Chris (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

Under the Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148), if a game of chance is involved in a competition or scheme conducted for the purpose of promoting a trade or business or the sale of any product, a Trade Promotion Competition Licence (TPCL) must be obtained in advance from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD). Typical examples include lucky draws organised by department stores and restaurants to promote sales and business.

- (a) The number of applications for a TPCL received and the number of licences issued in the past 3 years are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Number of applications received	1 835	1 419	1 567
Number of licences issued*	1 491	1 493	1 435

\* More than one licence may be issued for one application

- (b) The OLA is responsible for the issuance of TPCLs, while the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) is responsible for law enforcement. When HAD receives reports of suspected activities conducted without a TPCL, it will refer the cases to the HKPF for follow-up action. HAD does not maintain statistics on the number of verbal warnings issued and prosecutions initiated by the HKPF.
- (c) In accordance with the statutory requirements of the TPCL, licensees must publish the competition results in 1 Chinese and 1 English newspaper circulating in Hong Kong to ensure that participants are informed of the relevant results. Since 2012, the OLA has relaxed this requirement by allowing licensees to publish the results in 1 online newspaper and at least 1 printed newspaper. The Government will continue to review the implementation of these requirements and propose timely enhancements as appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB093**

**(Question Serial No. 3104)**

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 2024 Policy Address that the Government will continue to implement the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) for a period of 3 years starting from 2024-25 for application of funding by local clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since the launch of the Scheme, what clansmen associations and activities have been funded, and what were the amounts of funding provided?
- (b) How effective is the Scheme? Has the Government reviewed whether such arrangement should be continued after the three-year period (i.e. after 2026-27)? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon IP Ngo-tung, Chris (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2023 Policy Address, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) in the first quarter of 2024. The Scheme, which will run for a period of 3 years with a total funding of \$30 million earmarked for application by clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture, aims to deepen the public's understanding of and sense of belonging to their hometowns, thereby fostering the spirit of loving the motherland, Hong Kong and their hometowns. Since the launch of the Scheme 2 years ago, a total of 77 applications<sup>1</sup> have been approved. The amount of subsidy approved for each clansmen association in an application ranged from \$100,000 to \$195,000. The approved projects set out by year are at the Annex. HAD will continue to implement the Scheme in 2026-27 and keep under review its effectiveness and arrangements.

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<sup>1</sup> 2 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval of the applications.

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HYAB093**  
**(Information only available in Chinese)**

**Organisations/Projects Funded by**  
**the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme in 2024-25 and 2025-26**

<b>(I) 2024-25</b>		
	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project#</b>
1	香港廣東社團總會 香港福建社團聯會 香港廣西社團總會 香港海南社團總會 香港浙江省同鄉會聯合會 香港江蘇社團總會 香港北京社團總會 滬港社團總會 香港湖北社團總會 香港湖南聯誼總會 香港江西社團(聯誼)總會 香港山東社團總會 香港四川社團總會 香港天津聯誼會 香港重慶總會 香港甘肅聯誼會 香港陝西社團聯合總會 香港河北聯誼會 香港安徽聯誼總會 香港山西總會 香港寧夏社團聯會 雲南旅港同鄉會 香港貴州聯誼會 青海港澳聯誼會 香港河南聯誼總會 香港黑龍江社團總會 香港內蒙古社團聯誼總會 香港新疆聯誼會	同鄉社團家鄉市集嘉年華
2	香港廣東社團總會	廣東非遺入校園
3	香港福建社團聯會	閩港青年海上絲綢之路文化交流團
4	香港廣西社團總會	「文化繽紛賀國慶」展覽
5	香港海南社團總會	「海南·龍城璀璨之夜」嘉年華
6	香港浙江省同鄉會聯合會	「同根連心迎國慶·團結奮鬥創未來」港澳青年浙江行
7	香港江蘇社團總會	「蘇韻流芳」青少年國畫比賽
8	香港北京社團總會	感謝有你－手拉手心連心送溫暖活動

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project#</b>
9	滬港社團總會	戲說戲曲－中國傳統戲曲匯演
10	香港湖北社團總會	蓮藕節暨黃岡中醫藥文化推廣活動
11	香港湖南聯誼總會	湖湘文化及美食節
12	香港江西社團(聯誼)總會	「情繫桑梓 禮包送關愛」探訪活動
13	香港山東社團總會	「薪火相傳齊魯情」－魯警港青山東行
14	香港四川社團總會	同心熊貓海濱遊 非遺文化齊體驗
15	香港天津聯誼會	天津交流參訪活動
16	香港重慶總會	「團聚中秋－溫暖進社區」探訪活動
17	香港甘肅聯誼會	送溫暖探訪活動
18	香港陝西社團聯合總會	陝西旬邑蘋果及傳統文化推廣活動
19	香港河北聯誼會	香港青年學生河北考察交流團
20	香港安徽聯誼總會	安徽交流參訪團
21	香港山西總會	香港關公節
22	香港寧夏社團聯會	送暖探訪活動
23	雲南旅港同鄉會	雲南麗江納西族.文化.風景圖片展
24	香港貴州聯誼會	貴州少數民族文化節
25	香港河南聯誼總會	「相約中原 尋根中華文化」青年學習交流團
26	香港黑龍江社團總會	「龍江文化遊」青年學習交流團
27	香港內蒙古社團聯誼總會	月圓人團圓，蒙港共此時－內蒙古社團送溫暖活動
28	香港新疆聯誼會	「心疆·鄉港」－新疆文化嘉年華
29	香港新疆同鄉總會	香港新疆文化交流週
30	香港僑界社團聯會	香港僑界同心文藝大匯演
31	香港潮屬社團總會	出花園之五人足球大賽
32	香港客屬總會	福建學習交流團
33	香港北京海外聯誼會	北京親子交流學習團
34	香港山東商會聯合總會	「與您同行－香港山東商會聯合總會走進您」送暖探訪活動
35	冀魯旅港同鄉會	「家訪送暖」傳心傳意
36	香港深圳社團總會	青苗計劃－機甲大師港深交流邀請賽
37	香港中山社團總會	中山特色市集
38	香港五邑總會	五邑僑鄉劇本遊

# Cancelled projects are excluded from the list (1 project in each year).

(II) 2025-26		
	Organisation	Project#
1	香港廣東社團總會 香港福建社團聯會 香港廣西社團總會 香港海南社團總會 香港浙江省同鄉會聯合會 香港江蘇社團總會 香港北京社團總會 滬港社團總會 香港湖北社團總會 香港湖南聯誼總會 香港江西社團(聯誼)總會 香港山東社團總會 香港四川社團總會 香港天津社團總會 香港重慶總會 香港甘肅聯誼會 香港陝西社團聯合總會 香港河北聯誼會 香港安徽聯誼總會 香港山西總會 香港寧夏社團聯會 雲南旅港同鄉會 香港貴州聯誼會 青海港澳聯誼會 香港河南聯誼總會 香港黑龍江社團總會 香港內蒙古社團聯誼總會 香港新疆聯誼會 香港遼寧社團總會 香港吉林省社團總會	同鄉社團家鄉市集嘉年華
2	香港廣東社團總會	「粵動香江暖·心繫故里圓」關愛探訪活動
3	香港福建社團聯會	閩港青年文化交流團
4	香港廣西社團總會	廣西非遺系列進校園
5	香港海南社團總會	《英雄光芒耀香江,山海同歌向未來》紀念抗戰勝利80周年音樂會
6	香港浙江省同鄉會聯合會	湖州·杭州·嘉興—文化尋根暨科技參訪交流之旅
7	香港江蘇社團總會	「蘇韻流芳」青少年國畫比賽
8	香港北京社團總會	感謝有你—手拉手心連心送溫暖活動
9	滬港社團總會	滬港文化講座暨中國傳統戲曲匯演
10	香港湖北社團總會	蓮藕節暨荊門運動休閒文旅推介活動

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project#</b>
11	香港湖南聯誼總會	湖湘文化及美食節
12	香港江西社團(聯誼)總會	「心手相連 福袋遞溫情」探訪活動
13	香港山東社團總會	薪火相傳齊魯情 魯警港青山東行
14	香港四川社團總會	「見證四川新發展·匯聚鄉親新力量」在港鄉親國情研習活動
15	香港重慶總會	「傳承國粹·共享安康」中華傳統文化體驗日
16	香港甘肅聯誼會	甘肅送溫暖探訪活動
17	香港河北聯誼會	燕趙文化耀香江－河北非遺文化推廣
18	香港安徽聯誼總會	安徽特產溫暖進社區
19	香港山西總會	香港關公節
20	香港寧夏社團聯會	「飲水思源，愛心送暖」探訪活動
21	雲南旅港同鄉會	紀念抗戰勝利80週年圖片展
22	香港貴州聯誼會	香港青少年多彩貴州文化交流之旅
23	香港河南聯誼總會	「文以載道 對話古今」香港青年學生中華文化深度體驗之旅
24	香港黑龍江社團總會	「雪漫龍江夢啟航，港青共赴冰雪鄉」青年交流團
25	香港內蒙古社團聯誼總會	駿馬奔騰·舞動香江－文化表演嘉年華
26	香港新疆聯誼會	「心疆·鄉港」－新疆文化嘉年華
27	香港新疆同鄉總會	「邊疆頌歌」新疆國家安全教育宣導文化交流周
28	香港僑界社團聯會	香港僑界紀念中國人民抗日戰爭暨世界反法西斯戰爭勝利80周年主題大會
29	香港潮屬社團總會	東江水供港60周年尋源之旅
30	香港客屬總會	「綠水東江·客鄉同行」河源、惠州青少年學習交流團
31	香港北京海外聯誼會	赴京親子文化交流學習團
32	香港山東商會聯合總會	「與您同行－香港山東商會聯合總會走進您」送暖探訪活動
33	冀魯旅港同鄉會	「家訪送暖」我鄉情濃
34	香港五邑總會	「深度求索：藝術科技新融合」展覽及工作坊
35	滬港青年交流促進會	香江共融－湛江赤坎非遺文化體驗
36	香港閩侯同鄉聯誼會	閩侯民俗遊藝同樂日
37	中國香港海口聯誼會	「海南非遺體驗·親子同樂」海南文化親子嘉年華

# Cancelled projects are excluded from the list (1 project in each year).

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB094**

**(Question Serial No. 1179)**

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:

Under Programme (2): Community Building, the duties of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) include improving building management. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the estimated expenditure for building management in various districts across the territory in the past 5 years, broken down by spending areas, together with the staff establishment and ranks involved, presented in a table;
- (b) the timetable for deepening the reform of building management, including that for legislative amendments related to building management, and the estimated expenditure and staff establishment involved in the relevant work;
- (c) the progress of setting up working groups on building management in the 18 District Councils; how the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will provide appropriate intervention and guidance for these working groups; what other measures HYAB will implement to promote good building management, along with the estimated expenditure and staff establishment involved in the work mentioned above;
- (d) the measures taken to promote and explain building management responsibilities to, among others, owners' corporations (OCs) and residents, together with the estimated expenditure and staff establishment involved in the relevant work; and
- (e) whether HYAB has any plan to empower officers of HAD to provide OCs and others with further assistance, including offering recommendations at meetings of OCs and keeping records of them; if yes, the details of such plans; if no, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

- (a) and (d) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has been committed to assisting owners in discharging their building management responsibilities, including providing them

with support services and fostering a culture of proper building management, through schemes such as the Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme, the Owners' Corporations Advisory Services Scheme, the Free Legal Advice Service on Building Management, the Free Outreach Legal Advice Service on Building Management and the Pilot Scheme on "Joint Property Management". The actual/revised estimated total expenditure from 2021-22 to 2025-26 is tabulated as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual/Revised estimated total expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2021-22	10.14
2022-23	12.88
2023-24	19.36
2024-25	18.75
2025-26 (Revised estimate)	22.20

In addition to a dedicated division in its Headquarters (HQs), HAD has set up a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 districts to provide support services for owners and owners' corporations (OCs). The work of the DBMLT includes assisting owners in forming OCs under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO), attending owners' meetings to provide information and assistance, offering advice to owners or management bodies on the operation of OCs, handling enquiries and complaints regarding building management, assisting owners and OCs in resolving building management disputes, referring enquiries and complaints to HAD's building management support services as necessary, and organising educational and publicity programmes to enhance the knowledge of OCs and owners in building management. From 2021-22 to 2025-26, the number of liaison officers (LOs) engaged in building management duties in the HAD HQs and the 18 DBMLTs, their ranks and the actual/revised estimated expenditure involved are tabulated as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number of LOs engaged in building management duties</b>			
	<b>2021-22 &amp; 2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Principal Liaison Officer	1	1	1	1
Chief Liaison Officer	1	1	1	1
Senior Liaison Officer	25	25	25	24
Liaison Officer I	44	44	44	44
Liaison Officer II	74	74	74	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Actual/Revised estimated expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>108.2</b>

- (b) On 9 February 2026, the Government consulted the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports on 5 major proposed amendment directions for the BMO, and is following up on the views raised by Members. The Government will consult the property management sector, OCs and the public on the proposed amendments, and will gather district opinions through the Working Groups on Building Management established under District Councils (DCs), with the aim of finalising the concrete legislative proposals as soon as possible for submission to LegCo for deliberation. HAD has converted 1 time-limited Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) post into a permanent post, and will create new posts in 2026-27, including 1 permanent post and 4 time-limited posts, with a view to deepening the reform of building management. The full annual average staff cost for the additional manpower, including salaries and staff on-cost, is approximately \$11 million. As the personnel involved are not dedicated solely to a single duty and HAD will deploy manpower flexibly to support the work as required, separate figures on the staff establishment involved are not available.
- (c) The 18 DCs each established a Working Group on Building Management and held the first meeting in January 2026. These working groups serve to provide platforms for DC members to put forward suggestions on good building management practices to DCs, and to share experience and exchange insights on promoting good building management within their districts. HAD will continue to maintain close liaison with all DCs to ensure the effective functioning of the working groups, and will co-ordinate the work of District Offices with other bureaux and departments based on the opinions put forward by the working groups as necessary. Please refer to part (b) above for the additional manpower and estimated expenditure involved in HAD's work on deepening the reform of building management.

The Chief Executive announced in the 2025 Policy Address that, subject to the implementation outcomes of the Pilot Scheme on "Joint Property Management", HAD will consider expanding the pilot scheme to other districts and had set aside \$7.25 million for the relevant estimated expenditure.

As the personnel taking forward the work mentioned above are not dedicated solely to a single duty, figures on the staff establishment undertaking the relevant work are not available.

- (e) The Government's policy on building management is to assist owners in discharging their building management responsibilities. The 18 DBMLTs will continue to attend OC meetings and provide owners with information and assistance regarding the operational procedures of OCs in accordance with the relevant provisions of the BMO.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB095**

**(Question Serial No. 2759)**

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 will implement the regularised Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme and engage community organisations/non-governmental organisations to provide owners of “three-nil” buildings with support services (such as the formation of owners’ corporations (OCs)). In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding support services for “three-nil” buildings, what is the Government’s projected service capacity for 2026-27? Please provide the estimated number of buildings which will benefit from the services, the number of cases in which OCs are expected to be formed with such assistance, and the details of the relevant estimated expenditure.
- (b) What criteria are used for assessing the service needs of “three-nil” buildings? How does the Government identify “three-nil” buildings that are in urgent need of assistance but do not have a representative to initiate a service request? How will the Government proactively provide on-site support for these buildings?
- (c) How many dissolved or defunct OCs are there at present?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has implemented the Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme (BMPASS) to engage local organisations/non-governmental organisations with wide district networks and rich experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming owners’ corporations (OCs). Given their familiarity with the circumstances of their respective districts, District Building Management Liaison Teams help identify “three-nil” buildings with service needs in their districts. In addition, we have invited the Area Committees

in the relevant districts to assist in implementing the scheme, including selecting target buildings and monitoring the implementation progress of the scheme. The new round of the BMPASS has been implemented since July 2024 and will run for 3 years. It covers a total of 867 “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory, with about 100 OCs expected to be formed with assistance, involving an estimated total expenditure of around \$33.11 million.

- (c) As OCs are not required to notify HAD or District Offices upon dissolution or defunction, we do not have the relevant figures.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB096**

**(Question Serial No. 0371)**

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:

The Rural Public Works (RPW) programme aims to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural community. In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) Please set out the details, in table form, of the RPW projects for the past 2 financial years and the coming financial year, including: i) district, ii) project type, iii) location, iv) (actual/expected) project duration, and v) (actual/estimated) expenditure.
- (b) The Government implemented the Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy Minor Works Programme in the 1990s to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment in villages in the New Territories, but the programme was later replaced by the RPW programme. However, since the rights of resumption of land were not granted, the results were unsatisfactory. Would the Government actively consider re-activating the former programme to carry out more cost-effective village improvement works of a larger scale? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) provides funding for carrying out minor works to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories through the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme. The 9 District Offices in the New Territories 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 20 March 2026, the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) approved the Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations for 2026-27, including those for the RPW programme (Subhead 7014CX). For details of the works projects

included in the RPW programme from 2024-25 to 2026-27, please refer to the following documents of FC/Public Works Subcommittee of LegCo:

(2026-27)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2026/english/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20260227pwsc-9-1-ec.pdf>

(2025-26)

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

(2024-25)

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

- (b) Given that rural planning involves handling land ownership, and land resumption involves relatively complicated statutory procedures and requires considerable time to deal with, 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.

As at the end of February 2026, more than 2 900 projects have been completed under the RPW programme since its inception at a total cost of over \$3.4 billion. Through the RPW programme, the living environment and infrastructure in rural areas have improved significantly. HAD will continue to closely monitor the implementation of works projects under the RPW programme in collaboration with other government departments, with a view to facilitating early project implementation and completion for further enhancement of the rural environment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB097**

**(Question Serial No. 0372)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: (4) Licensing  
Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 of this Programme that the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department is refining application guidelines to facilitate the operation of home-stay lodgings and holiday camps in rural areas. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of village houses in the New Territories and outlying islands for which guesthouse licences have been issued or applications have been submitted so far;
- (b) the staffing establishment and expenses of the OLA, which is responsible for processing applications for “rural home-stay lodgings”; and
- (c) the measures the Government has in place to expedite the application process for “rural home-stay lodgings”. Will the Government consider introducing a one-stop registration system for home-stay lodgings and rural restaurants to enable operators to complete both registration and business commencement procedures on a single platform, thereby simplifying the complex and time-consuming multi-step application process?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department is responsible for licensing and enforcement work under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO). The OLA has all along adopted a flexible and pragmatic approach in processing all hotel and guesthouse licence applications, with a view to facilitating the operation of licensed premises while ensuring building and fire safety. The term “home-stay lodgings” is not defined in the HAGAO. If an operator runs a “home-stay lodging”, the operation mode of which falls within the definition of “hotel” or “guesthouse” under the HAGAO (i.e. premises which are held out as providing sleeping accommodation to any persons presenting themselves willing to pay a fee for such accommodation for a period of less than 28 consecutive days), a relevant licence is required.

Premises operating as “home-stay lodgings” are generally issued with a guesthouse licence. In processing applications, the OLA handles each case in a flexible and pragmatic manner, provided that building and fire safety are ensured. Recognising the unique characteristics and constraints of village houses in rural areas, the OLA allows applicants to propose alternative measures on a case-by-case basis. A licence will be issued as long as the building and fire safety can be ensured.

- (a) As at 28 February 2026, 99 village houses in the New Territories or outlying islands were holding guesthouse (holiday flat) licences.
- (b) The staffing establishment and the revised estimates of staff expenses of the OLA in 2025-26 are 121 and \$113 million respectively. The OLA does not maintain a separate breakdown of figures for “rural home-stay lodgings”.
- (c) On the basis of ensuring the safety of lodgers and the public, the OLA has endeavoured to facilitate applicants by actively promoting electronic services, streamlining the application process and providing assistance according to local conditions, with a view to expediting the approval and issuance of licences. The OLA has drawn up the Guide to Licence Application under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance and the Guide to Licence Applications for Holiday Flat, which set out the building and fire safety standards and requirements applicable to village type houses in the New Territories, thereby facilitating applications for holiday flat licences. The OLA will also issue a new Guide to Licence Application for Guesthouse in Village House, which will set out the flexible building and fire safety requirements in the light of actual rural situations, and provide clearer and more specific requirements and measures to facilitate application by interested operators. Regarding the proposal to introduce a one-stop registration system for home-stay lodgings and rural restaurants, applicants for a guesthouse licence are currently only required to submit their applications to the OLA. During the approval process, the OLA maintains close co-ordination with relevant departments (such as the Lands Department, the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department), obviating the need for applicants to approach multiple departments individually. As such, the existing arrangement already provides one-stop convenience. The OLA has always adhered to the principle of trade facilitation, and rather than applying a single standard, it takes fully into account the unique characteristics of village houses according to local conditions and formulates requirements having regard to the actual circumstances and characteristics of each application. Replacing the existing licensing system with a registration system may compromise building and fire safety, and is therefore not desirable from a public safety perspective. Nevertheless, the OLA remains committed to bringing convenience to the public and businesses, and will continue to review and enhance existing arrangements to meet the practical needs of the industry.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB098**

**(Question Serial No. 0463)**

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 across the territory in 2023, aiming to support the Government's district work and strengthen community network. In 2025, the number of CTs was further increased to 455. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the amount of funding support provided for CTs by district in each of the past 3 years?
- (b) What were the Government's staffing and expenditure involved for supporting the work relating to CTs in each of the past 3 years?
- (c) What are the current number of CT members 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 2026-27, 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.: 30)

Reply:

- (a) The District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) fully launched the first two-year service term in the third quarter of 2023. While the Government provided CTs with part of the resources, the operating organisations supported the CT's provision of services through sponsorships, donations, or internal resources of the organisations. The total expenditure for the overall service plan of the first two-year service term was \$444 million, of which \$411 million was covered by government funding disbursed

according to the funding agreements (i.e. 92%), while the remaining expenditure (i.e. 8%) was met by community resources gathered by CTs. A breakdown of the funding disbursed to CTs for the first service term in each of the 18 districts is set out in **Annex A**.

- (b) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) 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 in 2023-24 and 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts to be retained until 2027-28 and 1 permanent post created in 2024-25, to support the work relating to CTs, incurring an average annual expenditure of about \$24 million.
- (c) Currently, there are a total of 5 096 CT members in the 18 districts across the territory. Their distribution by 18 districts is set out in **Annex B**. On average, the ratio of CT members to the local population in each district is about 1:1 445 (see **Annex C**). At present, the number of CT members in each district is not necessarily correlated with the district's population. The size of CTs is primarily determined by the actual needs and operational circumstances of each district, taking into account a number of factors, including the size of the sub-district, the community structure, as well as the mode of operation of the operating organisations, etc. Hence, the size of CTs may vary across districts depending on the local situations and needs.
- (d) CTs completed their first service term in October 2025. CTs met, or even overachieved key performance indicators in their first service term. Over the two-year period, they visited about 610 000 elderly households and other households in need, provided about 100 000 times of basic home or other support services, and organised about 50 000 district-level activities. The achievements are evident.
- (e) The 455 CTs in the 18 districts across the territory have commenced in October 2025 upon the end of the first-term. CTs will continue to enhance liaison and collaboration with government departments, public utilities and district organisations, delivering more targeted and down-to-earth services based on the local situations and needs of their districts. In terms of service content, CTs will deepen and broaden the service. For example, in older districts, CTs will strengthen support on building management; for newly developed areas, they will focus on supporting families which have just moved in.

Moreover, HAD continues to work closely with relevant government departments to provide training for CT members and volunteers, covering practical skills such as emergency response, communication skills and health support, enabling them to better equip themselves to better serve and care for the community. For instance, HAD and the Fire Services Department jointly organised 3 training sessions on community emergency response in January 2026 to provide CT members with basic knowledge of fire prevention and emergency response, thereby further enhancing their ability and confidence to protect themselves and assist others during emergencies. HAD also collaborated with the Department of Health to organise 2 training sessions for CT members in March 2026. These training sessions, delivered by healthcare professionals, covered topics such as communicating with socially isolated elderly individuals and fall prevention (including home safety assessments and simple exercises).

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work of the first service term, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level. CTs will further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of their sub-districts.

**Amount of funding disbursed to  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) for the first service term**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CTs</b>	<b>Amount of funding disbursed (\$ million)</b>
Central & Western	15	12.00
Eastern	35	31.63
Southern	17	20.06
Wan Chai	13	12.30
Kowloon City	25	23.84
Kwun Tong	40	32.93
Yau Tsim Mong	20	17.23
Sham Shui Po	25	23.71
Wong Tai Sin	25	24.10
Islands	10	8.34
Sai Kung	29	26.83
Tai Po	19	17.92
Tsuen Wan	19	21.88
Yuen Long	39	35.01
Sha Tin	41	35.82
Tuen Mun	31	24.63
North	18	14.42
Kwai Tsing	31	28.04
<b>Total*</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>410.70 (\$411 million)</b>

\* There is a slight discrepancy between the sum of figures and the total owing to rounding.

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB098**

**Current number of members of  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in each district  
(as at 6 March 2026)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CT members</b>
Central & Western	177
Eastern	398
Southern	196
Wan Chai	151
Kowloon City	247
Kwun Tong	432
Sham Shui Po	289
Wong Tai Sin	273
Yau Tsim Mong	226
Islands	119
Kwai Tsing	331
Tsuen Wan	214
North	234
Sai Kung	343
Sha Tin	468
Tai Po	221
Tuen Mun	332
Yuen Long	445
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 096</b>

**Current ratio of members of  
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)  
to the local population in each district  
(as at 6 March 2026)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of CT members</b>	<b>Local population* (approximate figures)</b>	<b>Ratio of CT members to the local population</b>
Central & Western	177	229 400	1 296
Eastern	398	514 400	1 292
Southern	196	254 700	1 299
Wan Chai	151	162 000	1 073
Kowloon City	247	412 500	1 670
Kwun Tong	432	662 400	1 533
Sham Shui Po	289	432 300	1 496
Wong Tai Sin	273	406 700	1 490
Yau Tsim Mong	226	299 700	1 326
Islands	119	195 300	1 641
Kwai Tsing	331	491 600	1 485
Tsuen Wan	214	306 200	1 431
North	234	338 400	1 446
Sai Kung	343	498 200	1 452
Sha Tin	468	698 900	1 493
Tai Po	221	327 900	1 484
Tuen Mun	332	531 000	1 599
Yuen Long	445	671 100	1 508
<b>Average ratio</b>			<b>1 445</b>

\* Population statistics by District Council district for 2024, compiled by the Census and Statistics Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB099**

**(Question Serial No. 0394)**

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 planning and construction progress of community facilities in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the usage rate of each of the community halls (CHs) in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District in each of the past 3 financial years (from 2023-24 to 2025-26)?
- (b) Does the Government have any plan to construct new CHs in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District (such as Shui Chuen O, Fo Tan, and Pak Shek Kok) or conduct feasibility studies in this regard in 2026-27? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) What is the latest planning and construction progress of the joint-user complexes at Tsuen Nam Road in Tai Wai and Shan Mei Street in Fo Tan? What are the expected timelines (including the dates of seeking funding approval, as well as commencement and completion of works) and the estimated expenditure for the two aforesaid projects?
- (d) Has the Government evaluated the usage rates of the existing livelihood facilities such as CHs in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District? Are there any service gaps? If yes, what are the findings of the evaluation? How will the Government address the actual district needs?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- (a) The usage rates of the multi-purpose hall in each of the community halls/community centres (CHs/CCs) in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District in the past 3 financial years (from 2023-24 to 2025-26) are as follows:

District	CH/CC	Usage rate (%)		
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at January 2026)
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC	85.1	81.9	82.6
	Lung Hang Estate CC	91.4	87.8	88.0
	Hin Keng Neighbourhood CC	74.3	69.0	78.3
	Chun Shek CH	88.5	86.8	88.0
	Kwong Yuen CH	86.6	89.1	94.3
	Lek Yuen CH	55.9	58.3	61.0
	Pok Hong CH	87.5	86.2	90.8
	Sha Kok CH	86.7	85.9	89.3
	Sun Tin Wai CH	61.6	66.0	65.0
	Wo Che CH	68.3	66.4	64.0
	Lee On CH	79.7	86.4	89.3
	Mei Tin CH	78.8	87.2	91.6
	Yuen Chau Kok CH	72.4	78.2	73.6
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	70.5	67.7	72.3
	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	69.7	62.0	64.4
	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	72.3	75.7	76.4
	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	72.5	63.8	75.7
	Fu Shin CH	73.1	67.3	64.8
	Kwong Fuk CH	76.5	72.6	71.2
	Tai Yuen CH	66.5	59.1	63.8
	Tung Cheong Street CH	68.2	74.8	70.6

(b) and (d) The Government has been closely monitoring the population growth and development in various districts, as well as the public demand for CH facilities. Various factors, including population size, location of the area concerned, availability of similar community facilities nearby, etc., will be taken into account when assessing the need for new CHs in accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.

The CH currently under construction in Sha Tin District is located in the Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan. The complex also houses other recreational, sports and government facilities. The entire project is led by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, with an estimated cost of approximately \$2.89 billion, and the complex is scheduled for completion in 2029. Other than that, the Government has no plan at this stage to provide new CHs in Sha Tin District or Tai Po District, or to conduct detailed feasibility studies for any specific proposed project.

There are currently 13 and 8 CHs/CCs in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District respectively. Based on the latest population figures for the districts, the average population served per CH/CC in Sha Tin District and Tai Po District is about 54 000 and 41 000 respectively. These ratios are more favourable than the territory-wide average of nearly 70 000 people served per CH/CC.

We will continue to review, in a timely manner, the demand for CH facilities in the districts (including Pak Shek Kok and the surrounding area), taking into account projected population growth, development progress, usage rates of CHs, etc. We will also liaise with the relevant bureaux and departments (B/Ds) to identify suitable and available sites for the construction of new CHs.

- (c) In March 2024, the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) briefed the Sha Tin District Council on the preliminary design of the joint-user complex at Tsuen Nam Road in Tai Wai. We are following up with the relevant departments on the specific plan for the joint-user complex, including determining the scope of works, detailed design and technical specifications of the construction project, having regard to the latest local circumstances and overall development needs. We aim to commence the next stage of work in due course. As such, there is no project timeline and the estimated expenditure is not available.

Regarding the proposed joint-user complex at Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan project, preliminary design work (including the provision of Government, Institution and Community facilities in the complex) is currently underway.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB100**

**(Question Serial No. 0083)**

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 performance measures in respect of community building, the average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls (CCs/CHs) in 2024 and 2025 were just over 70%. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the usage rate of the multi-purpose hall in each of the CCs/CHs in the 18 districts in the past 3 years (2023, 2024 and 2025)?
- (b) Is there a breakdown of the activities held in the multi-purpose halls in CCs/CHs by type? If yes, please specify the percentage of each type of activity.
- (c) What were the manpower and expenditure involved in managing the CCs/CHs in the past 3 years (2023, 2024 and 2025)?
- (d) What measures does the Government have in place to increase the usage rate of CCs/CHs?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Chun, Jonathan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a) The usage rates of the multi-purpose halls in community halls/community centres (CHs/CCs) in the past 3 years are set out at the Annex.
- (b) Regarding the types of activities held in the multi-purpose halls in CHs/CCs and their respective percentages, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has not consolidated the relevant information.
- (c) Each CH/CC has at least 1 on-site staff member responsible for managing the daily operation. The recurrent expenses for managing CHs/CCs in the past 3 years are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
2023	120.791
2024	105.764
2025	113.704

- (d) To encourage district organisations in making full use of the CH/CC facilities, HAD has been striving continually to improve the ancillary facilities in CHs/CCs, including replacing the air-conditioning, lighting and other related systems, upgrading the stage and audio-visual equipment, providing automatic drink vending machines, and procuring collective copyright licences of audio-visual works so that venue hirers can use these works free of charge.

Currently, eligible organisations such as the offices of Legislative Council members and District Council members as well as local organisations including “the three committees”, District Services and Community Care Teams and Rural Committees are exempted from hire charges for using the CH/CC facilities to organise non-profit-making activities so as to encourage greater use of CHs/CCs by the relevant organisations. In addition, to fully utilise the CH/CC facilities, unallocated timeslots of the facilities after balloting are uploaded onto HAD’s website for application by eligible organisations on a “first-come-first-served” basis. To maximise the use of CH/CC facilities, District Offices also adopt different measures having regard to local circumstances and needs.

HAD will continue to maintain close liaison with various stakeholders and explore other means to put CH/CC facilities to full use, making our services available to more members of the community.

**Usage Rates of Multi-purpose Halls in  
Community Halls/Community Centres (CHs/CCs) from 2023 to 2025**

District	CH/CC	Usage rate (%)		
		2023	2024	2025
Central & Western	Western District CC	Note (1)		
	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	60.7	56.1	59.8
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC	84.4	84.7	80.8
	Hing Wah CH	80.8	74.6	68.3
	Yue Wan CH	89.0	81.3	77.4
	Aldrich Bay CH	89.1	87.1	89.9
	Quarry Bay CH	82.4	79.3	85.6
	Siu Sai Wan CH	89.8	89.3	92.6
	North Point CH	87.3	88.8	93.6
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	96.9	94.3	96.1
	Ap Lei Chau CH	63.7	32.7	69.2
	Lei Tung CH	53.4	73.3	66.6
	South Horizons Neighbourhood CC	84.9	75.4	84.9
	Stanley CH	15.3	15.6	16.4
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	49.5	46.7	49.2
Kowloon City	Hung Hom CH	86.1	80.7	89.5
	Kai Tak CH	64.6	80.6	85.0
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong CC	59.6	53.1	56.3
	Lok Wah Estate CC	58.7	66.0	74.5
	Shun Lee Estate CC	64.4	66.0	66.5
	Lam Tin (East) CH	67.7	65.9	68.7
	Lam Tin (West) Estate CC	71.7	76.4	74.4
	Sau Mau Ping CH	87.6	82.7	83.2
	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC	76.5	76.3	72.9
	Kai Yip CH	74.2	67.6	69.2
	Yau Tong CH	84.1	85.9	84.0
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	91.2	90.7	89.9
	Nam Cheong District CC	86.8	90.0	88.9
	Tai Hang Tung CC	79.9	76.7	77.0
	Lai Kok CH	73.9	84.0	82.6
	Pak Tin CH	80.3	86.2	89.8
	Shek Kip Mei CH	84.4	85.8	88.2
	Lai Chi Kok CH	82.6	79.4	88.6
	Mei Foo CH	84.5	85.1	83.0

District	CH/CC	Usage rate (%)		
		2023	2024	2025
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC	81.2	88.9	78.6
	Choi Wan Estate CC	84.9	75.0	86.1
	Chuk Yuen Estate CC	87.5	71.0	83.2
	Fung Tak Estate CC	86.2	87.7	83.1
	Tsz Wan Shan CH	61.8	51.2	63.7
	Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate CC	88.1	75.8	76.1
	Tung Tau CC	50.8	60.2	64.4
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	51.5	59.9	64.1
	Mong Kok CH	66.4	62.9	70.7
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	53.1	55.6	61.8
	Tung Chung CH	81.0	84.3	86.0
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate CC	60.3	Note (2)	Note (2)
	Cheung Ching CH	Note (2)	67.2	70.7
	Cheung Fat Estate CC	70.1	61.7	67.6
	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC	80.9	84.8	85.9
	Cheung Hang CH	75.5	71.9	88.1
	Kwai Fong CH	89.5	83.1	80.2
	Kwai Shing CH	72.5	75.4	78.5
	Tsing Yi Estate CH	73.3	70.4	55.5
	Lai King CH	73.1	65.7	73.7
	Shek Lei CH	84.0	87.0	86.5
North	North District CC	Note (1)		
	Cheung Wah CH	88.9	88.0	87.4
	Ta Kwu Ling CH	8.7	8.0	9.1
	Sha Tau Kok CH	16.4	12.2	10.1
	Luen Wo Hui CH	85.0	82.8	77.4
	Wo Hing CH	Note (3)	69.4	81.1
	Queens Hill CH	53.8	64.2	63.9
Sai Kung	King Lam Neighbourhood CC	72.8	66.1	67.1
	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	81.2	79.5	80.4
	Tsui Lam CH	55.6	56.5	54.1
	Kin Choi CH	76.1	77.4	76.9
	Sheung Tak CH	69.7	76.8	75.3
	Lohas Park CH	61.5	52.9	48.3
	Hang Hau CH	72.3	72.4	76.6

District	CH/CC	Usage rate (%)		
		2023	2024	2025
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC	86.1	81.8	82.3
	Lung Hang Estate CC	92.4	89.2	86.2
	Hin Keng Neighbourhood CC	73.2	69.0	77.4
	Chun Shek CH	89.6	84.8	89.6
	Kwong Yuen CH	88.1	89.5	92.0
	Lek Yuen CH	55.6	58.9	58.6
	Pok Hong CH	87.9	86.4	90.2
	Sha Kok CH	86.9	86.5	87.8
	Sun Tin Wai CH	54.6	66.0	66.8
	Wo Che CH	65.8	67.0	64.8
	Lee On CH	74.7	86.8	89.0
	Mei Tin CH	81.9	85.5	90.3
	Yuen Chau Kok CH	70.5	78.7	74.7
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	74.0	65.4	72.1
	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	72.1	64.6	62.1
	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	72.3	76.9	73.9
	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	72.5	66.6	71.4
	Fu Shin CH	74.2	71.7	60.2
	Kwong Fuk CH	78.0	74.8	69.8
	Tai Yuen CH	74.0	61.9	59.9
	Tung Cheong Street CH	70.9	72.6	73.1
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	73.4	73.2	65.2
	Lei Muk Shue CH	78.9	69.8	61.3
	Shek Wai Kok CH	72.2	49.4	54.6
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	41.1	62.2	59.8
	Butterfly Bay CC	61.7	69.5	73.3
	Leung King Estate CC	75.4	77.8	69.7
	Kin Sang CH	53.2	59.3	65.2
	Shan King CH	85.7	80.9	87.8
	Tai Hing CH	61.0	65.6	72.3
	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	77.4	77.4	77.1
	Tseng Choi Street CH	70.4	66.6	68.9
	Wu Shan Road CH	74.5	79.8	76.7
	Lung Yat CH	77.5	73.1	74.1
Siu Lun CH	55.6	60.4	67.9	

District	CH/CC	Usage rate (%)		
		2023	2024	2025
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC	69.2	69.6	74.8
	Tin Shui CC	80.0	63.8	80.9
	Long Ping CH	74.3	74.6	65.8
	Tin Ching CH	79.4	77.8	76.8
	Tin Fai Road CH	82.5	72.5	62.0
	Yuen Long Town East CH	Note (3)	41.2	59.7

Notes:

- (1) There is no multi-purpose hall in the CC.
- (2) Cheung Ching Estate CC was closed at the end of 2023. The reprovisioned Cheung Ching CH commenced operation in 2024.
- (3) 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.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB101**

**(Question Serial No. 0159)**

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:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for improving building management, co-ordinating building management matters and providing comprehensive information and services to the public. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In the past 3 years, has HAD received any complaints from owners against owners' corporations (OCs) and conducted investigations? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) In the past 3 years, has HAD intervened in building management matters due to improper management by OCs? If yes, what are the details? if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-ye, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Government's policy on building management is to assist owners in discharging their building management responsibilities. We have put in place a range of measures, including providing a sound statutory framework for the formation of owners' corporations (OCs) and support services for OCs and owners. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up a dedicated division in its Headquarters and a District Building Management Liaison Team in each of the 18 District Offices (DOs) to carry out building management support duties. In the past 3 years, HAD and DOs received a total of 1 035 complaints relating to building management, with the main issues concerning financial matters, building repairs and maintenance, security concerns, and dissatisfaction with members of the OCs' management committees or owners' committees.

Upon receipt of a complaint about building management, the DO will contact the OC or the parties involved to ascertain the circumstances and provide appropriate assistance. If the complaint involves the provisions of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), the relevant provisions will be brought to the attention of the OC or the parties concerned, who will be required to comply with them. If the complaint pertains to the interpretation of

clauses in the deed of mutual covenant or the terms of contracts entered into by the OC, the complainant will be advised to seek independent legal advice and, where necessary, assistance will be rendered in applying for HAD's Free Legal Advice Service on Building Management. If the complaint concerns disputes over building management matters, the staff of HAD and DO will provide appropriate assistance within their respective purviews in a fair and impartial manner. Where necessary, assistance will be given in applying for HAD's Free Mediation Service Scheme for Building Management or Building Management Dispute Resolution Service, or the case may be referred to HAD's Panel of Advisors on Building Management Disputes for follow-up, with a view to facilitating resolution among the parties concerned. If the complaint involves professional matters or the powers and functions of other departments/statutory bodies, such as the qualifications of consultants, it will be referred to the relevant department or body for follow-up. If the complaint involves illegal acts, the complainant will either be advised to report the case to the relevant law enforcement agency or be provided with assistance in referring the case for follow-up.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB102**

**(Question Serial No. 0160)**

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 2024-25, the Home Affairs Department has been implementing the three-year Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) for application of funding by clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture. The Scheme has been well-received by clansmen associations since its launch. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since the launch of the Scheme, how many applications have been received from clansmen associations, and what percentage of them have been approved?
- (b) Is there any plan to extend or regularise the Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-ye, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2023 Policy Address, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme (the Scheme) in the first quarter of 2024. The Scheme, which will run for a period of 3 years with a total funding of \$30 million earmarked for application by clansmen associations to organise activities promoting hometown culture, aims to deepen the public's understanding of and sense of belonging to their hometowns, thereby fostering the spirit of loving the motherland, Hong Kong and their hometowns. Since the launch of the Scheme, 324 applications have been received, 77 (or about one-fourth) of which have been approved. HAD will continue to implement the Scheme in 2026-27 and keep under review its effectiveness and arrangements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB103**

**(Question Serial No. 0165)**

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 has been administering the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme since 2006. By providing funds for the setting up and scaling up of social enterprises (SEs), the ESR Programme helps enhance the self-reliance of the socially disadvantaged. As at the end of 2025, 278 SEs were established under the ESR Programme. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the total expenditure on the ESR Programme and the number of SEs established under it in the past 3 years; and
- (b) the total number of staff employed by these 278 SEs?

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-ye, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- (a) Between 2023 and 2025, funding totalling approximately \$38 million was approved for 17 social enterprises (SEs) under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme.
- (b) As at the end of 2025, 278 SEs were established under the ESR Programme. According to the annual progress reports submitted by the funded SEs during the three-year funding period and the subsequent three-year monitoring period, these SEs have employed a cumulative total of over 8 400 persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB104**

**(Question Serial No. 1437)**

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 support owners of “three-nil” buildings and buildings where the management committee of the owners’ corporation (OC) concerned was defunct and to help these owners improve building management and the quality of their living environment, the Home Affairs Department has implemented and regularised the Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme (BMPASS), and provides a range of free professional advisory and follow-up services on building management. In the new phase of the BMPASS, the service coverage has been expanded to the 18 districts across the territory. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In the past 3 years, how many times were services provided by the Government under the BMPASS for buildings in Hong Kong? What was the distribution of cases according to the area of advisory service provided, and how many cases were involved (please provide a breakdown by District Council district)? What was the average cost of providing service for each case?
- (b) In the past 3 years, what were the numbers of cases in which the Government facilitated the formation or re-activation of OCs for “three-nil” buildings? What was the average cost of providing support for each case, and what were the time and number of staff members required to complete them?
- (c) In the past 3 years, how many community organisations or non-governmental organisations were engaged by the Government? Did these organisations meet the performance indicators set by the Government, and if so, what were the details? For organisations that failed to meet such indicators, did the Government issue warnings, impose penalties or request the return of funding received? If yes, what are the details and the administrative costs involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, the Home Affairs Department (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 (NGOs) 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 owners’ corporation (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. The BMPASS pilot scheme covered a total of about 690 “three-nil” buildings in 9 districts. With the assistance of the scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 62 newly formed OCs procured third party risks insurance, and 1 000 Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) were recruited, meeting the performance indicators of the BMPASS pilot scheme. The districts where the BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented, the numbers of local organisations/NGOs engaged, and the numbers of target buildings are set out in **Annex A**.

Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and received broad support from the community and users, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 under a similar mode of operation for a period of 3 years, extending coverage to all “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. We have divided the 18 districts into 5 areas and set performance indicators for them in the light of the actual situation in each district. In each area, 1 local organisation/NGO has been engaged to assist in implementing the scheme, involving an estimated total expenditure of 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 and assistance 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. As at December 2025, with the assistance of the new round of the BMPASS, 95 OCs were formed, 50 OCs procured third party risks insurance, and 622 RLAs were recruited, indicating good progress. The districts covered by the 5 areas, the numbers of target buildings, and the numbers of local organisations/NGOs engaged are set out in **Annex B**.

**Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB104**

**The districts where the “pilot scheme” under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme was implemented, the number of local organisations/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) engaged, and the number of target buildings (June 2022 to June 2024)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of local organisations/ NGOs engaged</b>	<b>Number of target buildings</b>
Central & Western	1	77
Eastern	1	36
Wan Chai	1	42
Kowloon City	2	71
Yau Tsim Mong	1	96
Sham Shui Po	2	206
Tai Po	1	71
Tsuen Wan	1	44
North	1	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>688</b>

**Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB104**

**Building Management Professional Advisory Services Scheme 2024-2027  
The districts covered by the 5 areas, the number of target buildings, and  
the number of local organisations/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) engaged**

<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of target buildings</b>	<b>Number of local organisations/ NGOs engaged</b>
1	Yau Tsim Mong	137	1
2	Sham Shui Po	137	1
	Tsuen Wan	23	
	Kwai Tsing	3	
3	Central & Western	89	1
	Wan Chai	67	
	Eastern	27	
	Southern	25	
	Islands	4	
4	Kowloon City	121	1
	Wong Tai Sin	19	
	Kwun Tong	9	
	Sai Kung	15	
5	North	94	1
	Tai Po	53	
	Sha Tin	8	
	Tuen Mun	4	
	Yuen Long	32	
<b>Total</b>		<b>867</b>	<b>5</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB105**

**(Question Serial No. 1438)**

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) organised 424 (actual figure) and 425 (actual figure) building management educational and publicity programmes for building owners in 2024 and 2025 respectively, and will organise 420 (estimated figure) such events in 2026. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What educational programmes did HAD organise in the past 3 years? Please provide a breakdown of these programmes by District Council district, the topics covered, the number of staff members required for co-ordination, the modes of delivery (e.g. in-person or online) and attendances of the programmes, and the average cost for each programme;
- (b) What considerations does the Government take into account when deciding which building management educational programmes to organise, in order to attract building owners' participation and help them learn more about building management?
- (c) Has the Government refined the educational materials from time to time in the light of the feedback from participants of the programmes so as to enhance the public's understanding and mastery of building management knowledge and skills? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Are there any plans for the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and HAD to develop and deliver a series of practical management educational programmes targeting management committees of owners' corporations and residents' organisations of buildings or housing estates, particularly for their newly appointed members, so as to enhance their capability and confidence in handling relevant matters? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

(a) and (b) To publicise and promote the knowledge of building management among owners, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) Headquarters and the 18 District Offices (DOs) organise various kinds of educational and publicity programmes regularly. These include thematic talks, workshops and seminars for owners' corporations (OCs) and owners; the dissemination of information on the provisions of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap 344) (BMO) governing the operation of OCs; structured training courses on building management for members of management committees of OCs (MC members) and owners, including the LEAD Programme and the Advanced LEAD Programme under HAD; briefings, organised in collaboration with the relevant government departments or organisations, for OCs and owners on topics of concern, such as the Integrated Building Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme, fire safety and prevention of corruption in building management; and the production of handy publications and publicity materials with commonly used information on building management for owners' reference. To facilitate owners' participation, some in-person programmes have also been broadcast online. In addition, commonly used information on building management has been uploaded to HAD's thematic website on building management for easy access by OCs and owners.

The actual/revised estimated expenditure on the above educational and publicity programmes for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 amounted to about \$4.9 million, \$4.55 million and \$6.7 million respectively. In 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26, HAD and its 18 DOs deployed a total of 145 Liaison Officers dedicated to building management duties, with an actual/revised estimated expenditure of around \$101.4 million, \$105.6 million and \$108.2 million respectively. We do not maintain a breakdown of the attendances at the educational programmes and the average cost for each programme.

(c) We place great emphasis on feedback from participants of the educational programmes. To align with the needs of OCs and owners, we review and update the modes of delivery and contents of the educational and publicity programmes from time to time, thereby enhancing owners' understanding of the BMO and good building management practices. We collect feedback through questionnaires, and participants will also proactively provide us with suggestions on the educational and publicity programmes via letter or email.

(d) To help boost the confidence of MC members in building management, HAD collaborates with tertiary institutions to offer structured training courses on building management to MC members under the LEAD Programme. Graduates of the LEAD Programme may proceed to the Advanced LEAD Programme, in which experienced lawyers are engaged to explore common building management scenarios (such as water seepage, unauthorised structures, apportionment and collection of management fees and litigation). This enables the participants to learn more about the relevant legal provisions and case rulings, equipping them to handle similar matters more effectively in the future.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB106**

**(Question Serial No. 1440)**

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 (HYAB) stated that it would “continue to implement publicity and support measures to promote public understanding and development of social enterprises.” In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In the past 3 years, what were the initiatives implemented by HYAB to promote public understanding of social enterprises (SEs), the expenditure involved, the promotion channels used, and their effectiveness respectively?
- (b) How many events did HYAB organise to promote the development of SEs in the past 3 years? Please set out, with a breakdown by year, the expenditure involved, the number of participating organisations and attendances at the events, and the business growth thus generated.
- (c) Is developing SE business one of the viable options under HYAB's initiatives for encouraging youth entrepreneurship? If yes, how will HYAB assist young people in applying for financial support, and how can HYAB achieve the dual objectives of setting up SEs and helping the socially disadvantaged? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for the publicity and promotion of social enterprises (SEs). From 2023-24 to 2025-26, the estimated total expenditure for various publicity, promotional activities and support measures for SEs is approximately \$15 million. To enhance public awareness and encourage support for SEs, HAD has advanced the relevant work through 4 publicity strategies. The implementation details and overall effectiveness are as follows:

### Strategy 1: Promoting SEs to the General Public

HAD introduces the concept of SE to the community through extensive offline publicity. The measures include, among others, creating the SE mascot “Bloomy The Tree” (“BTT”) and the slogan “Support Social Enterprises Every Day”, presenting SE concepts in an approachable and relatable manner to engage citizens of all ages; producing Announcements in the Public Interest and the “BTT Tour District” short video series; placing advertisements at government buildings, large outdoor billboards, MTR and tram stations, post boxes, as well as residential and commercial buildings; producing 3D promotional paintings; deploying promotional vehicles across districts; and arranging the mascot BTT to participate in community and outreach activities. To integrate SE promotion into daily life, HAD has also produced practical promotional items featuring the mascot BTT to enhance public awareness of SEs.

### Strategy 2: Supporting SEs in Promoting their Products and Services

HAD adopts a two-pronged approach targeting both consumers and enterprises to drive the commercialisation of SE. On the consumer front, SEs are arranged to participate in major expositions, where they can showcase and sell their diverse products and services. Shopping reward campaigns are also organised to encourage public spending at SEs. On the enterprise front, HAD regularly compiles festive shopping lists and promotes SE products and services via emails to public and private organisations, thereby expanding the reach of SEs and facilitating corporate procurement.

### Strategy 3: Engaging Youth in Understanding SEs

To actively extend the publicity network to campuses and foster youth support for SEs, HAD has organised school talks since mid-2024 to introduce the concepts and objectives of SEs to the youth, reaching over 1 400 teachers and students from secondary schools. In addition, HAD has published thematic SE features on online platforms popular among the youth, integrating SE information into their learning and daily lives.

### Strategy 4: Leveraging Social Media and Online Promotion

HAD leverages online platforms for promotion and public engagement. At present, the SE social media page “Bloomy The Tree” has accumulated over 25 000 followers. From 2023-24 to 2025-26, HAD disseminated information on SE products and services on social media, organised online quiz games with prizes, and collaborated with other government mascots to enhance promotional impact, garnering about 1.84 million social media interactions in total. The thematic SE features on online platforms popular among the youth generated around 2.4 million impressions. Over the same period, the SE thematic website recorded over 1.65 million visits and 13 million page views.

In sum, the above 4 strategies and support measures have effectively enhanced public awareness of SEs and expanded their customer base. Looking ahead, HAD will continue its publicity and promotional efforts for SEs.

- (b) From 2023-24 to 2025-26, HAD arranged for a total of 77 SEs to participate in 6 major physical expositions, including the Food Expo, Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo, FarmFest, etc., enabling SEs to showcase and sell their diverse products and services to the public. These expositions provided SEs with direct access to a wide consumer base, attracting a total of over 4.3 million visitors and generating sales revenue of

approximately \$2.27 million in total for the participating SEs. A breakdown of the annual expenditure and commercial benefits is as follows:

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Number of major physical expositions arranged for SEs	3	1	2
Annual expenditure (\$'000)	870	400	670
Number of participating SEs	38	11	28
Number of exposition visitors ('000)	1 980	500	1 860
Sales revenue generated for SEs (\$'000)	910	500	860

- (c) The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and HAD have been implementing various measures to foster a supportive environment for the sustainable development of SEs. At the same time, we also encourage more young people to engage in social affairs, unleash their creativity, and consider incorporating social objectives into their business models as they develop their ventures.

To assist SEs in enhancing their capacity, HYAB provides training and other support services to SEs through sponsoring relevant SE platforms and organisations. For example, HYAB has provided funding support for the organisation of the “Hong Kong Social Enterprise Challenge”, which invites tertiary students and graduates to prepare SE business plans, enabling young people to apply their creativity and expertise in devising innovative solutions for achieving specific social objectives.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB107**

**(Question Serial No. 1441)**

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 support eligible organisations in setting up or expanding social enterprises (SEs) to step up sustainable poverty prevention and alleviation efforts at the district level, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has been implementing the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme since 2006. Each approved project will be provided with funding of up to HK\$3 million for a maximum period of 3 years. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the respective annual amounts of funding, numbers of applications received, approved and rejected, as well as average funding amounts and funding durations for each category of funded projects (with a breakdown by start-up project and expansion project) under the ESR Programme in the past 3 years?
- (b) How many employment opportunities were created for the socially disadvantaged (such as women with low skills or low education attainment, or female carers in families) by the SEs funded under the ESR Programme in the past 3 years? How did these job positions support the socially disadvantaged to remain in employment?
- (c) Upon completion of the ESR Programme, how many SEs remained in operation and ceased operation respectively, and how many socially disadvantaged individuals were affected by such cessations? What social mobility support has HAD provided for these SEs and for those individuals who became unemployed as a result? Will HAD introduce an award scheme to recognise SEs which remain in operation for a specified period after completion of the ESR Programme, with a view to promoting public awareness of SEs and helping SEs expand their business coverage through publicity? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

- (a) The details of funded projects under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme each year from 2023 to 2025 are as follows:

Year	Funding amount (\$m)	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Number of applications rejected	Average funding amount for approved projects (\$m)		Funding period
					Start-up project	Expansion project	
2023	19.4	92	9	83	2.0	2.4	3
2024	9.0	110	4	106	2.6	2.2	3
2025	9.4	113	4	109	2.7	2.2	3

- (b) During the three-year funding period and the subsequent three-year monitoring period, social enterprise (SE) projects funded under the ESR Programme are required to submit progress reports to the Home Affairs Department (HAD) regularly, which allows the Government to monitor the operation of the projects concerned. According to the latest progress reports submitted for 88 funded SE projects between 2023 and 2025 (covering both funding and monitoring periods), these SE projects have provided 754 job positions for the socially disadvantaged. These positions have helped enhance their skills and employability, enabling them to become self-reliant and better integrate into the community.
- (c) Between 2023 and 2025, 24 funded SE projects continued their operation after the three-year funding period, whereas 2 ceased operation during the monitoring period subsequent to the three-year funding period, involving a total of 9 socially disadvantaged employees. HAD has urged the organisations concerned to provide job referrals for the affected employees. It was noted that 7 of them have secured employment in the same industry by leveraging their individual skills and experience, while the remaining 2 enrolled in courses offered by the Employees Retraining Board. In fact, only a small number of SEs were unable to sustain their operation during the monitoring period, reflecting that the programme has been effective in supporting the establishment and initial operation of SEs. HAD currently has no plan to introduce an award scheme to recognise SEs that continue to operate after the funding period. Regarding the promotion of SEs, HAD will continue to enhance public awareness and encourage support for SEs through various channels, including production of Announcements in the Public Interest and posters, dissemination of SE information via social media, arrangement for SE participation in expositions and organisation of school talks.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB108**

**(Question Serial No. 0928)**

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 Free Mediation Service Scheme for Building Management, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the respective numbers of cases received, concluded and successfully mediated in the past 3 years;
- (b) the current average waiting time and processing time, and the number of mediators involved for each case;
- (c) the manpower and staff establishment required by the scheme, the relevant ranks, salary expenses by rank and the total salary expenses.

Asked by: Hon WU Yingpeng (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a) From 2023 to 2025, 20 applications were received under the Free Mediation Service Scheme for Building Management. Of these, 18 were concluded (with 5 reaching a settlement), while the remaining 2 are still being processed.
- (b) Upon receipt of an application, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will contact the professional mediators assigned by the Hong Kong Mediation Centre or the Hong Kong Mediation Council and arrange mediation meetings. At present, the average waiting time for each case is about 4 weeks, the average processing time is about 9 to 10 weeks, and each case involves 2 mediators.
- (c) In addition to a dedicated division in its Headquarters (HQs), HAD has set up a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 districts to provide support services for owners and owners' corporations. In 2025-26, there were 145 Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in the HAD HQs and the 18 DBMLTs, and the revised estimated expenditure involved was about \$108.2 million.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB109**

**(Question Serial No. 0780)**

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 second-term services of 455 District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in 18 districts across the territory fully commenced in October 2025. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since the rollout of training, what are the total number of CT members who have received mental health support training and the latest training coverage rate (e.g. 90% of CT members have received training)? What are the total expenditure involved and details of the training content?
- (b) During the first and second terms of services of CTs, how many cases involving persons with mental health needs in the local communities have been referred? Will training be continuously enhanced in the future?

Asked by: Hon YIU Ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) continues to work closely with relevant government departments to provide training for members and volunteers of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), covering practical skills such as emergency response, communication skills and health support, enabling them to better equip themselves to serve better and care for the community. Members of each CT in the 18 districts across the territory have received mental health support training organised by the Health Bureau (HHB) and the training expenses incurred are funded by HHB. In addition, the operating organisations of CTs and District Offices collaborate with local organisations to provide various forms of training for CT members and volunteers, including training in mental health support. As all CT members are volunteers, the training enables them to assist in identifying persons with special needs in the local communities and make early referrals for appropriate professional support.

HAD has all along been in discussion with various government departments to provide suitable training for CT members. For instance, HAD and the Fire Services Department

jointly organised 3 training sessions on community emergency response in January 2026 to provide CT members with basic knowledge of fire prevention and emergency response, thereby further enhancing their ability and confidence to protect themselves and assist others during emergencies. HAD also collaborated with the Department of Health to organise 2 training sessions for CT members in March 2026. These training sessions, delivered by healthcare professionals, covered topics such as communicating with socially isolated elderly individuals and fall prevention (including home safety assessments and simple exercises).

HAD does not maintain records on the total number of CT members who have received mental health support training, nor the number of cases referred by CTs for mental health needs within districts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB110**

**(Question Serial No. 0728)**

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the licensing matters under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) information on the law enforcement actions taken by the Government against suspected operation of unlicensed hotels or guesthouses in 2025 in respect of the implementation and enforcement of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance, including: (1) the number of complaints accepted; (2) the number of inspections conducted; (3) the number of prosecutions initiated; (4) the number of convictions secured; and (5) the penalties imposed on convicted cases (please list the 10 cases with the heaviest penalties and the 10 cases with the lightest penalties);
- (b) the Government's plans and budget for 2026-27 to promote the importance of patronising licensed hotels and guesthouses to visitors; and
- (c) the progress of "refining application guidelines to facilitate the operation of home-stay lodgings and holiday camps in rural areas". How many relevant applications were received by the Government in 2025, and how many rooms are expected to be provided?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

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 handled by the OLA in 2025 are as follows:

<b>2025</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints	820
Inspections	7 364
Prosecutions*	97
Convictions*	93

\* The numbers of prosecutions initiated and convictions secured for operating unlicensed hotels or guesthouses may involve cases which occurred before 2025.

Among the 93 convicted cases, the fines imposed in the 10 cases with the heaviest penalties and the 10 cases with the lightest penalties are as follows:

<b>Convicted Cases in 2025</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Fines (\$)</b>
10 cases with the heaviest penalties	3	15,000
	5	12,000
	2	10,000
10 cases with the lightest penalties	1	4,000
	6	3,000
	3	2,000

- (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. A list of licensed hotels and guesthouses has been uploaded to the 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, the 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. The 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. The 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.
- (c) To further facilitate interested operators of home-stay lodgings and holiday camps in rural areas, the OLA is refining the Guide to Licence Application for Guesthouse (Holiday Camp), and will issue a new Guide to Licence Application for Guesthouse in Village House. The new guide will set out the flexible building and fire safety requirements in accordance with the actual situations of holiday camps and villages, and

will provide clearer and more specific requirements and measures to facilitate the operation of holiday camps and home-stay lodgings in rural areas. The relevant guidelines are expected to be issued in the first half of 2026.

In 2025, the OLA received 6 applications for guesthouse (holiday flat) licences and 1 application for a guesthouse (holiday camp) licence, and 31 rooms are expected to be provided.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB111**

**(Question Serial No. 0738)**

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) Please provide a table listing the projects funded by the Home Affairs Department for the Working Groups on Boosting Local Economy (the Working Groups) under the District Councils in 2025-26, including those already implemented or to be implemented, together with the numbers of participants in the activities.
- (b) In 2026-27, how will the work of the Working Groups in various districts be continued? What measures will be taken to boost the local economy?
- (c) In 2024-25 and 2025-26, did the Government provide district organisations with funding for organising local tours to enhance community cohesion? If yes, what were the amount of funding allocated, the number of local tours organised, and the number of participants? Does the Government have any similar plan for 2026-27?
- (d) Will the Government consider leveraging local tourism to promote regional dining and retail sales, with a view to boosting local spending?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- (a) 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 (HAD), in collaboration with the Working Groups on Boosting Local Economy (the Working Groups) set up by the District Councils (DCs), 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. As at the first quarter of this year, more than 100 events have been organised under the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts. 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 attracted many citizens to participate. The

feedback received from the stall operators has been generally positive, indicating high patronage and the activities' effectiveness in promoting their businesses.

The series of activities under the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts are diverse in type and nature. A table listing the activities by DC district organised in 2025-26 is at the **Annex**. We do not maintain visitor statistics for individual activity. The work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs, and no additional funding is involved.

- (b) On the premise of making optimal use of district resources and taking into account local circumstances, the Working Groups will continue to provide recommendations on the organisation of activities that showcase district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations, with a view to attracting the participation of citizens and tourists and boosting the local economy. The Working Groups will also advise DOs on the planning and effectiveness of projects for boosting the local economy, participate in their implementation, and assist in publicising and promoting activities for boosting the local economy.
- (c) and (d) HAD has been providing local organisations with funding (including funding allocated under the Community Involvement Programme) for organising local tour activities. Depending on the context of the activities, these organisations have also collaborated with the local dining and retail sectors to boost the local economy. However, HAD does not maintain statistics on local tour activities by category.

**Overview of activities under Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts**  
**(April 2025 to March 2026)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Name of activity</b>
Central & Western	February 2026	“Warmer Together” C&W District Chinese New Year Bazaar
Eastern	April to May 2025	Tam Kung Festival@Eastern District
	July 2025	Eastern District Table Tennis Competition cum Fun Day
	October 2025	Eastern District Singing Contest in Celebration of the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China
	March 2026	Eastern District Cultural Festival: Street Dance Competition @ Eastern District
Southern	May 2025	Aberdeen Dragon Boat Race
	July 2025	Southern District Clansmen Cultural Variety Show in Celebration of the 28th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR
		A Hong Kong Nostalgia Fête at Stanley
	September to October 2025	Decorated Sampans Rides in the Southern District in Celebration of the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China
	October 2025	Aberdeen Mid-Autumn Fire Dragon Dance
Wan Chai	February 2026	Wan Chai Intangible Cultural Heritage Festival 2026
Kowloon City	April to May 2025	Thai Festival: Songkran
	September to October 2025	Chill Night Market x Chill In
Kwun Tong	February 2026	Kwun Tong Night Bazaar 2026
Sham Shui Po	May 2025	Charming x Browsing @ Shamshuipo – The Hong Kong Wardrobe
	June 2025	The Symphony of Multimedia@ Apliu Street Chat Room 2.0
	March 2026	Sham Shui Po Running Pet Carnival 2026
		Sham · Coffee · Fair

<b>District</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Name of activity</b>
Wong Tai Sin	August 2025	Wong Tai Sin Strings and Lacquer Fan Festival
	October 2025	Peak Runner Wong Tai Sin Lion Walk
	February 2026	2026 Wong Tai Sin Valentine's & Chinese New Year Market
	March 2026	Wong Tai Sin Dragon and Lion Dance 2026
Yau Tsim Mong	May 2025	Yau Ma Tei Festival (Yung Shue Tau Festival)
	October 2025	WestK Pet Club Charity Pawrade
		WestK Halloween Celebration
February 2026	Tsim Sha Tsui East Chinese New Year Carnival 2026	
Islands	February 2026	Islands District Pet Carnival cum Gourmet Festival
Kwai Tsing	April to May 2025	Kwai Tsing Bamboo Theatre and Traditional Culture Festival
	December 2025	Snow Blessings on New Year's Eve Night @ Kwai Tsing
North	June to July 2025	"North District in Miniature" Exhibition in Celebration of the 28th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR
	August to October 2025	Tai Po, North and Sha Tin Lucky Draw in Celebration of National Day*
Sai Kung	May 2025	Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival
	October 2025	WE WA! Sai Kung Halloween Celebration Event
	March 2026	Tseung Kwan O Family Concert cum Spring Carnival
Sha Tin	August to October 2025	Tai Po, North and Sha Tin Lucky Draw in Celebration of National Day*
Tai Po	May 2025	Tai Po District Dragon Boat Race cum Dragon Boat Fun Carnival
	August to October 2025	Tai Po, North and Sha Tin Lucky Draw in Celebration of National Day*
	September 2025	Tai Po Carnival cum Hometown Market in Celebration of the National Day

<b>District</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Name of activity</b>
Tsuen Wan	April 2025	Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Festival Temple Fair – Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Tin Hau Temple
Tuen Mun	May 2025	Tuen Teens Choice
	October 2025	Vespere Tuen Mun
Yuen Long	October 2025	Illuminations @ Tin Shui Wai

\* The activity was held concurrently in more than 1 district.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB125**

**(Question Serial No. 3482)**

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 strengthen the support provided by the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) for the community, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the current civil service establishment in supporting the CTs, what are their duties, and what is the expenditure involved? Does the Government have any plans to apply for the creation of new posts or to make the time-limited posts permanent in this financial year? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) Are there any plans to deploy additional resources in this financial year to provide CT members with training courses such as skill-based and knowledge-based training courses, etc., enabling them to deliver more professional community support to the public? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has been using the existing resources to undertake the work relating to the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) since 2022-23 and will review the staffing establishment involved from time to time where appropriate. A total of 26 civil service posts were created in 2023-24 and 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts to be retained until 2027-28 and 1 permanent post created in 2024-25, to support the work relating to CTs, incurring an average annual expenditure of about \$24 million.
- (b) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government would regularise CTs and increase funding amount by 50% in the second service term in support of their work. The funding provision for the second service term of 2 years is \$678 million in total. Regarding the provision of training, HAD continues to work closely with relevant government departments to provide training for CT members and volunteers, covering practical skills such as emergency response, communication skills and health support, enabling them to better equip themselves to better serve and care for the community.

For instance, HAD and the Fire Services Department jointly organised 3 training sessions on community emergency response in January 2026 to provide CT members with basic knowledge of fire prevention and emergency response, thereby further enhancing their ability and confidence to protect themselves and assist others during emergencies. HAD also collaborated with the Department of Health to organise 2 training sessions for CT members in March 2026. These training sessions, delivered by healthcare professionals, covered topics such as communicating with socially isolated elderly individuals and fall prevention (including home safety assessments and simple exercises). The aforementioned training sessions were conducted without utilising the funding provision earmarked for CTs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HYAB126**

**(Question Serial No. 3484)**

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 Policy Address that an additional Interpretation and Translation Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities was set up in December last year. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the operational expenses and staff establishment of the new centre;
- (b) the scope of translation services provided by the centre, and the manning ratio for various service languages; and
- (c) the budget estimates and overall resource planning for the centre.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

To alleviate the inconvenience faced by ethnic minorities (EMs) due to language barriers, the Home Affairs Department newly established the HOPE Interpretation and Translation Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities (the Centre) in December 2025. The estimated expenditure for the Centre is \$5.85 million for 2025-26, with an annual expenditure of about \$13.65 million thereafter. The Centre has a total staff establishment of 32. It provides general interpretation and translation services between English and 7 EM languages in non-specialised/non-professional areas, including telephone interpretation and hotline service, on-site interpretation service, sight translation service, written translation and proofreading service, simultaneous interpretation service and rolling translated news service. A breakdown of the staff establishment of interpreters by the 7 EM languages is as follows:

<b>EM language</b>	<b>Staff establishment</b>
Bahasa Indonesia	3
Tagalog	3
Hindi	4
Nepali	5
Punjabi	4
Urdu	5
Bengali	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

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